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Mascha Madörin (1946) is an economist (lic.rer.pol. University of Basle in Switzerland, 1970).

During her career she has been working mainly on the following subjects:

- development economics, international economic relations, financial crises, the economic policy of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank
- the Swiss financial centre and the international financial sector, money laundering, tax evasion, debt crisis, dictator's assets/potentate funds and corruption
- the economic relations between Switzerland and South Africa during apartheid, the impact of international economic sanctions on the apartheid regime
- gender budgeting and the political and social economy of care in Switzerland
- theoretical work on feminist economics, mainly on its macro- and meso-economic aspects
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Career: Overview

- • 1966–1970 lic.rer.pol. degree (corresponds to an MA) in economics at the University of Basle, Switzerland (specialising in «Political economy of developing countries» and «History and method of economic theory» by Prof. Karl William Kapp).
- 1971/72 One-year-residence in Burundi, where her husband was deployed by the Swiss Development Corporation (SDC).
- 1971–75 internships and part-time jobs in the administrative department of financial planning of the Canton of Basel-Land, in a private research company and in the documentation centre of a major bank.
- 1976–1980 lecturer at the University Eduardo Mondlane in Maputo, Mozambique; lectures on development and agricultural economics, introduction into social science and marxist theory; participation in research projects of the «Centro de Estudos Africanos» under Prof. Ruth First on the impact of economic sanctions on then-Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), in field research on migrant labour to the South African mining industry and (small-scale, mainly women) farming in the south of Mozambique, on unemployment and the informal sector in Maputo.
- 1980–1982 research on migrant labour and tourism in the Swiss mountain regions (with Marguerite Misteli) and on the relations of the Swiss banks with the apartheid regime in South Africa (with Laurence Baysal-Fehlmann).
- 1982–1986 co-ordinator of «Aktion Südafrika Boykott» in the German-speaking part of Switzerland: campaign work and analyses of the Swiss– South

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African relations, lectures, seminars and debates on Southern Africa, editor of newsletter.

- 1986–88 freelance work, organisation of a conference of Church organisations on South Africa, creation of «Nachrichtenstelle Südliches Afrika» (NaSA) (Information Centre on Southern Africa) for the «Kooperation Evangelischer Kirchen und Missionen» (KEM) (Co-operation Centre of Evangelical Churches and Missions) in Basle.
- 1988–98 member of staff of the coalition «Aktion Finanzplatz Schweiz» (1978–2012): research, processing and dissemination of information on the Swiss financial centre, on capital flight, money laundering, narcoeconomy, debt crisis, developments in the international financial system as well as on the co-operation of the major Swiss banks with South Africa during apartheid; co-editing of the newsletter «Finanzplatz-Informationen».
- 1993/94 participation as a representative of AFP and a group of critical Swiss National Councillors in the Federal Council's commissions of experts 1 and 2 on the casino legislation; freelance work on issues such as feminist economics, the impact of financial crises on women, on gender and the structural adjustment programs of the IMF and World Bank; numerous presentations and papers, seminars and lectures at universities.
- 1999–2000 freelance work as publicist, consultant and lecturer on feminist economic policy, gender equality and economics, Swiss–South African relations during apartheid as well as current world economic developments; various publications, amongst others a series in the weekly paper WOZ – Die Wochenzeitung (www.woz.ch) on feminist economics and various publications as a member of the «"Recherchiergruppe Schweiz-Südafrika» (www.apartheid-reparations.ch/de/recherchiergruppe.php) (Research Group Switzerland-South Africa) for the series «Apartheid Connections».
- 2001–2004 co-ordination of the «Apartheid Debt and Reparations Campaign» (ADR, www.apartheid-reparations.ch) for «Aktion Finanzplatz Schweiz»; research on tax evasion and capital flight as well as on the Swiss–South African relations during apartheid; freelance work on feminist economic policy and gender budgeting.
- Since 2005 freelance work on gender and economics with a focus on feminist economic theory and policy, health economics and gender budgeting.

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Consultancy, research, lectures on feminist economics since 2000:

- since 2000 consultancy and expertise on gender budgeting for the Swiss Development Corporation (SDC), the canton of Basel-Stadt, the city of Zürich, the Evangelical Churches of Switzerland, «Mädchenzentrum Zürich», «Jugend+Sport»; (co-)organisation of various conferences and events on feminist economics.
- 2001–2005 one-day teaching module on work and income as part of the focus topic «Existenzsicherung» (guarantee of a continued existence) at the School of Social Work of the Zurich University of Applied Sciences.
- 2004–2007 economic tuition on the internationalisation of the economy and the emergence of new social questions at the School of Social Work of the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland in Basle; lectures on feminist economics and questions relating to the international financial system at various universities in Austria and Switzerland; involvement in post-graduate courses on health and gender.
- since 2005 various presentations at health care organisations' and trade unions' meetings.
- 2007–2009 co-operation in a UNRISD (UN Research Institute for Social Development) research project on the political and social economy of care.
- since 2008 resumption of feminist analyses of the financial crisis and the economic stimulus programs; numerous presentations on the economic and financial crisis from a feminist point of view at events organised by trade unions, church or political women's groups in Zurich, Vienna, Basle, Stuttgart, Nuremberg, Munich, Berne, Lucerne, etc.
- 2008 and 2009 consultancy to the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs on the annual conferences of the UN Commission on the Status of Women.
- since mid-2009 courses in (health) economics from the point of view of care at the Universities of Applied Science in St. Gallen (2009) and Freiburg (2009/10); since 2009 various presentations about recent debates on feminist economics at the Universities of Berne, Basle, Freiburg i.Br. and Hannover, at the Gunda Werner Institute (Feminism and Gender Democracy) of the Heinrich Böll Foundation and at the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation in Berlin; co-operation with the Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies of the University of Berne (IZFG).
- since 2009 courses in feminist critique of political economics in Lucerne, in Berne for «Women in Development Europe» WIDE Switzerland, courses in Basle and Zurich and at the Women's Academy in Munich.

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Mascha Madörin is one of the foundresses of the «Frauenrat für Aussenpolitik» (Women's Council on Foreign Policy) (1990–2010), of the journal «Olympe. Feministische Arbeitsblätter zur Politik. Feminist Working Papers on Politics» (1994–2012, <http://www.frauenarchivostschweiz.ch/olymp.html>) and of WIDE Switzerland, the national platform of «Women in Development Europe» (2008, www.wide-network.ch). She co-founded the «Apartheid Debt and Reparations Campaign» (ADR) (1998, www.apartheid-reparations.ch) as well as the «Recherchiergruppe Schweiz–Südafrika» (1999, www.apartheid-reparations.ch/de/recherchiergruppe.php) (Research Group Switzerland–South Africa).

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