

# LEYLA MARIA BECK

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## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University**  
*Master of Arts in Economics*

New York, United States  
August 2018- present

**University College London**  
*European Social and Political Studies with Full Economic Specialism (High 2:1)*

London, United Kingdom  
September 2013-June 2017

- Dissertation: "Intersecting Electoral Cycles and the European Debt Crisis: A Comparative Analysis of Latvian and Lithuanian Labour Market Policy" (grade: 68)
- Year abroad at "Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Sede di Milano" (Italy) September 2015-June 2016

**Realgymnasium Rämibühl**  
*International Baccalaureate (IB) and Swiss "Maturität"(MAR)*

Zürich, Switzerland  
August 2007-June 2013

- *International Baccalaureate*: Bilingual Diploma (German /English), 42 points (max. 45), Extended Essay A (max. A)
- *"Schweizerisch anerkannte kantonale Maturität"*: Bilingual Diploma (German /English), grade average 5.6

## EXPERIENCE

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**The Risk Advisory Group**  
*Research Intern, Business Intelligence - Middle East and North Africa*

London, England  
December 2017- June 2018

- Confidential investigative research of available public records and proprietary databases in English, Arabic and French with a particular focus on political influence mapping in Lebanon, Syria and Iran

**Arab Reform Initiative (ARI)**  
*Research Intern*

Paris, France  
July 2016- September 2016

- Extensive background and bibliographical research in security sector reform (SSR) for Iraq, Libya, Syria and Yemen
- Preliminary research on leveraging the Syrian diaspora for humanitarian, social, political and economic purposes
- Preparation of "Law and Security Sector Reform" lectures for a Syrian university training programme

**Roubini Global Economics (RGE)**  
*Macroeconomic Research Intern*

London, United Kingdom  
June 2015-August 2015

- 2015 Iran Deal: Co-authored a report seeking to evaluate the deal's medium-term macroeconomic impact
- Assisted the Western Europe team on a day-to-day basis by gathering relevant research data using Bloomberg, Haver etc.
- Covered German media outlets during the peak of the Greek government debt crisis for the Western Europe Senior Director
- Created an extensive database and produced graphs to assess the recent development of several Latin American countries' current accounts using Haver Analytics' Data Link Express (DLX) and Microsoft Office Excel
- Contributed to an analysis comparing the level of debt across Latin America and evaluating possible adjustment measures
- Composed synopses outlining the major political risks facing a variety of African countries using Roubini Country Insights

**UCL International Relations Society**  
*Academic Events Director*

London, United Kingdom  
March 2014-May 2015

- Organised and promoted a variety of speaker events on current affairs with prominent academics, journalists and diplomats

**International Project Aid (IPA)**  
*Junior Team Member*

Zürich, Switzerland  
June 2011-December 2012

- Assisted Managing Directors in NGO work through onsite inspection of completed and ongoing projects across Albania
- Developed fundraising strategy and project budgeting plan for the IPA Junior Project, the renovation of a school and an ambulatory centre in the small village of Riban in Southern Albania
- Pitched the IPA Junior Project to prominent individuals and foundations (MBF Foundation, Lions Club, Rotary Club...)
- Raised more than the 119'600 CHF needed for project completion as part of the Junior Team

## ADDITIONAL

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- Languages German, French, English (Native Speaker Level); Italian (Fluent), Arabic (Advanced)
- IT Experience using Stata, Haver Analytics DLX and Microsoft Office Excel
- Volunteering Jusoor - Refugee Education Programme for Syrian Children Beirut, Lebanon July 2017-August 2017
- Interests Capoeira (Brazilian martial art), Singing (Choir), Creative Writing, Skiing