# CURRICULUM VITAE

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| Since Feb. 2024 | Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees |
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| 2016 - 2020 | Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Switzerland in Vietnam |
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| 2010 - 2013 | Head, Council of Europe + OSCE Section and Deputy Head, Europe and Central Asia Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs |
| 2009 - 2010 | Diplomatic Adviser to the Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs |
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| 1990 - 1991 | Public Affairs Coordinator in charge of the dissemination of International Humanitarian Law, Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Mozambique |
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