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**Summary**

I have a Master’s degree in International Relations from Lancaster University. I am currently doing a PhD in Politics at the University of Reading. My education is complemented by various professional experiences involving teaching and interpreting.

**Employment History**

**English Tutor**

**First Tutors**

October 2014 – Present

Reading , United Kingdom

- Teaching KS2 and KS3 students

**Interpreter**

**Prestige Network**

July 2013 – Present

Reading , United Kingdom

- Bulgarian to English Interpreting

**Academic Mentor**

**University of Reading/Randstad**

October 2013 – Present

Reading , United Kingdom

- Assisting disabled students at the University of Reading by supporting their learning needs
- Providing one-to-one support and mentoring for disabled students within the terms of the Student's Assessment of Needs report
- Assisting students in organisational skills and prioritising work in order that deadlines are met

**Intern at the German Department at Directorate ‘European Countries II'**

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria**

November 2009 – February 2010

Sofia , Bulgaria

- Implementing and applying the accumulated knowledge and skills in the field of International Relations
- Conducting cross-border research (Germany-Bulgaria) to produce reports and drafts used by the Ministry
- Translating materials into German and keeping correspondence with diplomatic missions abroad

**Education History**

**University of Reading**

 Oct 2013 – Present

**PhD  Politics**

 **Lancaster University**

 Oct 2011 – Oct 2012

 **MA  International Relations   1st**

- Issues and Practice in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
- Major Approaches to the Study of International Relations

- Globalisation and Democratisation in the Third World

**Sofia University ‘St. Kliment Ohridski’**

 Oct 2006 – Dec 2010

**BA  International Relations   2:1**

- International Conflicts
- Foreign Policy Analysis and Forecasting
- International Security
- International Law

**English Language High School ‘Geo Milev’**

Sep 2001 – May 2006 ( 4 years 9 months )

**High School certificate  5.80**

**Associations**

**Students’ diplomatic club at Sofia University ‘St. Kliment Ohridski’** Oct 2007 – Dec 2010

- Discussions on current diplomatic issues
- Organizing talks with diplomats from different foreign embassies

**United Nations society at Lancaster University** Oct 2011 – Oct 2012

- Simulating UN sessions
- Debating on current global affairs

**Awards & Achievements**

2009-2010 EU scholarship for high academic results at Sofia University 'St. Kliment Ohridski'

May 2005 3rd award for a short story in a National literature contest 'Petya Dubarova', Bulgaria

**Licences & Certifications**

**Test DaF**  Apr 2011

Test DaF, international certificate, obtained with TDN 5 in all components: Listening, Speaking, Writing and Reading. (minimum TDN 3; maximum TDN 5)

 **Languages**

 English Fluent

 German Fluent

 Bulgarian Native speaker

 Italian Basic

**Personal Interests**

Reading books, Creative writing, Yoga, etc.