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### ● ABOUT ME

Bulgarian-born Chinese grown up in Catalonia, Spain. Intercultural communication is as vital as water in my life. I'm an international relations and international law graduand, with specialization in human security and sustainable development. My interests span from the performance of international institutions, implementation of international environmental agreements, and the intersection of human rights and the environment, to intercultural communication, and consumer behaviour.

Currently, I'm a Ph.D. candidate whose examines intervention strategies to reduce consumer-end food waste. My goal in this new stage of the professional and academic career is to broaden my knowledge base while also trying to contribute to the team with her interdisciplinarity. I seek a life in which I can be helpful to society.

### ● WORK EXPERIENCE

06/2023 – CURRENT Barcelona, Spain

#### PREDOCTORAL FELLOW POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF CATALONIA

Involvement in several European Union projects (SwitchtoHealthy, RASCS, FOODGUARD)'s tasks related to food loss/waste and lead by my Departament by:

- Designing and implementing intervention research
- Coordinating data collection for said interventions
- Managing and analysing datasets
- Producing deliverables for stakeholders and broader public audiences
- Writing scientific publications

Besides, I work on my dissertation in the field of food waste, participate in project applications and the acquisition of third-part funding.

10/2022 – 05/2023 Castelldefels, Spain

#### RESEARCH TECHNICIAN CREDA (CENTER FOR AGRO-FOOD ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT)

Involvement in the following European Union projects:

1. **European Consumer Food Waste Forum:** Research and evaluation of intervention studies to prevent and reduce consumer food waste, with the aim of producing a compendium of best practices to facilitate uptake of effective interventions.
2. **Switch to Healthy:** Design and implementation of interventions to increase adherence to the Mediterranean-based Diet.
3. **RASCS:** Development of strategies for communication about seafood consumption during food safety crisis: identification and assessment of current strategies and development of new ones.
4. **FOODGUARD:** Development of co-created innovations and applicable sustainable solutions in food processing and packaging in combination with advanced digital technologies to fight food loss/waste.

04/2022 – 06/2022 Barcelona, Spain

#### SUSTAINABILITY ANALYST I2 SOCIAL IMPACT INVESTING

Analysis, evaluation, and measurement of the social impact of Shuifa Group's sustainable development projects financed by the company's investment funds.

The resulting report is available [here](#).

10/2021 – 03/2022 Nairobi, Kenya

## **PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT INTERN UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME**

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Support in the preparations towards UNEA 5.2 and UNEP@50 as well as in the accreditation of NGOs as observers to UNEP. Specific tasks included:

1. Research on applying NGOs to examine their qualification as observers.
2. Accreditation of 50+ NGOs for participation at UNEA 5.2 and side events.
3. Member of the UNEP Youth Working Group on establishing a UN Youth Office.
4. Screen editing at UN High Level Meetings.
5. Drafting and preparing official documents for its publication.
6. Stakeholder outreach.
7. Supervision of stakeholder participation at UNEA 5.2.

08/2020 – 11/2020 Brussels, Belgium

## **POLITICAL AFFAIRS INTERN DELEGATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CATALONIA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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Analysis of the EU agenda, elaboration of lobbying strategies, and monitoring the different positions and debates on the relevant EU policies for Catalonia. Specifically, conduct the following-up, analysis and policy brief writing of the following areas of action of the EU:

1. Cooperation, Migration, and Asylum.
2. International Affairs, Digital Policy and Security.
3. Fishing, Agriculture and Consumption.
4. European Green Deal, Climate Change and the Environment.

Finally, participation and drafting of a summary of resolutions adopted during the 555th Plenary Session of the European Economic and Social Committee.

09/2019 – 01/2020 Barcelona, Spain

## **MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT CASA ASIA**

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Work in collaboration with Asian associations, professionals, public and private entities and the public administration to design, plan and organize intercultural activities to promote the Asian culture and enhance cultural diversification in the city. Specific tasks included:

1. Organization of the Chinese New Year in Barcelona together with the local city council.
2. Participation in the Communication Group of the Antirumors Network of Barcelona.
3. Assistance with the logistics of 2019 ASEM Cultural Festival.
4. Coordination of the 18th Edition of the Intercultural Forum Theatre.
5. Drafting of the Department's annual memoir.

