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EDUCATION

University of Heidelberg <i>PhD in Economics</i>	Sep. 2023 - present Heidelberg, Germany
University of Mannheim <i>Master of Science in Economics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade: 2.1 (Highest possible grade: 1.0)Master's Thesis Grade: 1.3; Topic: The Effect of Temperature on Road Traffic Accidents in Germany.	Sep. 2019 - Jan. 2022 Mannheim, Germany
Northeastern University <i>Bachelor of Science in Economics and Environmental Studies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade: 3.706 <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> (Highest possible grade: 4.0)Achievements: Academic Scholarship, Honours Program (Fall 2014-Spring 2018), Dean's List (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring - Fall 2016)Bachelor's Thesis Grade: 3.67; Topic: The Effect of Tropical Storms and Hurricanes on Net Migration in U.S. Counties.	Sep. 2014 - May 2018 Boston, U.S.A

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Center for Environmental Economics, Heidelberg University <i>Science Communication Officer for "MultiTip" Research Project</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Editing Policy Briefs for dissemination of project results.Summarising research on ecological tipping points at Lake Victoria for website and reports.Facilitating intra-project communication and communicating goals and outcomes to external stakeholders at Lake Victoria.Organising workshops, seminars and outreach events in Heidelberg, Germany and in the Lake Victoria region.	Aug. 2022 - Present Heidelberg, Germany
Northeastern Environmental Justice Research Collaborative, Northeastern University <i>Undergraduate Researcher for "Circle of Poison" Research Project</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted literature research on: international pesticide production, trade and use, pesticide dependency and health and financial consequences on farmers.	Sep. 2016 - May 2017 Boston, U.S.A
Early Honours Research Assistantship, Northeastern University <i>Research Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted literature research on green energy, food production, climate change, etc. for published textbook "Environmental Ethics: Theory in Practice", 1st Edition by Ronald L. Sandler, Oxford University Press.Proofread text, provided feedback and compiled citations.	Jan. 2016 - April 2016 Boston, U.S.A

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ESKÉwoman (Women's Clothing Store) <i>Co-Founder; Social Media & Advertising Manager</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assisted in business start up: researched information, developed promotional strategies, set up store inventory and daily management.Handled customer inquiries and conducted online sales. Managed advertising on Instagram and Facebook.Provided advice and assistance in improving environmental sustainability.	Dec. 2012 - Dec. 2021 Battaramulla, Sri Lanka
Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG <i>Intern</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted literature research on environmental issues related to digital print production for Fall 2017 edition, "Heidelberg Nachrichten" customer magazine.Analysed regional environmental regulations and application segments for digital printing systems.Created a presentation for brand-owners on the environmental benefits of Heidelberg Druckmaschinen's digital printing solutions, current trends and the expectations of younger generations with respect to print products.	Jan 2017 - June 2017 Heidelberg, Germany
Aitken Spence PLC <i>Intern</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Trained in Integrated Reporting, Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainable Management.Gathered information from Sustainability Representatives from company subsidiaries on sustainable practices, including eco-tourism, green power generation, Corporate Social Responsibility programs, carbon neutral printing, efficiency programs & occupational health and safety.Analysed these practices, provided feedback and discussed problems with Sustainability Representatives. Suggested improvements to achieve sustainability standards.	June 2015 - July 2015 Colombo, Sri Lanka

TECHNICAL AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

Programming Languages: R, Python, STELLA (Systems Thinking, Experimental Learning Laboratory with Animation), ArcGIS (Geographical Information Systems)
Software: Stata, Imperia Content Management System
Writing: L^AT_EX, Ms. Office, Apple Pages
Languages: English (native), German (Conversational, TELC B1 Language Exam completed), Sinhalese (Conversational)