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SUMMARY

- Student of psychological methodology and statistics, liberal arts graduate.
- Professional author with four years of experience in writing for online media.
- Several publications in Internet studies, mostly on social media in Africa.
- Academic focus on evolution and biology of human cooperative behaviour.

EDUCATION

University of Amsterdam	Amsterdam, NL
MSc, Methodology and Statistics, Social & Org. Psychology	09/2013-present
Amsterdam University College	Amsterdam, NL
BA (cum laude), Psychology, Economics, & Information	09/2010-07/2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joint degree from Universiteit van Amsterdam and VU Amsterdam.• Thesis: “Leadership in Altruistic Punishment and Reward” (4.0) under Prof. Mark van Vugt (VU Amsterdam).	
McGill University	Montreal, CND
Exchange semester, Psychology & Biology	09/2012-12/2012
Rudolf-Steiner-Schule Siegen	Siegen, GER
Allg. Hochschulreife (university entrance diploma)	08/1996-07/2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduated best of class (1.2 on a scale up to 1.0).	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Universiteit van Amsterdam	Amsterdam, NL
Teaching Assistant, Scientific Writing and Presenting	09/2013-10/2013

Amsterdam University College **Amsterdam, NL**

Remedial Teacher, Basic Research Methods & Statistics I 09/2013-*present*

- Remedial teacher for introduction to statistics and research methodology.

Amsterdam University College **Amsterdam, NL**

Project Coordinator, Cultuurtraject Excellentie Project

02/2013-06/2013

- Group leader in a youth think tank on fostering ambition among Dutch secondary students. Led workshops, presented on various topics in education and psychology, coordinated guest speakers.

Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam **Rotterdam, NL**

Teaching Assistant 01/2013-*present*

- Teaching assistant to Dr. Bruce Mutsvairo, lecturer in International Journalism. Marking essays and exams; preparing course content.

Haagse Hogeschool **Den Haag, NL**

Teaching Assistant 03/2012-06/2012

- Teaching assistant to Drs. Bruce Mutsvairo, lecturer in communication and media studies. Marked exams, prepared course content, and supported research into social media practices in Africa.

LERU Bright Conference **Amsterdam, NL**

Conference Conceptualiser 02/2012-08/2012

- Co-organised a large international student conference with 120 participants from more than 20 universities. Developed the conference theme and academic programme; recruited speakers.

gulli:news **Siegen & Berlin, GER**

Contributing Author & Assistant Editor 03/2008-02/2010

- Wrote news articles about Internet politics, surveillance and security policy, as well as social media and free culture; copy-edited articles for publication.

INTERNSHIPS

Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University Cambridge, USA

Research Intern, OpenNet Initiative 06/2011-08/2011

- Authored and updated country profiles on Internet access in sub-Saharan Africa; wrote news articles on issues of freedom of expression on the Internet.

Spreeblick Verlag KG Berlin, GER

Blogging Intern, Spreeblick 03/2010-06/2010

- Wrote news articles about Internet politics, German and international affairs; reported from local and international events; supported re:publica conference.

newthinking communications GmbH Berlin, GER

Blogging Intern, netzpolitik.org 10/2009-02/2010

- Wrote news articles about Internet politics; helped write a working paper on ICT for development; supported planning of the re:publica conference.

SOCIOPOLITICAL ACTIVITIES (selection)

AUC Undergraduate Journal of Liberal Arts and Sciences Amsterdam, NL

Co-founder & Editor 05/2012-10/2012

- Helped develop an interdisciplinary undergraduate journal; copy-edited articles for publication.

Amsterdam University College Essay Award Amsterdam, NL

Co-organiser 04/2012-10/2012

- Organised a yearly essay contest for incoming first year students.

AUC Internet & Society Amsterdam, NL

Founder 11/2010-03/2011

- Organised a bi-weekly discussion group; presented on various topics.

Über Armut Siegen **Siegen, GER**

Co-organiser, School Representative 05/2008-09/2008

- Co-organised a city-wide inter-school poverty awareness event; organised a school-wide action day; organised a panel discussion.

DigiActive **Online**

Global Correspondent 04/2008-11/2010

- Wrote case studies and calls for action on international digital activism campaigns; compiled a list of arrested bloggers.

Privacy Workshop Project **Siegen, GER**

Co-founder 12/2007-06/2010

- Co-organised and led workshops on privacy and data security in the Internet age for pupils and high school students; taught practical encryption skills.

Arbeitskreis Vorratsdatenspeicherung, Siegen Chapter **Siegen, GER**

Co-founder 04/2007-07/2010

- Planned and participated in information stands and critical art performances to raise awareness for various forms of surveillance.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Mutsvairo, B. & Columbus, S. (2012). Emerging Patterns and Trends in Citizen Journalism in Africa: The Case of Zimbabwe. *Central European Journal of Communication*, 5(1), 121-35.