07/2018 – 09/2018 Athens, Greece

## **INVESTMENT COUNSELOR NOBLE FORTUNE HELLAS I.K.E**

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Counselling to individual investors and entrepreneurs, providing guidance and assistance to those seeking immigration benefits through the variety of unique investor options, such as the Greek Golden Visa program seeking to attract investment to the country by conferring immigration benefits.

Negotiation of all sorts of real estate contracts, such as the reservation agreement, the final purchasing and sale contracts, the rental agreements and the translation and supervision of the Power Of Attorney (POA).

05/2018 – CURRENT Barcelona, Spain

## **SPANISH, CATALAN TO CHINESE TRANSLATOR AND INTERPRETER SEPROTEC TRADUCCIÓN E INTERPRETACIÓN, S.L**

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Linguistic support in public services such as Police Stations and Courts for service users who do not speak the local languages.

07/2017 – 09/2017 Barcelona El Prat Airport, Spain

## **SALES PROMOTER JO MALONE LONDON**

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Development and implementation of strategies through which sales can increase and figures can improve:

1. Set sale goals and work towards them.
2. Perform direct marketing and sales activities.

3. Maintain and develop existing and new costumers.
4. Explanation of all the information of the products.
5. Boutique visual's maintaining.
6. Suggest specific products to meet costumer's need.
7. Stock management.

12/2016 – 11/2018 Barcelona, Spain

## RETAIL SHOP OWNER

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Maintenance of the retail business through stock management, marketing and sales activities, importation of products and bureaucratic management.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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10/2022 – CURRENT Barcelona, Spain

### PH.D IN SUSTAINABILITY Polytechnic University of Catalonia

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**Website** <https://www.upc.edu/en> | **Field of study** Food security

09/2021 – 06/2022 Barcelona, Spain

### MASTER IN TRANSLATION AND INTERCULTURAL STUDIES. Autonomous University of Barcelona

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**Website** <https://www.uab.cat/traduccióinterpretació/> |

**Field of study** Language interpretation and translation, Intercultural communication |

**Thesis** Interculturality and Effectiveness of Public Policies: a case study of the Chinese community towards recycling policies

07/2021 – 07/2021

### EU-CHINA COOPERATION. GREEN TRANSITION AND DIGITAL ECONOMY BETWEEN NATIONAL POLICIES AND MULTIPOLARISM SUMMER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Centro Studi sulla Cina Contemporanea and Suor Orsola Benin

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05/2021 – 06/2021

### ONLINE WORKSHOP SERIES ON CIRCULAR PLASTIC USE: INNOVATE & CHANGE TO CLOSE THE LOOP Asia-Europe Foundation

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09/2019 – 01/2021 Barcelona, Spain

### MASTER IN DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CEI International Affairs

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- International Legal System
- Institutions for the Maintenance of Peace and Security
- International Institutional Law
- Development Cooperation
- Political Governance of Globalization

**Address** Avenue Vallvidrera, 25, 08017, Barcelona, Spain | **Website** [www.ceibcn.com](http://www.ceibcn.com) |

**Field of study** International law | **Thesis** Landfill Earth: A Global Perspective on the Waste Problem

01/2019 – 06/2019 Beijing, China

### CERTIFICATE IN DOING BUSINESS IN CHINA Beijing Foreign Studies University

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- China Foreign Relations
- Government and Politics in China

**Address** 19 North Xisanhuan Avenue, 100089, Beijing, China | **Website** [www.en.bfsu.edu.cn](http://www.en.bfsu.edu.cn) |

**Field of study** Chinese Politics

- International Relations
- Global Current Affairs
- Global Political Economy
- Mass Media and Geopolitics
- Data Analysis

**Address** Plaça de la Mercè, 10-12, 08002, Barcelona, Spain | **Website** [www.upf.edu](http://www.upf.edu) |

**Field of study** International relations | **Thesis** The Death Penalty in China

22/11/2020

**EU POLICY MAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION** Lund University - Coursera

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12/01/2021

**ASIAN ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES** Zurich University - Coursera

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28/05/2021

**THE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS** Council of Europe Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals

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**Website** <http://help.elearning.ext.coe.int/>

31/05/2021

**INTRODUCTION TO HTML** University of Michigan - Coursera

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## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s): **SPANISH** | **CATALAN** | **CHINESE**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C1	C2	C1	C1	C2
<b>FRENCH</b>	A2	B1	A2	A2	A2
<b>KOREAN</b>	B1	A2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

## ● DIGITAL SKILLS

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### Digital Skills - Test Results

