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Education

2014 2018	FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (ETH) PhD in Development Economics	Zurich, Switzerland
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed and implemented randomized control trial across 20 schools and over 1,400 households about the adoption and impacts of solar lighting in Kenya in collaboration with Acumen Fund and GoogleLed workshop on Impact Evaluations for Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)Conducted study on the use of research evidence and impact evaluations at SDC	
2017 May 2017 Oct	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY PhD Exchange Student	Berkeley, US
2014 May	HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL Master in Public Administration in International Development: Coursework includes advanced Micro- and Macroeconomics, Econometrics and Statistics; Theory and Policy of Economic Development and Management	Cambridge, US
2008 Sept	UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA BA Political Science: Coursework includes Political Science, International Relations, Comparative Politics, International Economics, Business Administration, Statistics and Quantitative Methods	Geneva, Switzerland

Awards

2018 Dec 2008 July	SWISS STUDY FOUNDATION Fellowship awarded to outstanding students (top 2%) to support undergraduate and postgraduate studies	Zurich, Switzerland
2015 Nov	SWISS NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION Mobility Fellowship for PhD Exchange	Bern, Switzerland
2013 Feb	HARVARD COMMITTEE ON AFRICAN STUDIES Grant awarded for MA thesis research in Kenya	Cambridge, US

Experience

Since 2019	FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (ETH) Executive Director of ETH for Development (ETH4D)	Zurich, Switzerland
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Setting-up and leading university-wide initiative to foster innovative technologies that address challenges and needs of low-income communities and educate next generation of leaders in sustainable development.	
Since 2017	POLICY ANALYTICS SWITZERLAND Founder and CEO	Zurich, Switzerland
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Founded company to support decision making by applying research evidenceConsulting projects for Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and Swiss NGO, concerning the use of evidence and the conduct of impact evaluations	
Since 2014	TAMTAM (TOGETHER AGAINST MALARIA) Board Member	Zurich, Switzerland
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oversees non-profit organization that supports evidence-based programs combating malaria	
2015 April 2017 April	FORAUS Chair for Development Policy/ Board Member Foreign Policy Think Tank	Zurich, Switzerland
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assured quality of policy papers and briefs released by think tankParticipated in strategic decisions and initiated diversity and inclusion program	
2013 June 2013 August	SWISS AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION Consultant	Vientiane, Laos and China
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted qualitative study on Chinese investments in Southeast Asia to inform large regional projectInterviewed over 40 stakeholders in government, academia, non-profit and private sector	
2011 Aug 2012 June	CENTER FOR EFFECTIVE GLOBAL ACTION, UC BERKELEY Research Associate	Berkeley, US
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed project development and grant writing to establish new multi-campus Development Engineering Center at University of California (over \$50 million)Conducted quantitative data analysis using panel data for donor reports and curriculum development	

- 2009 June **INNOVATIONS FOR POVERTY ACTION** **Busia and Kisumu, Kenya**
 2011 June **Director of Operations/Operations Manager**
- Managed human resources, logistics, ethical reviews, government approvals, and financial support services for 30 research projects and 2 scale-up implementations (annual budget \$2 million)
 - Led the growth of IPA Kenya from two to six offices while doubling staff to over 200 employees
 - Conducted comprehensive restructuring of the organization leading a multi-stakeholder process
 - Coordinated Vocational Education Impact Evaluation covering 1,000 people and 65 schools
- 2008 Aug **FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.** **Bern, Switzerland and New York, US**
 2009 April **Intern/Foreign Officer**
- Prepared briefings and speeches for the Swiss President participating in the UN General Assembly
 - Negotiated UN Resolutions on behalf of Switzerland at the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- 2007 Sept **HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH** **Geneva, Switzerland**
 2008 March **Advocacy Intern**
- Supported Human Rights Watch's advocacy work at the UN Human Rights Council

Papers

- Adoption and Impact of Solar Lighting. A randomized control trial in rural Kenya. Working Paper. With Isabel Günther.
- Using Sensor to Measure Technology Adoption. Working Paper. With Yael Borofsky and Isabel Günther.
- What are Impact Evaluations? Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation 2016. With Isabel Günther and Laura Metzger.
- Research Evidence and Impact Evaluations at SDC. Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation 2016. With Isabel Günther, Bartłomiej Kudrzycki, Laura Metzger and Hervé Roquet.

Languages: Native: German. Fluent: English. Proficient: French, Italian. Beginner: Hebrew. Swahili.

Programs: STATA, Visual Basic Photoshop, InDesign

Interests: Backpacking, yoga, hiking, photography