

# Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

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Ph.D. (Social Statistics and Demography), University of Southampton, UK

Thesis “Urbanisation and inequalities in a post-Malthusian context: implications for theory and policy”

MSc (Human Geography), London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

MSc (European Politics and Governance), London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

Maîtrise (Applied Foreign Languages: English and Russian), Sorbonne University, France

### APPOINTMENTS

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From Jan 2018: Assistant Professor, Department of Development and Sustainability, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand

2017: Visiting Professor, Purbanchal University, Nepal

From 2015: Visiting Fellow, University of Southampton, Southampton, UK

2015-2017: Nutrition Policy and Advocacy Adviser, Save the Children, London, UK

2015: International Consultant – Poverty and Demographics Expert, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

2014 – 2015: Research Fellow, Belmont Forum DELTAS, University of Southampton, UK

2011-2014: PhD Candidate, Researcher and Teaching Assistant, University of Southampton

2006-2011: Donor Relations Officer, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Geneva, Switzerland

2010: Visiting Scholar, Dubai School of Government, Dubai, UAE

2005 – 2006: Intern, International Organization for Migration, Geneva, Switzerland & European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Book*

Szabo, S. (2016) *Urbanisation and inequalities in a post-Malthusian context: implications for sustainable development*. Springer

### *Editorial projects*

Matthews, Z. Renaud, F., Szabo, S. (2016) "Sustainable deltas: livelihoods, ecosystem services and policy implications", special issue in *Sustainability Science*

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Brondizio, E., Foufoula-Georgiou, E., Szabo, S., Vogt, N., Sebesvari, Z., Renaud, F., Newton, A., Anthony, E., Mansur, A., Matthews, Z., Hetrick, S., da Costa, S., Tessler, Z., Tejedor, A. (2016) "Catalyzing action towards the sustainability of Deltas: coupling disciplinary expertise and interdisciplinary collaboration", *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*, 1-15

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