

Curriculum Vitae Kai Merkel

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Date of birth: 26.05.84 in Gernsbach, Germany

Nationality: German

Current Position

- Research Fellow
DFG Project: Raise your Voices! The Occurrence of Nonviolent Campaigns in Civil Wars
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Education

MASTER OF ARTS IN POLITICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION | 07.11.2013 | UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ

- Duration: 01.10.2011-07.11.2013
- Focus Program: International Administration and Conflict Management, International Relations, Methods in Political and Social Science
- Master Thesis: "Why to Recruit Children? Assessing the Child Soldier Phenomenon."
- Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Seibel / Prof. Dr. Katharina Holzinger

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLICS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION | 09.04.2011 | UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ

- Duration: 01.10.2007-19.04.2011
- Bachelor Thesis: "The Deepwater Horizon Oil-Catastrophe. A Congruence Analysis"
- Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Seibel / Prof. Dr. Volker Schneider

STUDY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION| (BWL-DIPLOM) | UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM

- Duration: 01.04.2005-01.04.2007

ABITUR| 26.06.2004| KLOSTERSCHULE ZUM. HL. GRAB BADEN-BADEN

- Duration: 02.09.95-25.06.2004

Experiences

INTERNSHIP

- Peter Friedrich MdB| Platz der Republik 1| 11011 Berlin
- Duration: 01.04.09-30.09.09

- Political research| answering citizen's inquiries| administrative tasks| election campaign (organization and dialogue with citizens) | consultation of administrative actions for citizens| planning and organization of events (e.g. delegates assembly conference) | assistance in the health commission of the German national parliament

PART-TIME WORK TO FINANCE STUDIES| (2004-2014)

- Daimler AG| Gaggenau| Germany| Assistance in Production | Project Management
- Sailing Instructor| Aikido Instructor

Abilities and Personal Interests

ABILITIES

- Foreign Languages: excellent knowledge of spoken and written English| basic knowledge of French
- Capacity to use qualitative (e.g. process tracing| congruence analysis| qualitative comparative analysis) and quantitative methods (e.g. linear-| categorical-| multivariate-| regression) of social science.
- Software: Microsoft Office, Open Office, Citavi, STATA, fsQCA, R, Latex

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Aikido|
 - Member of the Aikikai Germany e.V. (1.Dan)
 - Member and Instructor of the Aikido Konstanz e.V.
 - (secretary| public Relations| development of corporate design| organisation of seminars)
- Water Sports|
 - Sailing| Surfing| Windsurfing | Diving| Swimming