

Christian Klötzer

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EDUCATION

2002-2003

KITCHENER COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, ONTARIO, CANADA

High-school student exchange

2005

Abitur/Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife, IMMANUEL-KANT-GYMNASIUM BAD OEYNHAUSEN

Advanced courses in English and French

2008-2013

Bachelor in Political Science, UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Classes followed in French

Obtained degree with *distinction* (average grade 14.2/20)

2013-2014

Master in Political Science, VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Classes followed in Dutch and English

Obtained degree with *onderscheiding* (average grade 14.7/20)

Thesis title: The liberalization of abortion in Belgium and the Netherlands. An analysis from a consociational perspective.

2014-2016

Master in Political History, UNIVERSITEIT UTRECHT, UTRECHT, THE NETHERLANDS

Classes followed in Dutch and English

Obtained degree (average grade 3.17/4)

Thesis title: The Social Policy Agreement of the Treaty of Maastricht. A comparative analysis of the evolution of European social policy between 1986 and 1991

EMPLOYMENT

2017-2021

Private language tutor

Language courses for learners of German, English, and French

APRIL 2021 – AUGUST 2021

High-school student tutor at Schülerhilfe Bad Oeynhausen

Teaching French and English to students of various ages

LANGUAGES

- German: native speaker
- English: highly proficient in written and spoken English
- French: highly proficient in written and spoken French
- Dutch: very good command
- Italian: passive proficiency and basic communication skills
- Greek: basic communication skills
- Arabic: basic communication skills

SKILLS & ASSETS

- Extensive knowledge and insights in my fields of study and related disciplines
- Broad knowledge and practical experience with comparative research in political science
- Proficiency in qualitative and quantitative methodologies
- Extensive interpersonal skills
- Adaptability to new environments as evidenced by lengthy stays abroad
- Eagerness to acquire additional methodological or language skills as required by my research project

PERSONAL INTERESTS

I am interested in topics that straddle the fields of history and political science. During my studies, I mostly focused on the origins and development of political order, particularly in the context of Western Europe. This includes the process towards the formation of the modern state and the establishment of representative forms of government, but especially more recent phenomena like secularization, socio-cultural liberalization, new social movements and European integration. The overarching aim that I pursued was to get a better understanding of how today's intricate systems of governance in European societies emerged and how they successfully managed to adapt to the profound changes that occurred particularly during the course of the 20th century. My master's thesis in political science (supervised by Prof. Kris Deschouwer) reflects this as it combined my interest in recent socio-cultural changes, in this case the quest for the legal affirmation of women's reproductive rights, with the rather atypical

organization of democracy in the profoundly divided societies of Belgium and the Netherlands, where social progress on thorny ethical questions threatened to destabilize a delicate system of democratic governance. Today I am also interested in the origins of right-wing populist challenges to liberal democracy in Western Europe.