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Top Skills

Policy Analysis
International Relations
Political Science

Languages

Italian (Elementary)
Russian (Elementary)
German (Native or Bilingual)
English (Full Professional)

Mattia Nelles

CEO Deutsch-Ukrainisches Büro (DUB)
Düsseldorf, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

Summary

Main fields of interest:

- German/European-Ukrainian Relations (supporting war efforts)
- Ukrainian and European Defence Innovation (learning from Ukraine!)
- EU Accession of Ukraine
- Ukrainian civil society
- politics & reform processes in Ukraine with a special focus on the rule of law

Since 2014, I have focused academically and professionally on Ukraine and the internal and external dynamics shaping its politics and policies.

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Experience

Deutsch-Ukrainisches Büro (DUB) gGmbH
CEO & Co-Founder
October 2022 - Present (3 years 6 months)
Düsseldorf, Berlin, Kyiv

The German-Ukrainian Bureau is an expert company focused on research and strategic advisory to enhance German-Ukrainian relations at civil society, business, and the state levels.

The Bureau has competence in research, analysis, advocacy, strategy development, and communications. We provide the full cycle of services from problem analysis to project implementation. The team deeply understands the factors influencing German and European relations with Ukraine.

The Bureau and its founding experts have long experience working with governments, donors, non-profits, media, and businesses. Currently, the company implements projects in Germany and Ukraine.

Robin Wagener, Mitglied des Deutschen Bundestages
Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (Elternzeitvertretung)
December 2022 - September 2023 (10 months)
Berlin, Deutschland

Zuständig für den Auswärtigen Ausschuss, Schwerpunkte Ukraine, Russland, Belarus

Inhaltliche Vorbereitung von Terminen, Auslandsreisen, Medienauftritten, Reden etc.

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH
Communication Advisor
December 2020 - October 2022 (1 year 11 months)
Kiew, Kiew, Ukraine

Zentrum Liberale Moderne
Programmdirektor Ukraine
August 2018 - December 2020 (2 years 5 months)
Berlin Area, Germany

- Project Lead "Ukraine in Europe", a program organizing parliamentary advice for the newly elected Verkhovna Rada.
- Editing Ukraine verstehen.

Ukraine verstehen
Editor-in-chief
August 2018 - December 2020 (2 years 5 months)
- editing and managing "Ukraine verstehen" (understanding Ukraine)
www.ukraineverstehen.de, a specialized online magazine that sheds light on developments in Ukraine

DAAD Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
Junior Lecturer
September 2017 - June 2018 (10 months)
Kyjiw, Ukraine

As part of my lecturing duties at the National University Kyiv Mohyla Academy I was:

- lecturing German as a foreign language (BA & MA level) for beginners and advanced learners
- giving seminars on German Foreign Policy and European Foreign Policy (MA level)

German Embassy in Astana, Kazakhstan

Intern

January 2017 - February 2017 (2 months)

Astana, Kazakhstan

Worked in the Political, Economic, Cultural and Press Section.

- Primarily focused on analyzing Kazakhstan's domestic political discourse, it's domestic, economic and foreign policy, such as the announced changes of the KAZ constitution or her 2016 leadership of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Union.

Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society

Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft

December 2015 - August 2016 (9 months)

Berlin

iversity GmbH

2 years 3 months

Business Development Manager

January 2014 - October 2015 (1 year 10 months)

With more than 1.000.000 enrolled users iversity.org is one of Europe's leading platform for academic online courses. At iversity I am responsible for:

- Conducting acquisition meetings, as well as calls with potential international university partners and providers of professional development.
- Concluded partnership agreements with 15 teams of instructors, as well as 10 European universities, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations.
- Researching education and technology market developments for the CEO, Mr. Klöpfer.

Project Manager & Freelancer for Course Production

August 2013 - December 2013 (5 months)

- Developed Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Cyber Security and Human Rights with 35.000 participants with Dr. Anja Mihr from the Humboldt Viadrina School of Governance.

- Organized research, logistics for the filming of the MOOC and conducted 12 expert interviews for the course.

Centre for Social Investment, University of Heidelberg

Researcher

January 2014 - November 2014 (11 months)

Heidelberg / Berlin

- Involved in a research project on state-philanthropic partnerships in the area of education.
- Summarized major research papers and edited papers for the project head Ekkehard Thümler.
- Wrote six case studies on large, or innovative collaborations of private foundations with the public administration in the area of education. All case studies are to be published in the final project report.
- Conducted 10 expert interviews with practitioners from foundations, public administration and other researchers.
- Organized two high level meetings of experts and stakeholders. One presentation of preliminary research findings (February in Heidelberg) and one major public presentation of the final results (October in Berlin).

for more about the research project see (in German):

https://www.csi.uni-heidelberg.de/projekte_spbp.htm

Dr. Richard von Weizsäcker, Former German Federal President

Student Assistant

August 2013 - February 2014 (7 months)

- Supported the head of office, Mr. Stefan Duppel, and the Personal Assistant to Dr. Richard von Weizsäcker, Ms. Katharina Boß, through research and other administrative tasks.
- Prepared and attended personal meetings of Dr. Richard von Weizsäcker.
- Responsible for the entire office, press briefings and personal briefings of Dr. Richard von Weizsäcker while Ms. Boß was on sick leave for three weeks.

Körper-Stiftung

Intern

February 2013 - August 2013 (7 months)

- Organized foreign policy related events, conferences and excursions.
- Planned and executed of workshops and events for the Körper Network Foreign Policy, a group of selected young foreign-policy professionals.

- Prepared the annual field trip of the Körber Network Foreign Policy to Beijing, as well as the annual alumni meeting in Berlin.
- Selected candidates for the Munich Young Leaders, a project in cooperation with the Munich Security Conference.

Hudson Institute

Research Assistant

June 2012 - August 2012 (3 months)

- Performed research relating to China, Sino-European and Sino-Russian relations for Senior Fellow Dr. Richard Weitz.
- Drafted a book chapter on Sino-European relations.
- Conducted research on US and Western European democracy promotion in post-revolutionary Tunisia and Egypt.
- Written three policy memorandums for the CEO of Hudson Institute on the Euro Crisis.

Institute for Cultural Diplomacy

Intern

June 2011 - August 2011 (3 months)

Berlin, Germany

- Conducted research on Cultural Diplomacy in East Asia
- Wrote one blog article every week.
- Planned, prepared and executed a conference for 100 participants.

Public One GmbH & Co KG

Intern

June 2010 - August 2010 (3 months)

- Prepared and accompanied meetings with clients.
- Designed policy recommendation on new business development and cluster formation for the Ministry of Economics and European Affairs of the state Brandenburg, Germany.
- Involved in a project with the Federal Enterprise for International Cooperation (GIZ) on modernization of administration in South East Europe.

Cathedral College

Volunteer

September 2008 - August 2009 (1 year)

Wangaratta (Victoria), Australia

- Engaged in the German program and tutoring

- Supported the history and P.E. classes, as well as the afternoon care program
- Led the school's soccer and athletic team
- Assisted the school board's administration

Education

Freie Universität Berlin

Master in Political Science, International Relations · (2015 - 2018)

National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Semester Abroad, International Relations · (2016 - 2016)

University of California, Berkeley

Research Semester, Political Science · (2012 - 2012)

Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Politics and Public Management · (2009 - 2012)