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Education

08/2011 – 09/2013 Global Studies (M.A.)
 University of Gothenburg / Sweden
 M.A. Thesis: *Oil Production and Local Livelihood in Sekondi-Takoradi (Ghana)*

09/2009 – 01/2010 International Relations (Exchange Studies)
 Höskolan i Halmstad / Sweden
 Final Thesis: *EU Development Aid and Good Governance in the Case of Zimbabwe*

10/2007 – 08/2011 International Degree in Policy Management (B.A.)
 University of Applied Sciences Bremen / Germany
 B.A. Thesis: *The Resource Curse and Ghana*

Practical Experiences

Since 01/2017 PhD Research Fellow, Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institute (Freiburg / Germany)
 - Research on PhD project: Climate Change Adaptation and Political Violence

Since 02/2016 Research Assistant (Associate), Roskilde University (Roskilde / Denmark)
 - Research on Local Ownership in Peacebuilding processes as part of EU-funded project *"Preventing and Responding to Conflict: Developing Civilian Capabilities for a Sustainable Peace"* (EU-CIVCAP)
 - Policy review of existing EU, Member States, and other international organisations' capacity building strategies in Ethiopia (Field Research)
 - Mediation and Local Level Dialogue in Serbia-Kosovo (Desk Study)

03/2014 - 10/2014 Research Assistant, Flemish Peace Institute (Brussels / Belgium) /
 International Peace Information Service (IPIS) Research (Antwerp / Belgium)
 - Research on generations of peacebuilding and case study of EUs engagement on the Western Balkans as basis for Flemish research network and comprehensive strategy on peacebuilding

02/2013 – 02/2014 Research Consultant, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (Accra / Ghana)
 - contributing to the research project *"Oil Production and its Impact on the Livelihood of Communities in Ghana"*, analysis and report writing
 - conducting SPSS analysis, evaluation and interpretation of results

06/2013 – 07/2013 Research Visit, Nordic Africa Institute (Uppsala / Sweden)
 - 'Study Scholarship' to research on oil production in Ghana and livelihood in the coastal communities (M.A. Thesis)

05/2011 – 07/2011 Research Intern, German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA),
 Institute of African Affairs (Hamburg / Germany)

List of Publications

Working Papers

Plänitz, E. & Đokić, K. (2017): *Lessons Learned and Impact of EU Engagement on Mediation and Local Level Dialogue Initiatives in Serbia and Kosovo*, EU-CIVCAP Report DL 5.2. (Forthcoming)

Juncos, A.; Algar-Faria, G. Edmunds, T.; Đokić, K.; Plänitz, E. Abdi, K.; Simons, S. (2017): *Database of state/international organisations' policies of local capacity building*. EU-CIVCAP Report DL 6.1.

Plänitz, E. (2014): *Trauma and Transformation – Contemporary Discussions on Peacebuilding and External Intervention*. Working Paper. Flemish Peace Institute, Brussels

Kuzu, D. & Plänitz, E. (2014): *Oil Production and its Impact on the Livelihood of Communities in Ghana*. Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Accra

Plänitz, E. (2013): *Local Livelihoods and Oil Production in Ghana*. Final Thesis at University of Gothenburg (published via the library of Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala)

Policy Briefings

Juncos, A.; Algar-Faria, G. Edmunds, T.; Đokić, K.; Plänitz, E. Abdi, K.; Simons, S. (2017): *Improving the EU's local capacity building efforts in post-conflict environments*. EU-CIVCAP

Conference Papers

Plänitz, E. (2017): *EU Mediation in the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue - Framing Mediation Success*. Presented at European Studies Association Conference, Miami (USA), May 4-6

Scholarships

2013

Study Scholarship, Nordic Africa Institute (Uppsala / Sweden)

Language Skills

German (native)
English (fluent)
Swedish (intermediate)
French (intermediate)



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