

THOMAS COLE

COMMUNICATIONS & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Key Points

- ca. 15 years in communications & international affairs
- Public speaking & broadcast interview experience
- German, French, Italian, Spanish language capabilities
- Advised high-ranking politicians & business leaders
- Public outreach, advocacy & diplomatic experience
- Strong leadership & project management experience

Professional Experience

International Political Analyst/Journalist/Career-break, London, UK 2016/2017 + 2020 – Present

- Expert-analyst on international TV networks on EU & UK politics (Examples: [BBC World](#), [CNBC](#), [Cheddar](#), [Euronews](#), [Sky](#))
- Interviewing [experts](#), producing [video packages](#), [explainer pieces](#) and [writing](#) about international political events
- Taken career-break to pursue journalism degree, whilst learning new skills such as [website](#) design & video/audio editing

Spokesperson/Head of Policy, People's Vote Campaign/Open Britain, London, UK 2017 - 2019

- Led international outreach for pro-EU campaign including organising press conferences and [drafting](#) & [placing](#) op-eds
- Spokesperson for organisation towards international media (Examples: [Al Jazeera](#), [Foreign Policy](#), [France24](#), [die Zeit](#))
- Represented organisation publicly, via broadcast interviews (Examples: [BBC](#), [Cheddar](#), [Euronews](#), [Sky News](#))
- Managed policy team, drafting briefings for MPs (examples [here](#) & [here](#)) and led organisation's [diplomatic outreach](#)

Policy Officer, DG NEAR (EU Enlargement & Neighbourhood), European Commission, Brussels, Belgium 2012 – 2016

- Managed and led briefings' teams on speeches, speaking points & backgrounders for senior officials on EU foreign policy
- Drafted media lines, rebuttal points, replies to journalists and MEP's' questions and represented Commission publicly
- Worked on EU accession negotiations and neighbourhood policy & project-managed EU Information Centre in Iceland
- Reported on EU Foreign Ministers' meetings and regularly briefed member state diplomats on EU accession negotiations

Political Consultant, g+Europe Brussels, Belgium, 2009 – 2011

- Managed public relations for clients including by drafting & placing opinion pieces in media outlets across the EU
- Organised clients' press conferences, drafted clients' CEO's speeches & set up interviews with relevant journalists
- Provided clients with daily media wrap-up reports of EU-wide coverage of their businesses, operations and sectors
- Advised, accompanied & briefed clients on meetings with politicians, advisors and regulators across the European Union

Policy Researcher, Periodical Publishers' Association, London, UK, 2008 -2009

- Undertook Policy & Business Research for UK magazine industry, organised events and developed industry contacts

Intern, European Union Delegation to the United States, Washington DC, USA 2008

- Drafted reports on hearings & events at Congress/think tanks/IMF/World Bank & assisted with Delegation public outreach

Education

City, University of London, UK
MA, International Journalism, Grade: Distinction

2020 – 2021

Languages

English Mother Tongue
German Fluent

London School of Economics, UK
MSc, Global Politics, Grade: Merit

2006 - 2007

French Advanced
Italian Intermediate

University of Edinburgh, UK
MA, History & Politics, Grade 2:1 (ERASMUS Exchange 2004-2005)

2002 - 2006

Spanish Elementary
Portuguese/Dutch Beginner

Boards/Memberships/Voluntary roles

- Member of Chatham House think tank since 2016; Previous board member of LSE & Edinburgh University alumni societies
- Previous Board Member of the 'Young Professionals in Foreign Policy', Brussels, organising Ambassadors' event series
- Volunteer: 'Britain Stronger in Europe' 2016; Liberal Democrats, 2009; Street children projects in Peru & Eswatini 2000s

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