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Education

Mohammed VI Polytechnic University

Master's Degree, Political Science.

Thesis : Politicization of Gulf Aid in the Horn of Africa

Rabat, Morocco

September 2023 – July 2025

Study Abroad at the University of Stirling

Study abroad coursework in International Relations and Political Science.

Stirling, United Kingdom

January 2023 – May 2023

Mohammed VI Polytechnic University

Bachelor's degree, Major : International Relations, Minor : Political Science .

Thesis : Why do External Actors support Separatists Movements?

Rabat, Morocco

October 2020 - January 2025

Groupe Scolaire Al Makrizi

Baccalaureate in Physics with the Highest Honours.

Temara, Morocco

July 2020

Experience

Mohammed VI Polytechnic University

Research Assistant

Rabat, Morocco

January 2025 – January 2026

- Research Assistant on an IDRC-funded project on forced displacement in Morocco and North Africa, supervised by Dr. Miriam Cherti and participated in two field works in the north of Morocco.
- Conducted and analyzed interviews with displaced persons, irregular migrants, and stakeholders to identify migration trends and policy gaps.
- Performed literature reviews and supported the development of research instruments, ensuring strict ethical standards.
- Contributed to policy briefs and academic reports, delivering evidence-based recommendations for vulnerable populations.

UNICEF

Intern

Rabat, Morocco

July 2025 – August 2025

- Worked closely with UNICEF's focal point on migrant protection in Morocco, contributing to research and analysis on child protection in migration contexts.
- Supported coordination mechanisms between national agencies, public-private partnerships, and parliamentary engagement on child rights.
- Assisted in compiling best practices, drafting reports, and producing knowledge products to inform programming and advocacy.
- Contributed to organizing fieldwork activities and facilitated interdepartmental collaboration for evidence-based policy support.

**Maghreb Arab Press – Intelligence Department
Intern**

Rabat, Morocco
May 2024 – August 2024

- Conducted media monitoring and strategic information analysis to support high-level decision-making.
- Tracked and synthesized international news coverage on political, economic, and social developments in Morocco and the Maghreb region.
- Analyzed discourse trends and identified narratives across French, Arabic, and English media sources.
- Prepared daily and thematic intelligence briefs, enhancing editorial judgment and geopolitical awareness.

**Ministry of Finance – Directorate of Treasury and External Financing (DTFE)
World Bank Coordinator Intern**

Rabat, Morocco
June 2022 – August 2022

- Supported management and monitoring of development projects financed by international institutions.
- Collected and analyzed project implementation data and drafted progress reports.
- Coordinated communication between the Ministry and World Bank representatives.
- Assisted in evaluating project outcomes and aligning national financial strategies with international development objectives.

**Moroccan National Office of Tourism
Market Research Intern**

Rabat, Morocco
April 2022 – June 2022

- Contributed to strategic promotion of Morocco as a global travel destination through market research on international source markets.
- Collected and analyzed data on tourist behaviors, preferences, and trends.
- Collaborated with the marketing team to assess campaign performance and identify emerging opportunities.
- Drafted internal reports to inform evidence-based marketing strategies tailored to specific regions.

Leadership & Activities

European Student Think Tank Deputy Editor-in-Chief

Brussels, Belgium
October 2024 – June 2025

- Co-led editorial strategy and coordinated a diverse team of editors and contributors across Europe.
- Oversaw editorial review processes, ensuring publication of high-quality, policy-oriented content.
- Mentored junior editors, developed and enforced editorial guidelines, and managed publication pipelines with the Editor-in-Chief.
- Liaised with contributors on politically and regionally sensitive topics, balancing academic rigor with accessibility.
- Developed skills in policy communication, cross-cultural collaboration, and international content management.

IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings Liaison officer of De Nederlandsche Bank Governor Klaas Knot

Marrakesh, Morocco
October 2024

- Served as primary contact between the Netherlands Central Bank delegation and event organizers, ensuring seamless coordination and communication.
- Assisted in logistical planning and facilitated timely information flow during high-level sessions.
- Supported delegation management and contributed to the overall efficiency of the event.

Africathon. Liaison Officer.

Benguerir, Morocco
May 2022

- Managed internal and external communications, including social media and press outreach.
- Developed and coordinated messaging to ensure consistent branding and event visibility.
- Collaborated with team members to promote engagement and participation across universities.

Green Universities Summit Club Communication Manager

Rabat, Morocco
September 2022 – December 2022

- Managed internal and external communications, including social media and press outreach.
- Developed and coordinated messaging to ensure consistent branding and event visibility.
- Collaborated with team members to promote engagement and participation across universities.

Skills & Interests

Technical: Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint); NVivo (qualitative data analysis); desk research and secondary data collection; internal communications and knowledge sharing; remote teamwork; time and task management

Language: English – C1; French – C1; Arabic – C1; Spanish – A2

Laboratory: Policy analysis; qualitative research methods; literature review (academic and grey sources); comparative research; data synthesis and interpretation; report writing and drafting policy briefs; stakeholder mapping; professional writing for international organizations.

Interests: Development issues, donor interests, politicization, socio-economic equalities, migration, separatism, external

interference, developmental/humanitarian/military aid.

Personal Interests : Guitar and Music, Hiking and Travel.