

VERENA MÄRKER

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EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2026 – present ▪ **Awarded a Doctoral Scholarship from the German Academic Scholarship Foundation** (accepted) and the **Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung** (declined)
- 2021 – present ▪ **Online-Scholarship from e-fellows.net**
- 2019 – 2024 ▪ **Scholarship from the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung**
- 2025 – present ▪ **Friedrich Schiller Universität Jena – Sciences Po Paris** Joint PhD programme in Global Literatures and International Relations
- 2024 – 2025 ▪ **Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen** Courses in Islamic Studies and African Literary and Cultural Studies for further regional insights and the improvement of Arabic and Kiswahili skills in between graduate and PhD studies
- 2022 – 2024 ▪ **Sciences Po Paris – London School of Economics and Political Science** Graduate studies in international affairs (Human Rights and Humanitarian Action – International Relations) (cum laude – distinction). Master's Dissertation on "The Myth of Apolitical Helping: Migratory Aesthetics Between Pity and Solidarity" (distinction, best possible grade)
- 2018 – 2022 ▪ **Sciences Po Paris – Freie Universität Berlin** Undergraduate studies in political science. Trilingual curriculum with emphasis on Europe at the *Nancy campus* (1.0). Bachelor thesis on Fundraising Practices of Aid Agencies (1.0, best possible grade)
- 2008 – 2016 ▪ **Secondary education** at Albert- Einstein-Gymnasium Sankt Augustin; graduated with Abitur (1.4), bilingual stream (English/ German)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2025 – present ▪ **Research Associate at the Chair of Anglophone Literatures in a Global Environment of J.-Prof. Keyvan Allahyari (Friederich Schiller Universität Jena)**, independent conceptualisation, organisation and delivery of seminars; participation in the master's selection committee; grading of term papers, bachelor's and master's dissertations and state examinations for the teacher education programme; administrative tasks
- 2025 – present ▪ **Board member of the Congolese-German Society**
- 2022 – present ▪ **Member of the Tönissteiner Student Forum**, former board member (2023/2024)
- 06/2025 ▪ **Supporting the refugee project "Passerelle Tübingen e.V."**, part-time
- 08/2024 ▪ **Organisation and implementation of a one-week seminar for scholarship holders of the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation in the DR Congo**, programme coordination, interpretation and follow-up work
- 2022 – 2023 ▪ **Sciences Po Law Clinic on colonial crimes in former Belgian Congo**
- 07 – 08/2023 ▪ **Internship at the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation Office Peru, Lima**, revision of project proposals, coordination with project partners, supporting conference management and guest reception and weekly "reporte de noticias"
- 05 – 06/2023 ▪ **Internship at the State Representation Office of the Federal State of Rhineland-Palatinate to the EU, Brussels**, reception of groups of visitors, weekly reports and memo drafts for the State Chancellery, participation in departmental rounds
- 2020 – 2022 ▪ **Student Assistant at Agence France Presse**, e.g. editorial assistance during elections
- 2021 – 2022 ▪ **Mentor at the Department of Political and Social Sciences for first-year students at the Freie Universität Berlin**

09 – 10/2021	▪ Internship at missio , accompaniment and interpretation of Senegalese guests in the framework of the World Mission Sunday
03 – 04/2021	▪ Internship at the Ministry of the Interior of Brandenburg , comparative cost analysis of German-Hungarian migration policy as part of EU policies
06 – 07/2020	▪ Internship at the French Red Cross, Unité Locale de Nancy , Food aid, first aid, youth work and language courses for migrants
2017 – 2018	▪ Development volunteer service <i>weltwärts</i> of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in Peru, School Sisters of Notre Dame
2016 – 2017	▪ Au Pair in Clamart, France

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Languages	▪ German (mother tongue), English (C2), French (C2), Spanish (C1), Arabic (B1), Kiswahili (beginner) ▪ CertiLingua label of excellence in addition to the Abitur
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MEMBERSHIPS

Since 2025	▪ Member of the Amnesty International Youth Group in Jena
Since 2020	▪ Member of Amnesty International's Indigenous Peoples and Human Rights Coordination Group in Germany , contact person for Brazil and Peru
Since 2007	▪ Member of the German Life Saving Association DLRG , rescue and swim trainer
11/2024	▪ Participation in the Conference 'Young Voices for a United Europe', part of the Youth4Peace project of the European Academy Berlin , interviews and podcast production on the 35 th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall
2022 – 2024	▪ Collaboration in the organisation team of "Schülerkolleg International" , an initiative of the Tönissteiner Kreis and the Student Forum, co-responsible for the application procedure, coordination of the mentoring and study trip organisation
2021 – 2024	▪ Youth leader for Franco-German youth meetings of the Gesellschaft für übernationale Zusammenarbeit (BILD-GÜZ)
01/2023	▪ Participation in the Paris Youth and Leader Summit as youth artist
04 – 06/2021	▪ Participation in the virtual Think Tank #EngageEUrCouncil from the IEP within the framework of the Trio Council Presidency
2020 – 2022	▪ Member of the project for refugees <i>ParticiPate</i> from the Avicenna Foundation
2012 – 2022	▪ Group representative of different Amnesty International Youth Groups
09/2020	▪ Workshop leader for 'Europamobil' of the Genshagen foundation
2019 – 2020	▪ French Red Cross, Unité Locale de Nancy , weekly language courses for migrants
2018 – 2019	▪ Accompaniment of asylum seekers in the LGBTI+ centre in Nancy