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EDUCATION

PhD in European Political Economy London School of Economics and Political Science - European Institute • Thesis title: Flirting with disaster: Explaining unsustainable debt accumulation in Belgium and Italy • Supervisors: Willem Buiter, Erik Jones, Waltraud Schelkle	2007-2011
Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education London School of Economics and Political Science • Selected coursework: Developing teaching practice, Student learning and student support, Course evaluation and quality framework, Assessing student learning, Course design and development	2007-2009
Master of Arts, International Economics Johns Hopkins University – Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) • Selected coursework: International Political Economy, Quantitative Global Economics, Econometrics, Applied Econometrics, Monetary and Trade theory, West European Political Economy	2005-2007
 MSc in Business Administration Budapest University of Economics Concentration: Finance Selected coursework: Calculus, Statistics, Corporate Finance, Banking, Accounting 	1995-2001
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	
Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow European University Institute • Mentors: Sven Steinmo, Pepper Culpepper	2011-2012
Adjunct Professor – "Comparative National Systems" The Bologna Center, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University • A one-semester core course for Master's students in Comparative Politics and	2011-2012

Political Economy

Lecturer – "EU409 Economic Concepts for European Political Economy" 2009-2011 **London School of Economics and Political Science - European Institute** • Taught 20 lectures per year on a Master's course providing a background in Economic Theory in preparation for courses in Political Economy **Graduate Teaching Assistant – TRIUM Global EMBA** 2008-2010 TRIUM – An alliance of the London School of Economics and Political Science, New York University Stern School of Business and HEC School of Management Paris Created a virtual learning environment for courses in International Political Economy by providing resources (links to databases, scholarly articles and books etc.) to support further study about issues covered in the courses Class teacher - "GV227 - Politics of Economic Policy" 2008-2009 **London School of Economics and Political Science - Department of Government** • Taught 20 classes per year on an undergraduate course exploring the political

Class teacher – "EU303 – Economic Analysis of the European Union"

background of economic policy decisions

and content

2007-2010

London School of Economics and Political Science - Department of Economics

- Taught 20 classes per year on an undergraduate course analyzing economic consequences of European integration, using standard Micro- and Macroeconomic models.
- Marked two sets of essays per year, giving feedback on both academic writing and content

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Research Assistant – NewGov Project (www.eu-newgov.org)

2008

London School of Economics and Political Science - European Institute

• Participated in writing a paper on the effect of European fiscal rules on Belgium's fiscal performance

PAPERS AND CONFERENCES

- 'When is debt a real menace? The political aspects of debt sustainability' (presented at the 2011 EUSA Conference in Boston)
- 'Rating agencies as enforcers: Do sovereign ratings respond to European fiscal surveillance?' (presented at the 2010 CES Conference in Montreal)
- 'Belgian public finances caught up in a war of attrition' (presented at the 2009 ECPR Conference in Potsdam)
- 'Belgium's fiscal performance in EMU An unlikely success story of the EU's budgetary surveillance' with Waltraud Schelkle (Working Paper published in the EU Newgov Project in 2008)
- 'The road to hell is paved with good intentions The hidden counterproductive effects of the Stability and Growth Pact on fiscal consolidation' (in preparation)

'Redistributive conflict, societal coalitions and the unexpected drawbacks of the euro' (in preparation)

'Rating politics – The political bias of rating agencies' (in preparation)

'Breaking the stalemate - Regionalist populism as a catalyst for redistributive regrouping in Italy and Belgium' (in preparation)

SELECTED PRIZES, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship European University Institute	2011-2012
Abernethy Dissertation Fellowship The Bologna Center, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University	2010-2011
The London School of Economics Research Studentship Award London School of Economics and Political Science	2007-2011
Economics Department Teaching Prize London School of Economics and Political Science	2009
Alfred Zauberman Award London School of Economics and Political Science	2007-2009
Stavros Niarchos Foundation Fellowship The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University	2006-2007
Parachini Family Fellowship The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University	2006-2007
Tesluk Fellowship The Bologna Center, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University	2005-2006

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Analyst	2003-2005
CIB Central European International Bank - Investment Banking department	
 Tasks: consultancy on mergers and acquisitions, target-selection and analysis, structuring financial leverage for leveraged buyouts 	

Consultant Financial Research Institute, Budapest 2001-2003

• Tasks: corporate consulting

Financial controller 2000-2001

Maersk Hungary, Budapest

• Tasks: financial reporting, investment proposals and analysis, project finance supervision

LANGUAGES AND IT SKILLS

Languages: English, German – proficient Danish, Swedish, Italian – intermediate

Hungarian – native

Microsoft Office, EndNote, Stata, Access IT-skills: