

Curriculum vitae

Martina Merten
Born on 27th of December 1976

Professional Career/national

Since 10/2004

Freelance journalist: publications in “Financial Times Germany”, “The Asia Pacific Times” “Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung”, “Die Welt am Sonntag”, “Der Kassenarzt”, “DocCheck” [focus: foreign healthcare systems]

12/2005-03/2009

Editor (part-time) at the editorial office of „Deutsches Ärzteblatt“ (German Medical Journal), Berlin; focus: the German healthcare system (policy, management, health reforms), foreign healthcare systems (the economic transition and health transformation of the Middle- and Eastern European countries; health developments in Low- and Middle-Income Economies - Philippines, Vietnam, China)

01/2009-04/2009

Assistance and technical translation of “Health Policy Developments” (Gesundheitspolitik in Industrieländern, Serie des Internationalen Netzwerkes Gesundheitspolitik); published by Bertelsmann Stiftung, Gütersloh

Professional Career/abroad

Since 08/2009

Teacher of “Health Journalism” under the MA Journalism program at the Konrad Adenauer Asian Center for Journalism at the Ateneo de Manila University, Manila, Philippines

08-10/2009

Research trip to the Philippines, scholarship of the “Heinz-Kühn-Stiftung”; focus: medical tourism in Asia, particularly in the Philippines

10-11/2008

Research trip to Vietnam, scholarship of “International Journalist’s Programme”; focus: transformation process of the Vietnamese health care system

04/2008

Participant of a Philippine-German Business Mission and Country Appreciation Visit, headed by Ambassador Delia Domingo-Albert, Philippine Embassy, Berlin, focus: infrastructure, energy and medical tourism

- 03-04/2007* Conductor of a research trip to the Philippines on behalf of „journalists.network“ (German association for young journalists up to the age of 35); focus: national services, medical tourism, environmental protection
- 11/2005* Research trip to the Republic of China, scholarship of „journalists.network“; focus: energy-, environmental- and healthcare policy of China
- 2004-2006* Research trips to Poland, Hungary, The Czech Republic, Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Slovenia, Rumania and Bulgaria; focus: health transformation and economic transition
- 09/2000-01/2001* 5-month internship at the external office of the “Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation”, Manila, Philippines; focus: assistance at “Konrad-Adenauer-Center for Journalism”, Manila; conductor of media-conferences for ASEAN countries; assistance in conducting conferences in behalf of the Asian Institute of Management, Manila
- 09/1997* 4-week research trip to Texas, USA; scholarship of the Federal Agency for Civic Education for young journalists from Lower Saxony

Career Training

- 10/2002-09/2004* 2-year traineeship at the editorial office of “German Medical Magazine”, Cologne; focus: the German healthcare industry (physicians, hospitals, public and private insurances, research institutes); the German social health insurance (management, financing, construction), quality management (certification, requirements); foreign health systems (financing and delivery of health care)
- 10/1996-04/2002* 5 ½-year studies at “Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn”; subjects: political science, (major) [focus: Policy of the European Union, Federalism, political and economic relations of the ASEAN countries], public law (1st minor), constitutional-, social- and economic history (2nd minor); examination grade: 1.1 (Magister Artium)
- 10/87-06/1996* Theodor-Heuss-Gymnasium Waltrop, German “Abitur”

Special Skills

- Languages* excellent commands of English; good commands of French, fair commands of Spanish