

## EDUCATION

- European University Institute**, Florence, Italy since Sep 2010  
PhD in Political Science (degree expected in fall 2013)
  - Concentration in International Relations
  - Dissertation: ‘The Role of Regime Change in US Foreign Policy’
- University of Mannheim**, Germany  
M.A. Political Science Jul 2009
  - Overall grade: 1.2, best graduation gradeB.A. Political Science, Minor: Economics Jun 2007
  - Overall grade: 1.5, best graduation grade
- Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, MD  
Visiting Graduate Student Aug 2007 – Jul 2008
- University of Uppsala**, Sweden  
Visiting Undergraduate Student Aug 2006 – Jan 2007

## FELLOWSHIPS

- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), PhD scholarship Sep 2010 – Aug 2013  
Baden-Württemberg Stiftung Sep 2007 – Jun 2008  
Heinrich Böll Foundation, graduate scholarship Sep 2007 – Jul 2009  
Erasmus scholarship Aug 2006 – Jan 2007

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “How Norms Coexist: The Assassination Taboo” (with J. Alexis Galan Avila), paper presented at the ECPR Graduate Conference, Bremen, Germany, July 2012
- “Confronting Iranian Intransigence: Engagement, Containment and the Role of Domestic Legitimacy”, paper presented at the ECPR General Conference, Reykjavik, Iceland, August 2011

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- ECPR Summer School on Methods and Techniques, Slovenia  
**Teaching Assistant** Aug 2009 – Aug 2011
  - Course on ‘Methodologies of Case Studies’
  - Graded and discussed daily assignments

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), Germany

**Research Associate**

Dec 2009 – Jul 2010

- Conducted research on the Europeanization of interest intermediation

Franziska Brantner, Member of the European Parliament (MEP)

**Office Intern**

Oct 2009 – Nov 2009

- Collected and analyzed data on the use of German police forces in ESDP missions

Kai Gehring MP, German Bundestag, Berlin

**Office Intern**

Mar 2006 – Apr 2006

- Planned and organized a panel discussion of labor market experts on the career entry of young academics

### LANGUAGE SKILLS

German (native), English (fluent), Farsi (fluent), Italian (intermediate)

### REFERENCES

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