

Résumé Simon Columbus

Personalia

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Date of birth 07 June 1990 in Coburg, Germany
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Education

2013-present MSc Psychology, University of Amsterdam
Methodology and Statistics, Social Psychology, & Organisational Psychology.

2010-2013 BA Social Sciences (cum laude), Amsterdam University College
Psychology, Economics, & Information.

2012 Exchange semester, McGill University, Montreal
Psychology & Biology.

Work Experience

2013-present Remedial teacher, Amsterdam University College
Duties: Teaching a weekly remedial class on introductory statistics.

2013 Project coordinator, Cultuurtraject Excellentie Project, Amsterdam
Duties: Leading an educational project for high school students.

2012-present Teaching assistant, Univ. of Amsterdam & Erasmus Univ. Rotterdam
Duties: Marking exams for classes on communication, media, and writing.

2012 Organising committee, LERU Bright Conference, Amsterdam
Duties: Conference planning; content development; speaker contacts.

2008-2010 Contributing author (online), gulli:news
Duties: News writing (Internet politics, interior politics); copy-editing.

Internships

2011 OpenNet Initiative, Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard
Duties: Researching Internet censorship; contributing to the ONI blog.

2009-2010 netzpolitik.org & Spreeblick.com, Berlin
Duties: Blogging about Internet and interior policy; conference planning.

Socio-political Activities (selection)

2012 Editor, AUC Undergraduate Journal of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Duties: Helped found AUC's first academic journal; edited the first issue.

2012 Co-organiser, AUC Essay Contest
Duties: Helped run AUC's annual essay contest; reviewed submissions.

Publications (selection)

- 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. 345-56). Hershey, PA: IGI Global.
- Columbus, S. (2010). Prisons and Persecution: The New Casualties. In M. Joyce, *Digital Activism Decoded: The New Mechanics of Change* (pp. 165-80). New York, NY: IDEBATE Press.

Several hundred articles for online publications, including Zeit Online, Heinrich Böll Foundation, and Spreeblick.com, as well as personal blogs.

Scholarships (selection)

- 2011 Beta Beurs, Center for Creation, Content, and Technology, Amsterdam
Thesis research scholarship (4000€).
- 2011-present Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes, Bonn
German national merit scholarship (monthly stipend).

Conferences & Workshops (selection)

- 2012 International Symposium on Online Journalism, Austin
Co-presented "African Citizen Journalists' Ethics and the Emerging Networked Public Sphere" with B. Mutsvairo & I. Leijendekker.
- 2011 Young Media Summit, Tunis
Workshop participant invited by Deutsche Welle.
- 2010 2nd International Youth Innovation Forum Interra, Novosibirsk
Invited participant and panellist.
- 2009 1st International Youth Innovation Forum Interra, Novosibirsk
Conference blogger and panellist invited by the Goethe Institute.

Skills

- Languages Native German; fluent English; intermediate Dutch and French.
- Software MS Office; LibreOffice; LaTeX; Prezi; WordPress; SPSS; R; z-Tree.
- Programming Some R, Python, Racket, z-Tree, LaTeX.
- Research Experimental design in z-Tree; advanced multivariate statistics in SPSS and R; questionnaire design; academic writing and editing.
- Journalism Reporting; conference blogging; copy-editing (German and English).