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Curriculum vitae

- 2025 – Co-Director of the Swiss National Science Foundation
- 2024 – Member of the Executive Management of the Swiss National Science Foundation, Head of Research Development Department
- 2016 – 2024 Head of Strategy Division, Swiss National Science Foundation
- 2011 – 2016 Head of Strategic Planning and Controlling, Swiss National Science Foundation
- 2008 – 2011 Scientific Collaborator, Swiss National Science Foundation
- 2003 – 2008 PhD, Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies Geneva
- 2003 – 2007 Research Assistant, Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies Geneva
- 2001 – 2002 Associate Auditor, Deloitte & Touche, London
- 2000 – 2001 Diploma of Advanced Studies (MA-equivalent) in European Politics, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 1997 – 2000 Bachelor, Philosophy, Politics & Economics, University of Oxford

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