Columbus, S. (2012). Is the Mobile Phone a Disruptive Technology? A Partial Review of Evidence From Developing Economies. In N. Ekekwe & N. Islam (eds.), *Disruptive Technologies, Innovation, and Global Redesign: Emerging Implications* (pp. 46-62). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

Mutsvairo, B., Columbus, S., & Klamroth, L. (2012). Rethinking Mass Communication Theories in the Internet Era. In N. Ekekwe & N. Islam (eds.), *Disruptive Technologies, Innovation, and Global Redesign: Emerging Implications* (pp. 345-356). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

Academic Presentations

Columbus, S. (2013, November 20). Leadership in Altruistic Punishment and Reward. Poster presented at VSNU Student Research Conference, Amsterdam University College, NL.

Mutsvairo, B., Columbus, S., & Leijendekker, I. (2012, April 20). African Citizen Journalists' Ethics and the Emerging Networked Public Sphere. In T. Johnson (chair), *Examining the Journalist's Toolbox: Practices, Routines and More*. Presentation at the International Symposium on Online Journalism, University of Texas, Austin.

Popular Science Papers

Columbus, S. (2013). The Evolution of Altruistic Punishment. *AUC Undergraduate Journal of Liberal Arts & Sciences*, 2, 36-43.

Columbus, S. (2010). Prisons and Persecution: The New Casualties. In M. Joyce, *Digital Activism Decoded: The New Mechanics of Change* (pp. 165-179). New York, NY: IDEBATE Press.

Blogs

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- Published more than 60 articles in English on issues related to digitalization, including digital activism, free culture and online media.

Blogger for Freedom 10/2007-03/2008

- Wrote more than 70 articles in German and English on digital activism campaigns. Created a database of imprisoned bloggers.

simoncolumbus.de 02/2007-present

- Published more than 450 articles in German on various issues, including Internet politics, German affairs, and the Middle East. Mostly inactive today.

Articles

Wrote more than 500 articles for various on- and offline media, including netzpolitik.org, Spreeblick.com and gulli:news. For a complete list of publications, please see <http://www.simoncolumbus.com/about/publications>.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes **Bonn, GER**

German National Merit Scholarship 02/2011-*present*

- Monthly stipend

Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes **Bonn, GER**

Travel grant (700 €) 04/2012

- International Symposium on Online Journalism, UT Austin.

Center for Creation, Content and Technology **Amsterdam, NL**

Beta Beurs 12/2011

- Thesis research scholarship (4000 €)

Amsterdam University College **Amsterdam, NL**

Dean's List 09/2010-07/2013

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (selection)

EHBEA 2013 **Amsterdam, NL**

- Participant March 2012

International Symposium on Online Journalism **Austin, TX**

- Co-presented a paper “African Citizen Journalists' Ethics and the Emerging Networked Public Sphere” co-authored with B. Mutsvairo and I. Leijendekker. April 2012

Deutsche Welle Young Media Summit **Tunis,**

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- Invited participant. November 2011

Hyper-Public **Cambridge, MA**

- Participant. June 2011

re:publica 2011 **Berlin, GER**

- Official conference blogger. April 2011

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| 2nd International Youth Innovation Forum Interra | Novosibirsk, RUS |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panellist: New Media Forum. | September 2010 |
| Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum | Bonn, GER |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participant. Blogged the conference for Spreeblick.com. | June 2010 |
| SigInt 2010 | Cologne, GER |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participant. Blogged the conference for Spreeblick.com. | May 2010 |
| re:publica 2010 | Berlin, GER |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official conference blogger. | April 2010 |
| YouthExchange 2010 | Budapest, HUN |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participant. Blogged the conference for Spreeblick.com. | April 2010 |
| Miniblogika | Novosibirsk, RUS |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaker: Germany's "Zensursula" Campaign. | March 2010 |
| transmediale.10: Futurity Now! | Berlin, GER |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participant. Blogged the conference for netzpolitik.org. | January 2010 |
| 26C3: Here Be Dragons | Berlin, GER |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participant. Blogged the conference for netzpolitik.org. | December 2009 |
| BerlinInOctober | Berlin, GER |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participant. Blogged the conference for netzpolitik.org. | October 2009 |
| 1st International Youth Innovation Forum Interra | Novosibirsk, RUS |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official conference blogger invited by the Goethe Institute;• Panellist: Regulating behaviour in the blogosphere. | September 2009 |
| SigInt 2009 | Cologne, GER |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participant. Covered the conference for gulli:news. | May 2009 |

25C3: Nothing To Hide

Berlin, GER

- Participant. Covered the conference for gulli:news.

December 2008

Towards Networked Protest Politics

Siegen, GER

- Participant: Blogged the conference for netzpolitik.org.

November 2008

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Darmstadt, GER

- Speaker: On digital activism;
- Panellist: The situation of Germany's data security movement.

September 2008

Global Voices Citizen Media Summit

Budapest, HUN

- Participant.

July 2008

MEMBERSHIPS

European Human Behaviour & Evolution Association.

SKILLS

Languages

- Native German;
- Fluent English (Internet-based TOEFL: 112);
- Intermediate level of Dutch;
- Intermediate level of French;
- Beginner's level of Modern Standard Arabic.

IT

- Office and presentation software: MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint; OpenOffice Writer, Calc, Impress; Prezi; LaTeX.
- Data analysis software: R; SPSS; z-Tree; some experience with Weka, FSL, Matlab.
- Social media: WordPress, Twitter, Facebook; taught workshops on privacy in social networks.
- Programming languages: some R, Python, and Racket.