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PhD Economist with professional experience in international policy institutions. Research focuses on macroeconomics, international finance, and climate policy, using empirical methods and macroeconomic modeling. Published in the Journal of Public Economics and leading working paper series. Currently working within a structured, reduced capacity due to a long-term health condition (ME/CFS), maintaining a stable work rhythm. Open to opportunities with a focus on policy-relevant analysis.

EXPERTISE

FIELDS	Macroeconomics, International Finance, Climate Policy
METHODS	Econometrics, Macroeconomic Modelling, Machine Learning, Text Analysis
TOOLS	Python, Matlab, Stata
SKILLS	Policy-relevant research synthesis; Translating complex analysis into clear policy narratives; Structuring analytical workflows; International policy coordination (ECB, IMF, NGFS)

EXPERIENCE

SEP 2022 – PRESENT	European Central Bank , Economist — Graduate Programme (Frankfurt) FINANCIAL RESEARCH DIVISION (JAN 2024 – PRESENT) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct research on climate policy uncertainty and clean investment using large-scale datasets, empirical methods, and machine learning techniques• Apply large language models to analyze climate-related policy news• Present research internally FINANCIAL STABILITY AND MACROPRUDENTIAL POLICY (SEP 2022 – DEC 2023) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contributed to climate-related financial risk analysis within the NGFS workstream on climate scenarios• Coordinated international expert groups developing transition scenarios• Led drafting of the NGFS Conceptual Note on Short-Term Climate Scenarios• Contributed analytical work to multilateral policy reports
2018 – 2022	Geneva Graduate Institute , Research Assistant — Centre for Intl. Environmental Studies (Geneva) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted empirical research on environmental policy, innovation, and clean investment using econometric and text-based methods• Managed large datasets and contributed to externally funded research projects (Swiss National Science Foundation)
2021	International Monetary Fund , PhD Intern — Strategy, Policy and Review Dept. (Washington DC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted empirical analysis on the distributional effects of natural disasters, contributing to IMF research on inequality and climate shocks
2016 – 2017	European Central Bank , Trainee / Consultant — International Policy Analysis (Frankfurt) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Built and automated large macro-financial datasets using Stata and Excel• Contributed empirical analysis to ECB working papers and policy reports
BEFORE	DIW Econ , Intern / Freelance — Economic Consulting (Berlin) University of Mannheim , Research Assistant — Industrial Organization and Competition Policy Deutsche Bank , Intern — Global Transaction Banking Deloitte , Intern — Audit

PAPERS

Heard the News? Environmental Policy and Clean Investments (w J. Noailly, M. van den Heuvel, & I. Pla), *Journal of Public Economics*, 2024, [Link](#).

Does Environmental Policy Uncertainty Hinder Investments Towards a Low-Carbon Economy? (w J. Noailly & M. van den Heuvel), *NBER Working Paper*, 2021, [Link](#).

Why Some Don't Belong – The Distributional Effects of Natural Disasters (w. Budina, N. & Chen, L.), *IMF Working Paper*, 2023, [Link](#).

Can Adjustment Costs in Research Derail the Transition to Green Growth? *CIES Research Paper*, 2021, [Link](#)

More than a Feeling: Confidence, Uncertainty, and Macroeconomic Fluctuations (w. Stracca, L.), *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 2020, [Link](#).

EDUCATION

SEP 2017 -OCT 2022	PhD , International Economics (<i>summa cum laude</i>) GENEVA GRADUATE INSTITUTE <i>Supervisors: Cédric Tille & Joëlle Noailly;</i> <i>Research: policy uncertainty, green finance, text mining/machine learning, directed technical change models, adjustment costs in research.</i>
SEP 2017 -AUG 2019	Beginning Doctoral Program , Economics STUDY CENTER GERZENSEE <i>Courses on Macroeconomics (taught by Ricardo Reis, Fernando Alvarez, Jordi Galí and Sergio T. Rebelo), Econometrics (taught by Mark W. Watson and Bo E. Honoré) and Microeconomics (taught by Klaus Schmidt, Piero Gottardi, Jörgen Weibull and John Moore).</i>
AUG 2014 -JUN 2015	M.Sc International Trade, Finance and Development BARCELONA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS <i>Degree jointly awarded by Universitat Pompeu Fabra & Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.</i>
AUG 2011 -JUL 2014	B.Sc Economics U MANNHEIM <i>Exchange semester at National University of Singapore.</i>

SELECTED ACADEMIC AND POLICY ENGAGEMENT

2023	Presentations at the European Economic Association and EAERE Conference.
2022	Organization of ECB Workshop with the academic modelling consortium of the NGFS Climate Scenarios workstream; Presentation in ECB IPA Seminar.
2021	Presentation in IMF Research Department seminar; Geneva 2030 Ecosystem micro grant for co-organizing a conference for junior women PhD students.
2020	Presentation at NBER Economics of Innovation in the Energy Sector Conference (research grant)
2019	Co-founder of Rare Voices in Economics , an initiative promoting diversity and inclusion in economics.
2017	IHEID Full Living Expense Scholarship

REFEREEING

International Journal of Finance and Economics, Journal of Applied Economics, European Journal of Government and Economics, Reserve Bank of Australia Research Discussion Paper Series

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