



## Kris Best

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 – Present

#### Research Associate to the President

Hertie School, *Berlin (Germany)*

- Research support, briefing and speech writing for the President of the Hertie School, Henrik Enderlein. Administrative coordination as part of the President's Office.

#### Affiliate Fellow

Jacques Delors Institute, *Berlin (Germany)*

- Research on Economic and Monetary Union, financial regulation and financial markets

2016 – 2019

#### Junior Consultant in EU Policy Evaluation

Civic Consulting, *Berlin (Germany)*

- Conducting policy evaluations and impact assessments as a framework contractor for the European Commission; focus on economic & econometric analysis.

2014

#### Policy Analyst

Financial Institutions Commission, BC Ministry of Finance, *Vancouver (Canada)*

- Research on comparative financial regulatory schemes and international best practices; prepared presentations, papers, and briefing notes; organised consultations.

2012 – 2013

#### Junior Policy Analyst

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, *Vancouver (Canada)*

- Analysed data on fiscal transfers to self-governing Aboriginal communities to support a major reform in financing for Aboriginal self-government.

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### EDUCATION

2015 – 2018

#### Master of Public Policy

Hertie School of Governance, *Berlin (Germany)*

- Master Thesis: *'French and German perspectives on the policy development of a European safe asset'*. Supervisor Prof. Jean Pisani-Ferry (Grade: 93/1,3)

2011 – 2012

#### Certificate in Social Sciences and Humanities

Sciences Po Paris, *Paris (France)*

2009 – 2015

#### Bachelor of Arts, Economics & Political Science

University of Victoria, *Victoria (Canada)*

- Double major, graduation with distinction. 'Cooperative education' designation, based on 5 semesters of work in the Canadian and British Columbian civil service

2005 – 2009

#### International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

Port Moody Secondary School, *Port Moody (Canada)*

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2015 – 2016

### Student Assistant

Global Governance Unit, WZB Berlin Social Science Centre, *Berlin (Germany)*

2013 – 2015

### Research Assistant

University of Victoria *Victoria (Canada)*

- Borders in Globalisation Project (05/2015-08/2015)
- European Studies Programme (05/2015-08/2015)
- Department of Political Science (04/2015-08/2015)
- Centre for Global Studies (09/2013-04/2014)

## LANGUAGES

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**English** Native language, advanced academic writing and editing skills

**German** Listening (C2), Reading (C2), Writing (C2), Speaking (C1)

**French** Listening (B2), Reading (C1), Writing (B2), Speaking (B2)

**Statistics** Good knowledge of Stata, R, & SPSS/PSPP; basic knowledge of Python

**Web** Good knowledge of HTML, CSS and Content Management Systems

**Other** Working knowledge of LaTeX

## OTHER EDUCATION

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**Financial Regulation** Vienna International Summer School - Modelling the Political Economy of Bank Regulatory Evasion. *Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien*, September 2017.  
45 hours of professional education in financial regulation through *FSI Connect*, Financial Stability Institute, Bank for International Settlements, Basel.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

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- Civic Consulting**
- Collaborative Management Platform for detection and Analyses of (Re-) emerging and foodborne outbreaks in Europe (COMPARE), Work Package 14: Cost-Effectiveness Analysis, *Horizon 2020*, 2016-19.
  - Mid-term evaluation of the Consumer Programme 2014-20 and ex-post evaluation of the Consumer Programme 2007-13, *European Commission - DG JUST*, 2017-18.
  - Ex-post evaluation of the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement, *DG TRADE*, 2016-17.
  - Fitness Check of EU consumer & marketing law, *DG JUST*, 2016-17.
  - Study on measuring consumer detriment in the European Union, *DG JUST*, 2016.

**Borders in Globalisation** • (Security/Pacific) Cross-border security cooperation between Canada and the United States in the Pacific region, 2015.

**BC Government** • Assessment of the regulatory framework for captive insurance companies in British Columbia against international regulatory standards and best practices, 2014.

**Canadian Government** • Co-development of a new fiscal relationship between Canada and First Nations ('Fiscal Harmonisation'), 2012-13.

## SELECTED AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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**Graduate** DAAD Graduate Scholarship (2017-18)

Hertie School Tuition Waiver (2015-18)

**Undergraduate** University of Victoria Excellence Scholarship (2009-12)

Faculty of Social Sciences 'Rising Star' Award (2015)

Political Science Co-op Student of the Year (2014)

President's Scholarship (2014)

Alexander and Helen Stafford MacCarthy Muir Scholarship (2014)

Faculty Scholarship (2014)

## COMPETITIONS

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- Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition** 2018: Second national finalist in the German rounds (out of 19 law schools), progressing to the international rounds in Washington DC
- Awarded 1st place, best legal memorials in the German rounds
  - Awarded 3rd place, best legal memorials in the international rounds
  - Awarded 4th place, best legal memorials worldwide (out of all national rounds)
- West Coast Model EU** 2014: Awarded the top prize of 'Outstanding Head of State' for performance in simulated Council negotiations over European banking regulation

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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- Polis180 Thinktank für Außen- und Europapolitik** 2016-Present: Active member, previously involved with the 2016 US Elections Taskforce and an EU28 data analysis project with Dalia Research.
- West Coast Model EU** 2015: Invited to be official adviser to the University of Victoria's 2015 Model EU team; organized student preparation and lead information sessions on EU institutions, EU policy, and negotiation strategy.
- Centre for Global Studies** 2015: Volunteer, organised weekly discussion groups on topics in current affairs; assisted in topic selection and recruited university experts.

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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- Publications**
- 'Economic sovereignty and the international role of the euro: Roadblocks and challenges' *Jacques Delors Institute, Policy Paper*. 08/2019.
  - 'Financial stability and market discipline: Franco-German perspectives on a common European safe asset.' *Jacques Delors Institute, Policy Paper*. 10/2018.
  - 'Economic Uncertainties and Attitudes Towards the EU: The Limits of Youth Optimism.' *Polis180: Grassroots-Thinktank für Außen- und Europapolitik, Polis Paper*. 06/2017.
  - 'Diaosi: China's 'Loser' Phenomenon.' *On Politics, Undergraduate Political Science Journal of the University of Victoria* 7:20-31. 2014.
- Editorials**
- 'Two birds with one stone: Save the euro, solve the migrant crisis?' *The Governance Post, Hertie School of Governance*. 05/2016.
  - 'Presidential Elections: Is the US on the Verge of a Third Party Revolution?' *Polis180 Blog, Polis180 Thinktank*. 09/2016.
- Workshops**
- 'A Federal Future for Fiscal Europe?'. Workshop delivered at the European Public Policy Conference 2016, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. 15-17 April 2016.
- Presentations**
- 'Battle of Ideas: Franco-German visions of Euro area reforms.' Presented to the Hertie Progressives & Socialists Network, 29 October 2018.
  - 'Solidarity or market discipline? Competing French & German visions of Euro area reform.' Presented to the Young European Federalists - Berlin-Brandenburg, 9 July 2018.
  - 'The Captive Insurance Industry in BC: Challenges in Local & Global Financial Regulation'. *Global Talks* series, Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria. 18 Feb 2015.
  - 'Captive Insurance Supervision in British Columbia: Assessment Against International Standards & Best Practices'. Presented to the Regulations department at the Financial Institutions Commission, BC Ministry of Finance. 12 Dec 2014.