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Education

- 09/2016 – 07/2020 Master in World Politics and Society, Universities of Lucerne and Zurich, part-time studies. Core areas: Arab countries, Islam.
Master thesis: Development of Muslim, Syrian refugees' religiosity in Switzerland.
Topics of final exam: state formation of MENA countries, Islamism, women's rights in MENA region.
- 09/2015 – 02/2016 Exchange semester, [University of Applied Sciences](http://www.hs-niederrhein.de), Stuttgart, Germany
- 09/2013 – 08/2016 Bachelor's degree in journalism and communication, [University of Applied Sciences ZHAW](http://www.zhaw.ch), Winterthur, Switzerland
- 08/2009 – 07/2012 Bilingual High School (German / English), Thun, Switzerland

Professional experience

- 01/2016 – today Freelance journalist
- 09/2022 – 01/2023 Journalist international department, [Neue Zürcher Zeitung](http://www.nz.ch), fixed-term
- 09/2021 – 03/2022 Reporter at SonntagsBlick Magazin, fixed-term
- 03/2020 – 12/2020 Reporter community department, [Blick.ch](http://www.blick.ch), fixed-term, 16 hours/week
- 06/2018 – 09/2018 Journalist international department, [Neue Zürcher Zeitung](http://www.nz.ch), fixed-term
- 05/2017 – 08/2017 Language school in Morocco (Arabic), travel through the Middle East
- 01/2017 – 04/2017 Internship at international department, [Neue Zürcher Zeitung](http://www.nz.ch)
- 02/2015 – 12/2016 Newsdesk and fact-checking at "10vor10" (current affairs programme), [Swiss Television](http://www.swissinfo.ch), 16 hours/week
- 11/2014 – 01/2015 Internship at "10vor10", [Swiss Television](http://www.swissinfo.ch)
- 07/2012 – 07/2016 Freelancing for the local newspaper [Thuner Tagblatt](http://www.thuner-tagblatt.ch)

Languages

- German Native language
- English Fluent, Certificate in Advanced English C1
- Italian Upper-intermediate
- French Intermediate
- Arabic Elementary knowledge of Lebanese Arabic, and Modern Standard Arabic

Other

- Awards Winner "Newcomer of the Year 2022", [Schweizer Journalist:in](http://www.schweizerjournalist.in)
Shortlist Zürcher Journalistenpreis 2022 & 2023, category newcomer
3rd place [real21-Medienpreis](http://www.real21-mediapreis.ch) 2021
Winner Reporting Grant 2020, [Reporter-Forum Schweiz](http://www.reporter-forum-schweiz.ch)
- Voluntary work Board member [Young Journalists Switzerland](http://www.youngjournalists.ch) (2016 – 2018, 2020–23)
- Further education 7-day course in filming and TV studio engineering, [Swiss Television](http://www.swissinfo.ch)
Six-month course in digital photography, [Design Academy Bern](http://www.designacademybern.ch)