

# Axel DESSEIN

## Basic Data

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## Profile

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A recent personality survey through HumanQuest shows that I am a learning and supportive type of person with a critical approach to information, a focus on details, and the search for connections between facts.

## Experience

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September – October 2017, Press Assistant at the Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium

- Acted as an intermediary between the press and diplomatic staff
- Responsible for news selection and reporting on the daily headlines
- Graphic design

Spring 2017, Research Internship on Asia-Pacific Security 2, Belgian Defense

Spring 2016, Research Internship on Asia-Pacific Security, Belgian Defense

- Opportunity to expand my knowledge on international relations and security
- Responsible for writing reports on China and its security implications for Belgium and Europe
- Reporting on abstract security matters such as Russian hybrid warfare

## Publication

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Dessein, A. (June 8, 2017), "China in de Zuid-Chinese Zee: 'We geven geen duimbreed toe' (China in the South China Sea: 'We Do Not Allow a Slim Width')", MO\* Magazine (in Dutch).

## Language Skills

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Fluent in Dutch and English

Conversational in Mandarin-Chinese, German and French

## Education

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2015-2017, M.A. Oriental Language and Cultural Studies: China, Ghent University (Magna Cum Laude)

Winter 2016-2017, Chinese Language Centre, National Chengchi University (Huayu Enrichment Scholarship)

Autumn 2014, Liaoning University (China Semester Ghent University)

2012-2015, B.A. Oriental Language and Cultural Studies: China, Ghent University (Cum Fructu)