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SENIOR POLITICAL ANALYST
GEOPOLITICAL RISK CONSULTANT | ENERGY ANALYST | STRATEGY ADVISOR

Dynamic, results-oriented leader with a proven track record of performance in high-paced and turnaround environments. Experienced in geopolitical analysis and strategic planning with a strong focus on driving success through sharp analysis, actionable insights, and a collaborative approach. Adept at resolving complex issues across political economy, strategy, geopolitics and operations. Recognized for superior interpersonal skills and the ability to motivate teams in achieving organizational goals. Committed to driving organizational improvement and implementing the best practices to ensure long-term success.

COMPETENCIES

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| • Geopolitical Risk Modeling | • Research Methodologies | • Adaptability |
| • Policy Analysis | • Project Management | • Report Writing |
| • Crisis Management | • Critical & Strategic Thinking | • Strong Presentation & Communication Skills |
| • Stakeholder Management | • Collaborative Mindset | • Interpersonal & Crisis Communication |
| • Statistical Analysis | • Team Leadership | • Cultural Awareness |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Metlen Group (Energy & Metals) 2017-present

Senior Political Analyst | Geopolitical Risk Analyst, Strategy Advisor

In a role requiring expertise in geopolitics and strategic insight, responsible for providing ongoing geopolitical analyses and strategic recommendations on global trends, policies, and legislation. Global news and social media are monitored to assess risks, with findings shared in a daily newsletter for top management. Strong partnerships are maintained with leading analysis firms such as Eurasia and Oxford Analytica to support strategic decision-making.

- Develop comprehensive risk assessment models for geopolitical threats.
- Produce ad hoc geopolitical analysis and strategic recommendations.
- Create a daily newsletter recognized by top management for its strategic value.
- Strengthen partnerships with leading geopolitical analysis firms to enhance strategic decision-making.
- Led a cross-departmental team in maintaining a geopolitical threat assessment procedure.

Press Distribution Agency 2011-2016
Operations Coordinator

Oversaw the daily commercial operations for a central Athens press distributor, ensuring smooth processes and operational efficiency. Led a team and collaborated across departments to resolve operational challenges, utilizing data-driven strategies to meet key performance indicators.

- Optimized inventory management systems, increasing efficiency by 15%.
- Streamlined operations, reducing processing time by 10%.
- Managed vendor relationships, improving product quality and performance.
- Implemented strategies that boosted overall operational performance by 20%.

Panteion University 2005-2011
Head Political Analyst, Institute of International Relations

Led in-depth research and produced policy papers while collaborating with governmental bodies and think tanks. Supervised academic projects, ensured research quality and managed multiple projects simultaneously.

- Produced high-impact policy briefs for the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other institutions.
- Spearheaded collaborative projects with prominent think tanks, including ELIAMEP.
- Developed and led workshops and seminars to enhance students' research and analytical capabilities.
- Managed and delivered multiple projects, consistently meeting deadlines and quality standards.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Haute Horlogerie: Independent Researcher and Journalist	2012-2017
• Extensive Contributor: Actively contributed to prestigious international online journals and publications, including Monochrome, Haute Horlogerie Journal, Vanity Fair, and the Omega Official Publication. • Published Author: Authored Flightmaster Only, a definitive analysis of the iconic Omega Flightmaster watch, recognized for its comprehensive research and engaging narrative. • Featured Writer: Published numerous articles in Vanity Fair, blending technical insights with cultural storytelling in the luxury watchmaking sector, appealing to both enthusiasts and industry professionals. • Research and Writing Excellence: Acknowledged for deep research capabilities and a compelling writing style that resonates with diverse audiences, enhancing understanding and appreciation of horology.	

EDUCATION & TRAINING

MA in War Studies, KING'S COLLEGE LONDON, London	September 2003
Master of Arts in International Relations and Strategic Studies with emphasis in Geopolitics and Risk Analysis	
BA (Hons) in Politics & International Relations, UNIVERSITY OF HULL, Hull	September 2000
Degree in Political Science and International Relations with emphasis given in crisis management and International Political Economy and International Organizations. Graduated with Distinction - Upper Second Class	

Professional Development

Indicative publications:	
• Nord Stream, an in-depth analysis. Its importance and the repercussions it creates for the EU. Dec 15, 2011 • Natural Gas in a World Level. Natural Gas in a World Level. "Apogeymatini", Sunday Edition, (Article). Oct 15, 2006 • The Shtokman Shift and its Geopolitical Repercussions. Energy Policy Brief for the Greek Foreign Ministry. Oct 1, 2006	

Technical: ECDL Microsoft Office
Languages: English: Fluent, Greek: Native
Memberships: Board of Advisors, Executive MBA, University of the Aegean.