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EXPERIENCE

TULIP CONSULTING Sarl

Founder and Director, July 2019-present

Geneva, Switzerland

- Activities:
 - Writing legal and policy reports focused on trade law and sustainable development
 - Contributing to academic and policy dialogues
 - Teaching workshops to developing country governments on trade law and policy
 - Managing and overseeing a team of four consultants and research assistants
- Expertise: Sustainable development, the circular economy, trade and the environment, the rules of the World Trade Organization, regional trade agreements, industrial policy
- Selected clients:
 - World Economic Forum (WEF), the International Trade Centre (ITC), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the World Bank, the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), the German Development Cooperation (GIZ), World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the Finnish Government (STIRA), United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)

GRADUATE INSTITUTE of International and Development Studies

Geneva, Switzerland

Visiting Lecturer, (2021 – present)

- Teaching the TradeLab Clinic to a class of 18 students.
- Lecturing on relevant substantive issues and soft skills (writing, oral presentations, research)
- Developing projects at the intersection of trade law and development for students to work on
- Reviewing and commenting on numerous iterations of students' draft reports (each around 50 pages)

EUROPE JACQUES DELORS

Research associate, August 2022-present

Geneva, Switzerland

- Researching and writing policy briefs with former Director General of the WTO, Pascal Lamy, on pertinent issues relevant to the link between EU trade agreements and the environment

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, Firoz Lalji Institute

London/Geneva

Researcher, August 2021 – present

- Contributing writer to the annual Africa Trade Policy Review (ATPR)
- Participating in academic workshops

SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP

Geneva, Switzerland

Founder and Director, Trade and Development, Pro Bono Program, April 2018 – March 2023

- Founded and currently directing a pro bono program for Sidley Austin which provides free legal advice on trade issues to developing country governments
- Responsibilities include designing and scoping trade policy projects; managing relationships with government clients; overseeing project teams; providing legal advice on trade-related issues; organizing workshops and trainings to delegates in Geneva
- Selected clients: Mauritius, Bhutan, the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA)

Associate, International Trade and Dispute Resolution, October 2014 – April 2018

- Represented sovereign states with their WTO disputes, including Russia as sole associate in a WTO dispute concerning SPS measures; China as principal associate in a WTO dispute concerning domestic support; and Japan as associate in a WTO dispute concerning SPS measures
- Appeared before the Appellate Body to plead a day-long appeal for Russia

- Drafted written submission, researched jurisprudence, and conducted hearing preparations
- Prepared memoranda analysing WTO issues for governments and trade associations

Interim Director (March-June 2015)

- Provided pro bono legal advice to SMEs and governments in developing countries
- Founded the e-commerce branch of the Emerging Enterprises *pro bono* program
- Conducted fieldwork with pro bono clients in Kenya and Rwanda

Summer Associate, May-July 2013

Washington D.C.

Assisted with legal research and writing for trade and arbitration cases (WTO, ICSID, Court of Int'l Trade)

HARVARD HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

Cambridge, MA/Pernambuco, Brazil

Clinical participant, Sept. 2013- May 2014

Drafted legal documents for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights regarding prisoners in Brazil; engaged in advocacy activities; interviewed prisoners in Anibal Bruno, Pernambuco

UNITED NATIONS Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Tribunal

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Intern, Nov. 2009-June 2010

Processed and analysed applications of genocide victims to become civil parties to the proceedings

ACUMEN FUND

Mumbai, India

Summer Associate, May-August 2012

Designed an influence-factor framework for successful agricultural policy change in India; Mapped the process of change in agricultural policy in India, based on conducting 60+ interviews with leading agricultural policy officials, private sector players, and farmers

WORLD BANK, Integrity Vice Presidency

Washington D.C.

Special Litigation Fellow/Chayes Fellow, May-August 2011

Wrote and edited briefs related to fraud and corruption to the World Bank Sanctions Board

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES TO JUSTICE

The Philippines

Documentary Journalist Intern, June-July 2010

Documented land struggles of Filipino farmers at blog.ibj.org

CARR CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, HARVARD

Cambridge, MA

Intern, June-August 2009

Analysed the quality of recommendations put forth by UN Human Rights Mechanisms and Rapporteurs

INSTITUTO PRENSA Y SOCIEDAD

Lima, Perú

Intern, March-August 2008

Designed a bilingual bulletin on higher education in Peru and wrote numerous education-related articles

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT (District of Massachusetts)

Boston, MA

Intern, January 2008, January 2009

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, Executive office

London, UK

Intern, May – July 2007

EMBASSY OF AFGHANISTAN

Washington D.C.

Intern, January 2007

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Cambridge, MA

Juris Doctor, 2010-2014

Thesis: *Looking Beyond Trade Preferences: The role of industrial policy in turning developing country participation in apparel and textile value chains into sustainable economic development* (honors)

Activities: Co-President, Harvard Law and International Development Society (“LIDS”) (2012- 2013)

Co-founder, Trade Innovation Initiative (under LIDS)

Coach HLS ELSA Moot Court Team (2013-2014); Captain, HLS ELSA Moot Court Team (2012-2013)

Presented at HLS TEDx on innovative approaches to trade law
Research Assistant: Mark Wu (summer - fall 2011)
Journal: Harvard Human Rights Journal (2009)

HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT
Master of Public Policy, 2011-2014

Cambridge, MA

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

Middlebury, VT

Bachelor of Arts, major in Political Science, 2005- 2009

Honors: *Magna cum laude*; Shelby Davis United World College Scholar

Study Abroad: La Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima (Jan. -July 2008)

Lima, Perú

Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution (summer 2006) **Nicosia, Cyprus**

INSTITUT CATHOLIQUE

Passed the first year of the French Baccalaureate in philosophy, 2005

Paris, France

UNITED WORLD COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC

Wales, UK

International Baccalaureate, 2004

Selected from a pool of around 100 candidates by the Dutch National Committee

LANGUAGES

Fluent Dutch (native), Fluent English, near-fluent French, near-fluent Spanish, basic German

ADMISSIONS

New York Bar (July 2015)

FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

Nominated for the Obama Foundation Leaders Europe Programme (2021); Shortlisted for the FT/McKinsey Bracken Bower Prize for best book proposal for authors under 35 (2018); United World College Davis Scholar (2005-2009); Humanity in Action Fellow (2009); Harvard Law School Chayes Fellow (2011); ELSA Moot court (2012-2014): first place, North American round (2013), First place, North American round (2014), second place international round (2014), first place international round for best written submissions (2013).

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

- GIZ, “Leveraging Trade Agreements for an Inclusive Circular Economy Transition”, (forthcoming).
- Europe Jacques Delors, “Make-or-break : Including Multilateral Environmental Agreements as “essential elements” in EU Free Trade Agreements”, December 2022.
- SITRA, “Circular Innovation and Ecodesign in the Textiles Sector: towards a sustainable and inclusive transition”, September 2022.
- OVAM, “An international Agreement on natural resource management”, March 2022
- TULIP Consulting, “Designing environmental regulation of agricultural imports: options and considerations for the UK”, (co-author), February 2022.
- Brookings Institute, “Greening the AfCFTA: it’s not too late”, September 2021.
- World Economic Forum, “These 4 methods can help solve Ghana’s plastic waste dilemma”, September 2021.
- Global Plastic Action Partnership, “Trade and the Circular Economy: A Deep Dive into Plastic Action in Ghana,” August 2021.
- OECD, “Greening regional trade agreements through technical barriers to trade and regulatory cooperation”, (co-author, December 2020).
- UNEP, “Sustainable Trade in Resources: Global Material Flows, Circularity and Trade” (co-author), November 2020.
- IISD, “The Proposed Multilateral Framework on Investment Facilitation: An analysis of its provisions and its relationship to international trade and investment governance”, (co-author) September 2020.
- TULIP Consulting, “The Circular Economy, Trade and Development: addressing spillovers and leveraging opportunities” (July 2020).

- Brookings Institute, “How the AfCFTA will improve access to “essential products” and bolster Africa’s resilience to respond to future pandemics,” (co-author). April 30, 2020.
- Brookings Institute, “Nigeria’s Benin border closure and what it means for the African Continental Free Trade Area”, (co-author). November 2019.
- Brookings Institute, “Keys to success for the AfCFTA negotiations”, (co-author). May 2019.
- ITC, “Joining Forces: how to help SMEs leverage e-commerce through collaboration”, April 2019.
- CUTS International, “Special and Differential Treatment in the Context of the Digital Economy”, March 2019.
- GIZ, “Sustainable Trade Preferences for the 21st Century: fine-tuning the EU’s GSP to make it a more effective tool for development”, January 2019.
- “Inclusive Industrialization: An analysis of the interplay between FDI and SME promotion policies in Sub-Saharan Africa,” *Law and Development Review*, April 2018.
- International Trade Forum, “Entrepreneurial Lawyering for Digital Trade,” July 10, 2017.
- “Trade, Development and Industrial Policy in Africa: The case for a Pragmatic Approach to Optimizing Policy Coherence Between Industrial Policy and the WTO Policy Space,” *Law and Development Review*, June 2017.
- “Where Trade and Industrial Policy Converge: How Developing Countries Can Utilize Trade Preferences to Generate Sustainable, Local Growth in the Garment Industry,” *The International Lawyer*, 49:1 (summer 2015).
- “Carbon Leakage and the Migration of Private CO2 emitters to other jurisdictions” (co-author) Oxford Handbook for International Climate Change Law, 2016.