

# Dennis Immanuel Keller

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## Education

2010 – 2012  
London, UK

**London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE)**  
**MPA (Master of Public Administration)**

- Courses: Economics, Development Economics, Econometrics, Public Budgeting and Financial Management, Public Policy, Business in the Global Environment
- Student Representative at Staff-Students Liaison Committee
- Career & Alumni Coordinator of Student Association, managing team of 10 students

2007 – 2010  
The Netherlands

**University College Utrecht**  
**Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences (Honours), cum laude**

- Honours Thesis: “Foreign Farmland Acquisition: controlling ‘land grabs’. Opportunities, risks and regulatory issues for LDCs”, Grade: A (4.0)
- Courses: Political Science, Human Geography, Anthropology, Economics and Statistics

Dec. 08 – May 09  
Penang, Malaysia

**Science University Malaysia**  
**Exchange Semester**

- Courses: Political Science, Anthropology, Southeast Asian Studies

## Professional Experience

Oct. 11 – Apr. 12  
London & Paris

**Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**  
**MPA Consultant**

- Developing composite indicators to measure internal financial control and internal audit across governments
- Working in a team of four as part of the LSE MPA Capstone Consulting Project

Since April 2011  
London, UK

**European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**  
**Turnaround Management Intern**

- Facilitating the transition and providing advise to a new comprehensive bespoke management information system (MIS), liaising with external IT consultants
- Developing scoring system for monitoring and evaluation and working on project management and impact assessment (managing a temporary staff for two months)
- Implemented country wide analysis template, which was recommended for all technical cooperation projects across the Bank by senior management

April 08 – June 11  
Global

**Dionos Services**  
**Co-founder and Project Manager**

- Since 2008 (part-time): managing and executing international projects for NGO consulting and IT solutions (numerous developing countries)
- Since 2001 (part-time): managing web programming, graphic design and database development projects for small and medium-sized enterprises and organisations (mainly in Germany)

Highlights include:

- NGO consulting in collaboration with local partner for national participatory organisation in Kenya: 1. Advise on project management and IT usage; 2. Project advise on social auditing initiative, improving organisational efficiency and strategy planning, meeting and collaborating with 28 partners each representing their community of up to several thousand citizens
- Management of project in a group of three in North Sumatra, Indonesia for social welfare institute: problem analysis and organisational consulting, development of staff database network and website, and implementation of structural solutions to enhance working relations with donors and volunteers

June 10 – Sep. 10  
Bonn, Germany

**Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development**  
**Work placement in the division Middle East**

- Conducted research on vocational education: identified role and progress within Iraq Trust Fund for review of further support; compiled projects of government partners in

Jordan; researched change of projects in the wider region and identified a change in focus that led to a number of recommendations for future projects

- Researched diaspora issues and migration within the region. Identified policy potential in migration-related value chain promotion
- Undertook analyses of numerous other topics, such as: German foreign trade in the region; official development aid by the United Arab Emirates
- Successfully drafted the opening speech for the head of delegation for the 2010 government consultations with Yemen

June 09 – Aug. 09

Colombo, Sri Lanka

**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

**Global Environment Facility Intern, Small Grants Programme**

- Produced piece of policy advise on climate change adaptation and mitigation in relation to sustainable forest management
- Publication of research paper, based on liaising and interviews with national government departments, UN staff, local and regional NGOs, as well as rural villagers
- Analysed policy impact of and mainstreaming possibility for small grants
- Planned and undertook several field trips and case studies
- Maintained database and developed national GEF/SGP website

July 06 – Aug. 07

Tochigi, Japan

**Asian Rural Institute, Rural Leaders Training Program**

**Volunteer as Admissions Recruitment Assistant**

- Assisted applicants in preparation for training programme and successfully facilitated process from enquiry stage to welcoming 30 rural leaders from marginalised areas from countries such as Myanmar and the Solomon Islands to commence their programme
- Actively liaised with heads of Non-Government Organisations and continuously handled and responded to enquiries from NGOs worldwide
- Led small team to develop new website and designed and enabled distribution of biannual graduate brochure
- Acquired sustainable agricultural techniques and partook daily in farming practices
- August 2007: Evaluation programme for rural development and sustainability, Tanzania and Uganda: oversaw and advised work of former ARI participants. NGOs involved: farmer co-operative at Kyangwali Refugee Settlement, Uganda (border DR Congo); Kawita Educational Centre, Uganda; Caritas Tabora, Tanzania

**Languages and Skills**

- German (mother tongue), English (fluent), French (very good), Dutch (good), Japanese (basic), Arabic (basic)
- MS Office, STATA, HTML, PHP, MySQL (excellent); SPSS (very good)

**Achievements**

November 2010

Germany

**Africa Conference, University of Cologne**

Presentation of paper “foreign farmland acquisition: can (and should) we control ‘land grabs’?”

November 2009

**Publication**

Keller, Dennis. “Community participation in sustainable forest management, Sri Lanka.” In: Van Bodegom, Arend Jan, Herman Savenije and Marieke Wit (eds). (2009). Forests and Climate Change: adaptation and mitigation. Tropenbos International, Wageningen, The Netherlands. xvi + 160 pp.;

March 2008

The Netherlands

**Red Cross Masterclass**

Co-developing a business plan in a group of four on volunteering possibilities in climate change adaptation for the Red Cross in the Netherlands

**Scholarships**

Since 2010

2009

Friedrich Ebert Foundation scholarship

DAAD scholarship for internship in international organisations

**References available upon request.**