

Benedikt Wahler, Master of Arts, Diplom-Betriebswirt (FH)

Education

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies

Bologna, Italy and Washington, DC

Master of Arts in International Relations

October 2003 – May 2005

Graduated with Distinction and Honors, GPA 3.89, Concentrations: Strategic Studies, and Global Theory & History. Winner of the 2004 “Grove C. Haines Award for European Studies”. Research Seminar on Transatlantic Relations, chapter on German Foreign & Security Policy published by Prof. Arthur Rachwald, USNA. Research Assistant to Prof. Horst Siebert for the books “The German Economy” and “Economics of the Environment”. Co-organisator of the 'International Strategic Studies Staff Ride' to Montecassino for Prof. Eliot Cohen

Universidad Argentina de la Empresa (UADE)

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Research Fellow (Investigador Asociado)

June – August 2004

Paper and Lecture as invited speaker on EU Common Foreign & Security Policy for the International Relations seminar of Prof. Seraferro

Hochschule für Bankwirtschaft (HfB)

Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Diplom-Betriebswirt (MBA)

August 1998 – March 2003

Diploma Degree in Economics, Banking & Finance, top 5% of class. Joint work and study program. Diploma thesis on “Process Management for Operational Risk in the Framework of Basel II”; seminar papers in Economics (Phillips Curve), Risk Management (Economic Value Added), Business Reengineering (Process Steering), Derivative Securities (Bondoptions, Swaptions, Caps & Floors)

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Faculty of Economic Sciences

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Semester abroad

August 2001 – January 2002

Completed courses in Development Economics, Argentinean Social and Economic History, Financial Administration, and Marketing

Stanford University

Palo Alto, CA

Summer term abroad

June – August 1998

Completed courses in International Economics, Money & Banking, and Psychology: Emotions & Motivation.

Jack Steinberger Gymnasium

Bad Kissingen, Germany

Abitur (German High School Diploma)

September 1990 – May 1998

Valedictorian (1st/77), Abitur (1.1) with majors English, French, History and Physics. Award for graduation thesis on “The American Century - US Foreign Policy between Intervention and Isolation”. Selected for the 1997 Deutsche Schülerakademie – academic honors seminar on US Foreign Policy. Exchange student to Vernon, France (1997), Valladolid, Spain (1996-97), and Massa, Italy (1994- 96).

Professional Experience

General Capital Group Beteiligungsberatung

Munich, Germany

Project Manager Private Equity/Public Markets

since September 2005

Corporate analysis and development of investment projects: active minority shareholdings, public-to-private, owner's buy-out, private equity. International fundraising, projects, coordination of consultancy and investment banking activities. Projects e.g. € 1.4bn auction of a specialty chemicals firm, minority stakes up to 5% in Volkswagen AG, BASF AG, ThyssenKrupp AG, Infineon AG and Lanxess AG

World Security Network Foundation

Washington, DC

Internship

since January 2005

Editor USA for Foreign & Security Policy newsletter, preparing and conducting expert interviews, acquiring cooperation partners

HVB Real Estate Bank AG

Munich, Germany

Management Trainee

April 2002 – June 2003

Part-time work (60%) in the Process and Quality Management department. Co-leading a project for process re-design and activity-based costing; conceiving, planning and implementing a process-based method for managing operational risk.

HVB Group, Corporates & Markets, Italy

Milan, Italy

International Group Placement

January – March 2002

Analyzed corporate banking process and implemented improvement, trained staff and introduced Kaizen process optimization method, analyzed IT workflows and initiated systems change projects.

HVB Group, and Bank BPH S.A.*Management Trainee***Munich, Germany and Kraków, Poland***June 2000 – July 2001*

Part-time work (60%) in Retail Banking Management for Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). Assistant to project manager for process improvement, coordinated internal and external communication strategy, editor-in-chief of reporting newsletter to Management Board, preparing merger with Bank Austria at level of internal projects, organized information & training events for senior executives

HypoVereinsbank AG*Bankkaufmann (Diploma as professionally-trained banker)***Frankfurt am Main, Germany***August 1998 – July 2000*

Theoretical and on-the-job training in banking. Worked in Service, Sales, Individual Clients, Small and Medium Enterprises, Real Estate Clients, Liquidity and Investment Advisory, Capital Markets and Treasury departments

Promise Mgmt. Inc.*Intern***Bahama, NC, USA***July – September 1995 and July – September 1996*

Internships in several hotels in North and South Carolina: maintenance, guest services, promotion, sales, finances, management

Skills and Activities

Languages: German (native), English, Spanish, French (fluent), Italian (very good), Portuguese (intermediate)

Computer: MS Office, Adobe PageMaker & Photoshop, HTML and JavaScript Programming, MS Project, ARIS Process Design

Activities: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik, Young European Federalists, Junge Liberale, HfB-Alumni, Piano, Literature

Publications

Continuities and Disruptions in Germany's Foreign & Security Policies from 1989 to 2003, chapter 8 in: Rachwald, Arthur (ed.), „Transatlantic Relations (The View from Europe)“, McGrawHill, New York, 2003

„Process Managing Operational Risk. Developing a Concept for Adapting Process Management to the Needs of Operational Risk in the Basel II-Framework“, Graduation Thesis Hochschule für Bankwirtschaft, Frankfurt, 2003; Social Sciences Research Network, http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=674221

„Criminals and Courts across the Atlantic“, in *The Talent – Politics beyond Nations*, Issue 04/2005, <http://www.thetalent.org/Indice/Show/Articoli-HTML/frm-main.php?show=196>

„The Great Awakening. The Absolute and the Political: a polemical look at the fringes of the US electorate. A comparison between the religious influence in politics in Iran and the United States of America.“, in *The Talent – Politics beyond Nations*, Issue 11/2004, <http://www.thetalent.org/Indice/Show/Articoli-HTML/frm-main.php?show=137>