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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Full-time since* **THIN LINE PRODUCTIONS**, Founder and director, TV reporting & documentaries
Film contributions for RTS, Arte, SRF, TV5 Monde, Channel 4, etc. *Europe, Middle East*
- Oct. 08* Documentaries: *Women undertakers, Over-indebted, Feminine Pleasure, The human face of Alzheimer, Oil Rocks – Inside the world's biggest oil platform*
Regular contributions for Swiss and foreign channels : *WTO turns art master, Swiss immigration, North Korea's parades and ski slopes; driving in Saudi Arabia, Iran's economic crisis; Bushehr's nuclear plant*
- Sept. 07- Sept. 08* **BLOOMBERG NEWS**, Government reporter, based in the Swiss capital Bern *Bern*
Ex: Swiss banking secrecy in turmoil; Yahoo, Google seek Swiss fiscal comfort; SVP goes into opposition; The Swiss Army Business School; Swiss monetary policies; The last days of the Lex Koller, limiting property sales to foreigners.
- March 05- Sept. 07* **BLOOMBERG NEWS**, Opening and management of Bloomberg's news bureau in Tehran. Reporter for the Energy Team (news, features & Bloomberg TV reports) *Iran & Middle East*
Ex: Iran rations gasoline, switches to gas; Iran's threat to cut oil flows may backfire; Zoom on the biggest foreign investments in the country; Qatar catching up on Dubai; brain drain; Iran snow lures foreign skiers.
- Jan. 01- Febr. 05* **BLOOMBERG NEWS**, Finance reporter based in Zurich and Geneva. Focus: private banks, banking regulations and money laundering. Missions to Kabul *Geneva, Zurich Kabul*
Ex: The Geneva Private Bankers' business model; Changes in sight with Swiss banking secrecy; Rising number of millionaires; money laundering cases (Abacha, Taylor, etc.); tightening of Swiss bank rules after 9/11; Kabul's property boom.
- May 99- Dec. 2000* **CENTRAL ASIA FREE-LANCE REPORTER**, print, radio & TV, based in Tashkent *Central Asia, Afghanistan, South Caucasus*
Media: Le Temps, RSR, Swiss TV, Radio France Internationale, Libération
Ex: Ahmad Shah Massoud & Taliban leaders (interviews); The Soviet Nevada; Afghanistan's untouched riches; The Aral Sea's oil future; Caviar routes.
- Oct. 97- April 99* **EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (EBRD)**, Economic writer based in London. In charge of the 1998 & 1999 Country Profiles on Central Asian and South Caucasus. Regular field visits. *London, Central Asia*

EDUCATION

- 1991-96* **UNIVERSITY OF ST. GALLEN**, M.A. in Economics (with distinction)
Master thesis: « Russia, foreign investors between organised crime and the lawful path ». Russian language courses. Part-time journalist since 1993 (Hebdo, etc.) *St. Gallen*
- Oct. 95- Febr. 96* **INSTITUT D'ETUDES POLITIQUES DE PARIS (SCIENCES PO)**
Exchange programme, *specialisation: Communication and journalism* *Paris*
- Oct. 93- Febr. 94* **UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE**
CEMS-Exchange programme, *specialisation: Economies in transition* *Germany*
- July 90* Swiss Federal Maturity in Sciences and Mathematics *Lausanne (CH)*

LANGUAGES & AUDIO/VIDEO SKILLS

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| French: Mother tongue | Russian: Decent knowledge |
| English: Fluent | Farsi (Persian): Good knowledge |
| German: Fluent | Video editing: Final Cut Pro |

FURTHER WORK EXPERIENCES AND HOBBIES

- Internships* NESTLÉ SA, Marketing dept., Swiss training + 3 months in Lahore (March-Sept.97) *CH, Pakistan*
HILTI ASIA, Market study for the opening of a China subsidiary (Dec. 94-March 95) *Hong Kong*
- Teaching activity* Irkutsk University (Siberia), Assistant, French department (Nov. 96-Febr. 97) *Russia*
Sukhe Bataar (Mongolia), English teacher (May-July 94) *Mongolia*
- Sports* Downhill skiing (instructor's licence), trekking