

Thazin Oo

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ABOUT ME

MA in Migration Studies (Expected Oct 2026) at the University of Côte d'Azur, backed by a Bachelor's in International Relations and Diplomacy (Magna Cum Laude, René Cassin Award). Combining academic research in migration policy with a strong commitment to refugee case working, supporting asylum-seekers through administrative processing, housing integration, and frontline social assistance, while driving rights-based advocacy for displaced populations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research & Advocacy Intern

Mekong Migration Network (MMN), Chiang Mai, Thailand

April 2026 – September 2026

Skills: Research, Advocacy, Qualitative Tools, Interpreting, Report Writing

Designed qualitative tools and conducted 15 in-depth interviews in Burmese with migrant factory workers in Mae Sot to document labor exploitation and unfair dismissals for an IOM-funded project

Co-authored the background section of the IOM Inception Report, and executed a secondary desk study on the Myanmar-Japan migration corridor analysing recruitment fees, remittance policies, and administrative bottlenecks

Provided bi-directional English-Burmese interpretation at multi-stakeholder workshops, presented primary field findings to regional CSOs and legal experts. Drafted the workshop report and authored meeting reports

English Teacher

Mini-schools, Paris

January 2023 – July 2024

Skills: Teaching, English, Public Speaking

Encouraged students to practice speaking in English by creating a positive classroom environment with interactive activities

Utilized various teaching techniques such as role playing, audio-visual aids multimedia presentations and hands-on activities

Intern Journalist

Mizzima Burma news channel, Paris

January 2022 – April 2022

Skills: Journalism, Interviewing, Content Creation

Created contents and did interviews with some pro-democracy activists and supporters regarding to current political situation in Myanmar

Served as a dedicated and supportive Intern in a fast-paced environment. Brought forth the ability to work well independently and also with others. Provided employees with continual support

Content Creator

Vivo Group Myanmar

2017 – 2019

Skills: Content Creation, Marketing, Website Management

Developed unique content for a variety of clients sites to improve presence and brand awareness

Coordinated mailings, marketing materials, and website content

Collaborated with other departments and teams to identify useful content ideas and map out strategies.

EDUCATION

Master's in Migration Studies (Social Sciences)

University of Côte d'Azur, Nice, France

2026

Master 1 (Mention Bien - High Honors): Ranked 1/161 in SWITCH Odyssée: Gender & Inequalities. Master 2 (Semester 1): Top cohort marks in European Immigration Law, Legal Aspects of NGOs, and Migrants' Rights; participated in legal clinic analyzing Regulation (EU) 2024/1350.

Bachelor of Arts (International Relations and Diplomacy)

Schiller International University, Paris & University of Roehampton, London

2024

Graduated as valedictorian with Magna Cum Laude Honor, René Cassin Award and first class Honor. President of the student council (November 2021-November 2022). Planned student events and university trips.

SKILLS

Communication & Reporting: Report Writing & Multilingual Communication

Community & Direct Support: Direct Migrant, Refugee & Peer Support

Language & Fieldwork: Burmese Fieldwork & Cross-Cultural Interpreting

Policy & Advocacy: Policy Analysis & Rights-Based Advocacy

Research & Data Analysis: Qualitative Migration Research & Methodology

Stakeholder Engagement & Advocacy: Stakeholder Engagement & NGO Collaboration

Thematic Expertise: Labor Rights & Ethical Recruitment Analysis

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- MEAL Essentials Certificate of Completion
- TEFL/TESOL Certification
- B.A. Schiller University Diploma
- Certificate for Writing and Editing: Revising - University of Michigan
- Duolingo English Test
- French DELF B1 and B2
- HBP Certificate of Completion - Schiller International University
- IELTS C1
- Certificate of Volunteering - Tarjimly
- Letter of Appreciation - Glory Academy
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- B.A. Roehampton University Diploma

PROJECTS

De la résistance politique à la quête de survie : les femmes migrantes birmanes en Thaïlande après le coup d'État de 2021

Skills: CSO/CBO Collaboration & Engagement, Direct Migrant Worker Consultation, Qualitative Research Methods, Semi-Structured Interviewing, Thematic Analysis, Migration & Gender Studies, Burmese Language Research, Ethical & Reflexive Methodology, Academic Writing in French

Master 1 thesis in Migration Studies at Université Côte d'Azur analyzing the political, social, and gendered trajectories of female Burmese exiles in Mae Sot following the 2021 military coup. Conducted mobile and distance qualitative research involving nine semi-structured interviews in Burmese with migrant women and in close collaboration with local CSOs/CBOs to examine forced displacement, structural legal precariousness, double absence, and transnational resistance.

MMN Internship Project: Unfair Dismissals and Access to Justice (IOM)

Skills: CSO/CBO & Community Partnership, Migrant Worker Access to Justice, Policy Analysis, Human Rights Research, Migrant Workers' Rights, Legal Access to Remedy, International NGO Collaboration

Conducted research and policy mapping in collaboration with local CSOs/CBOs, migrant workers, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) focusing on unfair dismissals of migrant workers and their legal barriers to accessing remedy and justice in regional migration corridors.

MMN Internship Project: Migrant Consultation for Access to Remedy (Solidar Suisse)

Skills: Grassroots Migrant Consultation, CSO/CBO Capacity Building & Engagement, Stakeholder Engagement, Labor Rights Advocacy, Qualitative Data Collection, Field Research Facilitation

Organized and facilitated grassroots consultations directly with migrant workers and local CBOs/CSOs in partnership with Solidar Suisse to assess challenges in legal redress, labor rights violations, and mechanism effectiveness for access to remedy.

MMN Internship Project: Recruitment Fees and Pre-Departure Training (Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung)

Skills: CSO/CBO Network Collaboration, Migrant Worker Centered Research, Ethical Recruitment Analysis, Pre-Departure Training Assessment, Policy Advocacy, Report Writing, Cross-Border Migration Research

Collaborated with local CSOs/CBOs, migrant worker networks, and the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) to document ethical recruitment practices, analyze the impact of irregular recruitment fees on migrant debt bondage, and evaluate the effectiveness of pre-departure orientation programs.

Interpreter at Tarjimly

Skills: [Burmese Language Research](#), [CSO/CBO Collaboration & Engagement](#), [Direct Migrant Worker Consultation](#), [Interpreting & Translation](#)

Volunteer as an interpreter between social workers and Burmese migrants in the U.S via Tarjimly app.

Interpreter in Thailand Camps

Skills: [Burmese Language Research](#), [International NGO Collaboration](#), [Stakeholder Engagement](#), [Interpreting & Translation](#)

Volunteered as an interpreter between international interns and migrants at camps in Thailand.

English Teacher at Youth Tribe Africa

Skills: [Direct Migrant Worker Consultation](#), [Cross-Cultural Communication](#), [Teaching & Facilitation](#)

Volunteered as an English teacher and helped Sudanese refugees in Uganda improve their English skills.

Empathetic Peer Listener at Mee Pya Tike

Skills: [Burmese Language Research](#), [Ethical & Reflexive Methodology](#), [Active Listening & Psychosocial Support](#)

Volunteered as an empathetic peer listener/supporter at Mee Pya Tike application, the first text chat platform for emotional support for Myanmar people in the Myanmar language.

LANGUAGES

Burmese: Native

English: Bilingual

French: Upper-Intermediate

Spanish: Beginner

Arabic: Beginner