

Curriculum Vitae

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Current position

since 11/2020 **Project staff, Department of Development Studies, University of Vienna**
Work in the research project '*Decent work and GVC-based industrialization in Ethiopia*' (EthApparel), which assess the opportunities and risks for supplier firms and workers related to Ethiopia's integration into the apparel global value chain. Collaboration with researchers from Roskilde University, London School of Economics and Mekelle University. Research focus on apparel lead firms and apparel supplier firms from Ethiopia, especially with regard to firm strategies and value capture.

Education

since 03/2021 **Doctoral Programme in Social Sciences in the field of Development Studies, University of Vienna**

10/2017 – 10/2020 **M.A. Development Studies, University of Vienna**
Main subjects: Development policy and development economics. Focus on global value chains, industrial policies, international trade and commodities, financialization. Average grade: 1.19
Title of thesis: 'Cooperation or confrontation? Public and private governance and smallholders' incomes in the cocoa sector in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire'.

10/2012 – 03/2017 **B.A. Public Policy, University of Erfurt, Germany**
Main subjects: Economics and political science, minor subject: Law. Focus on international trade and financial markets. Final grade: 1.6
Title of thesis: 'The role of rating agencies in the global financial crisis: The shortcomings of rating models and their reform potentials'.

09/2015 – 10/2016 **Erasmus exchange year, University of Granada, Spain**

Professional experience

10/2019 – 04/2020 **Internship at GIZ African Union Office, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**
Work in the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ) program on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Support on GIZ's collaboration with African Union Commission's Department of Trade and Industry (AUC-DTI) on the negotiations and implementation of the AfCFTA in the areas of Trade in Goods and Trade in Services. Support in the organization of workshops and conferences on industrial policy and special economic zones.

03/2019 – 09/2019 **Student Assistant, Department of Development Studies, University of Vienna**
Co-organization of lecture series on development policy and development cooperation and on Global History

03/2019 – 04/2019 **Internship at Austrian Foundation for Development Research (ÖFSE), Vienna**
Support on a scientific publication on price-setting and financialization in the West African cocoa sector

09/2018 – 02/2019 **Internship at Food First Information and Action Network (FIAN), Vienna**
Support on the organization of a workshop on awareness raising on land conflicts related to development cooperation projects in Zambia and Sierra Leone; support on thematic background analyses, public relations and fundraising

02/2015 – 03/2015 **Internship at Internationaler Bund, Erfurt, Germany**
Support in the administration of a refugee center, cooperation with sponsors

Scholarships

2018, 2019 **Merit Scholarship of the University of Vienna for the academic years 2017/2018 and 2018/19**

07/2019 ***Kurzfristiges wissenschaftliches Auslandsstipendium (KWA)* of the University of Vienna related to a research stay in Ghana and in Côte d'Ivoire**

Publications

12/2020 Maile, F. (2020). *Cooperation or confrontation? Public and private governance and smallholders' incomes in the cocoa sector in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire*. ÖFSE-Forum (No. 74). [\(Link\)](#)

12/2019 Tröster, B., Staritz, C., Grumiller, J., & Maile, F. (2019). *Commodity dependence, global commodity chains, price volatility and financialisation: Price-setting and stabilisation in the cocoa sectors in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana* (No. 62). ÖFSE Working Paper. [\(Link\)](#)

Activities and memberships

since 12/2020 **Membership at the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)**

2017 - 2019 **Engagement in Ponto - Grassroots Think Tank for European and Foreign Policy, Vienna**

Organization of workshops and excursions on EU policy and on rule of law in different EU member states

Language skills

Fluency in spoken and written English

Advanced Spanish skills

Advanced French skills

Basic Amharic skills