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EDUCATION

Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK September 2020

MA Governance, Development and Public Policy

Courses include: *Poverty, Violence and Conflict; Political Economy Perspectives on Development; Research Design; Making Public Policy; Democracy and Public Policy; Public Financial Management.*

Dissertation research: *Rebel Governance Institutions and Post-Conflict Political Settlements.*

University of Lancaster, Lancashire, UK
BA, History

June 2012

EXPERIENCE

The Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Brighton, UK July 2020 – Present

Research Assistant

- Working on the “Urbanisation in China and Africa” project, conducting comparative analytical research on urbanisation in China and Sub-Saharan Africa, linking findings to public policy analysis and recommendations for international stakeholders, including policy actors from China, Kenya, and Ghana.
- Carrying out desk research for literature review on the informal economy, public policy, and technology in Ghana and Kenya; drafting and editing reports for submission to international stakeholders.
- Facilitating for the Global Development Policy and Perspectives Summer School program, assisting lectures and leading discussion groups on a range of global development issues.

BlinkNow Foundation, Surkhet, Nepal

March 2017 – September 2019

Director of Operations

- Managed all in-country projects and operations (annual budget of ~\$2 million), delivering multi-year infrastructure projects to tight deadlines, and running multiple thematic programs in Midwestern Nepal.
- Conducted research and produced a report on the tax laws of Nepal for the US based board of directors, leading to a complete overhaul of the organisation’s payment system regarding both local and international staff, and a switch to a digital taxation tracking system within the foundation.
- Analysed political risk, and conducted political economy analysis including research on local governance and Nepal’s decentralisation process, submitting regular reports for the US-based board of directors and presenting at board meetings where necessary.
- Represented foundation as Acting Country Director at the Association of International NGOs in Nepal, founding a provincial chapter, and contributing to the Local Governance and Federalism working group.

BlinkNow Foundation, Surkhet, Nepal

July 2016 – March 2017

Communications Director

- Headed fundraising and donor relations within Nepal, including donor, budgeting, and beneficiary database management and budget coordination between different programs.
- Synthesised and delivered concise, targeted program reports and presentations for diverse audiences.

The Life Aquaponic, Gangwon, South Korea

April 2015 – April 2016

Co-founder, Project Manager

- Founded an NGO, fundraising a large initial grant to implement food security projects in three countries.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Technical: Stata, NVIVO, JavaScript, CSS, HTML, GitHub, Salesforce, Asana, Microsoft Suite, Google Suite.

Languages: English (native), Nepali (intermediate), Korean (basic).