Résumé Simon Columbus

Personalia

Name Simon Columbus

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Date of birth 07 June 1990 in Coburg, Germany

Nationality German

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).