Information and data literacy	<b>ADVANCED</b>	Level 6 / 6
Communication and collaboration	<b>ADVANCED</b>	Level 6 / 6
Digital content creation	<b>ADVANCED</b>	Level 6 / 6
Safety	<b>ADVANCED</b>	Level 6 / 6
Problem solving	<b>ADVANCED</b>	Level 6 / 6

Results from [self-assessment](#) based on [The Digital Competence Framework 2.1](#)

## My Digital Skills

### Academic and professional tools and softwares

Acrobat Reader | Gmail | Microsoft Word | Microsoft Excel | Microsoft One Note | Google Drive |  
Microsoft Powerpoint | Mendeley | Outlook | Google Docs

### Social media

Instagram | WeChat | Tik Tok | LinkedIn | Weibo | KakaoTalk | Twitter | WhatsApp

### Content creation tools and softwares

Adobe Lightroom | Adobe Premiere | iMovie | Graphich design in Canva | Piktochart

### Communication softwares

Zoom | Microsoft Teams | GoToMeeting | Skype

## ● ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### PUBLICATIONS

#### [Landfill Earth: A Global Perspective on the Waste Problem](#) – 2020

Link <http://hdl.handle.net/2445/170328>

### SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

07/10/2019 – 09/12/2020 Barcelona

**Coordination and participation in the 18th Edition Intercultural Forum Theatre** The activity brought together around 20 people of different countries around the world to share experiences and discuss stereotypes and rumours on cultural diversity and coexistence based on the principles and methodology of Forum Theatre.

Link <https://www.casaasia.cat/actividad/aula-de-teatre-forum-intercultural-de-casa-asia-18a-edicio/>

07/10/2019 – 31/01/2020 Barcelona

**Participation in the Antirumors Network of Barcelona - Communication Group** Member of the Communication Group of the Antirumors Network. The objective of the Group is to maintain social cohesion and foster intercultural interaction and relations in the city of Barcelona. This is achieved by designing strategies to dispel existing rumours, stereotypes and prejudices concerning cultural diversity in Barcelona on the one hand and fostering positive interaction between people of different ethnic origins on the other.

Link <https://ajuntament.barcelona.cat/bcnaccointercultural/ca/estrategia-bcn-antirumors/que-fem-estrategia-antirumors>

05/2017 Barcelona

**Participation in the Catalonia Model United Nations 2017** Participation in the Model United Nations, a simulation in which students can learn about diplomacy, international relations and the United Nations, as the Delegation of Egypt in the Committee of the United Nations Development Program.

### CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

22/07/2022 – Online

**ISWA Young Professionals Group 5th Online Conference** Participation in the Young Professionals Group Online Conference, the leading international conference for young professionals on waste management, with an abstract on how there lacks a systemic and holistic perspective to address the waste problem.

28/02/2022 – 02/03/2022 – Nairobi, Kenya

**Fifth Session of the United Nations Enviorment Assembly (UNEA 5.2)** The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) brings together representatives of the 193 Member States of the UN, businesses, civil society and other stakeholders to agree on policies to address the world's most pressing environmental challenges. The overall theme for UNEA-5 was "Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals" highlighting the pivotal role nature plays in our lives and in social, economic and environmental sustainable development. (UNEP, 2022)

## **VOLUNTEERING**

01/07/2021 – CURRENT Barcelona

**Fundació BarcelonActúa** Collection and redistribution of surplus food from different providers to people at risk or poverty or social exclusion.

01/09/2021 – 01/10/2022 Barcelona

**Fundació Privada AVISMON-CATALUNYA** Friendly telephone calls to older people who are living alone to help reduce feelings of social isolation and loneliness.

## **COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS**

**Adaptability to multicultural environments** Intercultural communication is as vital as water in my life. Growing up with a bilingual Chinese family in a bilingual Spanish city has forced me to adapt my thinking, language, and behaviour depending on where and with whom I am at a specific moment.

Moreover, starting from my first official job at the airport, where I received customers from all around the world, to my last work at the United Nations, adaptability and flexibility to diversity was a must to avoid conflict and achieve greater team work and thus, results.

**Teamwork**

**Self-motivated**

**Responsibility**

## **ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS**

**Multitasking**

**Ability to meet deadlines**

**Coordination and collaboration within a team**

**Adept at following instructions**

## **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS**

**Sustainable Development**

**International relations**

**Human rights**

**Nature Photography**

**Writing**

**Video making**