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## **Application as Secretary**

by Jan Behrens

My name is Jan Behrens and with my application as Secretary I would like to change the paradigm of the association towards a culture of transparency, inclusiveness and democratic values. The recent years the management of the association was formed by top-down power politics and a shift of the association away from creating and maintaining a personal network of political students and towards a lobbying organisation.

I would like to turn back to the core of the Dutch association in supporting empowerment of students and an environment of an atmosphere offering to connect interpersonal relationships and friendships for a longer times.

During my term of office I would strengthen efforts of a sustainable development and an institutional learning to prevent conflicts within the team like they arised in almost every mandate of the last years.

Limiting workload to a sufficient extent would prevent the association for resignation of team members and would support the mental health everyone does need to unfold their intrinsic motivation that an association like this one should be based on, especially when contributing voluntarily.

I have got a year-long experience in working in the the team as IT coordinator at the interface of membership management, financial administration, team accounts and internal workflows besides the organisation of conferences and participating in numerous events like conferences and a seasonal school.

Most important for me is improving communication within the team as well as among the members to offer the best experience for everyone and avoid tendencies of degradation and bullying like it has unfortunately happened within the association in former times.

I will try to offer personal talks and communication to everyone establishing a culture of holocracy everyone can learn from each other.

Please do place your trust in my ambitions and let us try to change the direction of the association collaboratively.

# Resume

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**Jan Behrens** application



## About Me

My name is Jan Behrens and I was born in the Hanseatic City of Bremen in northwestern Germany. After the achievement of my secondary school general baccalaureate and a civilian service I began studies of Digital Media as a variant of Computer Science/Information Technology with design and conceptual elements.

Then I started the first part of my Political Science studies. Because of personal issues I am going to start the last term of my studies by November 2020.

## Academical Interests

Referring to Political Sciences my interests are in the fields of federalism, electoral systems and multi-level governance, which includes its philosophical background and outcomes to political and economical issues.

*Keywords:* multilevel governance, regulations in politics, political economy, representation, federal systems, political communication, electoral systems, political philosophy, distribution of power.

*Languages:* I am confident in working in English, however, I would like to improve my English and brush up my French, apart from my native language German.

## Application Related References

- ✓ Skills in *creating/maintaining websites* and improved dynamical programming with *PHP*
- ✓ *Media Informatics* in Video/Audio Editing, DB and Web Administration Technologies
- ✓ Advanced experience in creating professional projects with *Photoshop* and *InDesign*
- ✓ *Experiences* in Content Management Systems like WordPress and others
- ✓ Being fond of working in *collaboration* as well as being creative independently
- ✓ being *familiar* with online related IT systems as well as with the administrative process of server-side setup, maintenance and configuration of website applications