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German, *1987

Education and Academic Achievement

- University College Maastricht**, Netherlands **Aug. 2008 – Dec. 2011**
Interdisciplinary bachelor in development studies, economics and politics. The UCM is the honours programme of Maastricht U. GPA: 8.7 (A+ or top 1% of UCM students).
- Acceptance to Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes**, Germany **March 2011**
The Studienstiftung is a German scholarship, with the declared goal of supporting the top 3% of German students.
- Singapore Management University**, Singapore **Jan. – Apr. 2010**
Exchange semester.
- Acceptance to e-fellows**, Germany **Oct. 2008**
e-fellows is a privately funded scholarship project by McKinsey Germany, and others
- TOEFL (IB) - Test of English as a Foreign Language** **May 2007**
118 out of 120
- Theodor-Fontane Gymnasium**, Strausberg, Germany **2004 – 2007**
Graduation from secondary school in 2007
- Southport High School**, Indianapolis, USA **2004 – 2005**
High school exchange year. A-honour roll student.

Work Experience

- Undergraduate Research Programme**, Maastricht University, NL **Aug 2010 – May 2011**
I was selected as one of seven undergraduate research fellows. I worked with Prof. Dr. Teun Dekker. My research focus was corruption as a subject of political discourse and policy making.
- COMPASS Human Resource Consultancy**, Singapore **April 2010 – Aug. 2010**
Actively partook in the recruitment of candidates (research and selection), presented them to the client. Met with MDs of 28 companies, and together with a colleague I obtained 3 new clients.
- School of Business and Economics**, Maastricht University, NL **Sep. 2009 – Dec. 2009**
Work as a student assistant in a small team with the Dean of the SBE, to promote a service-focused incubator. Tasks included setting up a CRM and creating slides for an important pitch.
- Espace Jeunesse**, Digoin, France **Jan. 2008 – July 2008**
Volunteering for 7 months of work with socially disadvantaged teenagers and children in a youth centre in France.
- Märkische Oderzeitung** and others, Germany **Nov. 2005 – July 2007**
Writing diverse articles as a freelancing "youth journalist" for a local newspaper. My articles reached 165'000 readers, target audience being teens and young adults.
- Deutscher Bundestag**, Germany **Okt. 2002 – Nov 2002**
Internship in the German Parliament, at the office of a member of a major German party. Participation in several workgroup and faction meetings.

Additional Activities

- Social and Academic Entrepreneurship** **Since 2008**
- *www.Travelgreen.eu: I am creating a non-profit online travel agency that spends all profits on CO2-compensation, thereby offering CO2 neutral flying for no additional cost.*
 - *Research project on public sector corruption and its relationship to remuneration.*

Cult Air**Since June 2009**

Work on the SIFE project "Cult Air" that enables socially disadvantaged Ecuadorians to do an Au-Pair in Germany

Leisure Time**Since 2004**

I balance my high workload with swimming and singing in a choir. Further, I am a member of the UCM debate club, and scored 3rd out of 32 in a recent debate tournament.

EuroMun**2009**

I participated in the European Model United Nations of 2009 as the representative of Bulgaria in the UN Security Council

Other Skills

Languages and Intercultural Experience**Since 1987**

- *German, native langue. As a German citizen I lived in East and West Germany.*
- *English, fluent. I lived in the US for 14 months, and I study abroad.*
- *French, fluent. I lived in France for 7 months.*
- *Dutch, advanced. I study full-time in Maastricht, Netherlands until December 2011.*
- *Mandarin, beginner. I lived 8 months in Singapore in 2010*

IT & Webdesign**Since 2001**

I program a few script languages as well as database languages on a beginner level and I use a broad range of software – including Excel, SPSS etc. – with ease. I have created websites for myself and as contract work.

Articles

Published Papers**2011**

Rücker, F.D. (2011). HIV Infection Rates & Human Transit: A social network and risk analysis approach to the relationship between travel and the HIV epidemic. *Maastricht Journal of Liberal Arts* (3).

Selection of Unpublished Papers**2008 – 2011**

Rücker, F.D. (2008). *Turkey and European Integration: A Human rights perspective*. Unpublished Manuscript.

Schax, A. & Rücker, F.D. (2009). *Emigration and the Millennium Development Goals – The influence of emigration on the accomplishment of the MDG to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: The case of Mexico*. Unpublished Manuscript.

Rücker, F.D., Oh, S & Tiscione, R. (2009). *Institutions and economic growth in Asia. Is successful government intervention defying neoliberalism's claim to universality?* Unpublished Manuscript.

Rücker, F.D. (2009). *Constructed Controversy and the Military-Industrial Complex*. Unpublished Manuscript

Rücker, F.D. & Nienkerke, M. (2009). *From Agent Orange to Depleted Uranium: Comparing the decision-making processes of deployment*. Unpublished Manuscript.

Rücker, F.D. (2011). *Remuneration and Corruption in Singapore. An Analytical Discourse Evaluation of the Administrative-Efficiency and the Dignity Argument*. Unpublished Manuscript.

Rücker, F.D., Huang, L., Wong, C. M. & Chamba, F. (2011). *College Performance & Well-Being: A multi-faculty analysis of the correlations between study effort/success, happiness and life satisfaction*. Unpublished Manuscript.

Published Newspaper Articles**2006 – 2007**

Numerous articles in German on youth-topics such as learning, books and music, published in the local newspapers *Märkische Oderzeitung*, *Märkischer Sonntag* and the magazine *030*.