

Nikolai Lehre

Professional experience

European Commission | Brussels, Belgium | March 2023 – July 2023 (*Trainee*)

Trainee at the Research Executive Agency (REA)

Practice focused on supervising EU-funded research projects

- Project Officer on 'Reforming European Research & Innovation'
- Tasks related to project evaluation, policy feedback including project results and advancements, summaries of events/meetings
- Reports on project contributions to missions

Land Berlin | Berlin, Germany | November 2022 – February 2023 (*Trainee*)

Trainee at Bezirksverwaltung Berlin-Mitte

Work in the HR department of the public administration

- Participation in the oversight of salary payments, professional training, hiring processes

Tilburg University | Tilburg, Netherlands | February 2022 – August 2022 (*Student Research Assistant*)

Student Research Assistant for the publication of 'Rethinking Democratic Innovation'

- Work on the reference base, literature search and text management

Education

University of Lisbon | Lisbon, Portugal | September 2023 – today

PhD Development Studies

Focus on regional development and socio-economic transformation

- Thesis on the role sub-national institutions in EU Cohesion Policy

Tilburg University | Tilburg, Netherlands | August 2021 – August 2022

MSc Public Governance

- Emphasis on public policy and qualitative research
- Thesis on EU Cohesion Policy and the regulation of structural funds

Free University of Berlin | Berlin, Germany | October 2018 – June 2021

MSc Economics

- Emphasis on model analysis and quantitative research
- Thesis on US trade protectionism in the context of global value chains

Further educational experiences

Évora Summer School 2024 | Associação Portuguesa de Economia Política

Languages

German – maternal language

English – professional proficiency (C2)

Dutch – basic knowledge (A2)

Portuguese – intermediate (B1)

Scholarships

Friedrich-Ebert Foundation | 2023 – today

Participation in PhD workshops and seminars on political economy

Additional experiences

Public Note | Utrecht, Netherlands | 2022 – present

Board Member of a publishing platform

- Assisting interested students on their way towards publication
- Tasks include reviewing and editing of articles

Skills and interests

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Open minded, strong sense of responsibility, teamplayer and good communicator, analytical and structured, dynamic and quick grasp