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EDUCATION

PhD in Finance École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) & Swiss Finance Institute (SFI) <i>Advisors: Julien Hugonnier & Pierre Collin-Dufresne</i>	2021 - 2027
Visiting Scholar University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) <i>Host: Stavros Panageas</i>	2025 - 2026
Master of Financial Engineering École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) <i>GPA: 5.74/6</i>	2019 - 2021
Bachelor of Science in Physics École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) <i>GPA: 5.2/6</i>	2016 - 2019
Third Year Exchange Program Imperial College London	2018 - 2019

RESEARCH

Job Market Paper

- **Debt Clienteles and Capital Structure**, 2026.

Working Papers

- **Heterogeneous Beliefs Recovery**, (with Julien Hugonnier), 2025.
*Revise and Resubmit at *The Review of Financial Studies*.*
- **OTC Markets with Private Valuations**, (with Julien Hugonnier), 2026.

Work in Progress

- **First-Price Auctions with Non-Monotone Payoffs: An Explicit Solution**, (with Julien Hugonnier).

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Teaching Assistant (EPFL)

- Derivatives 2024, 2025, 2026
- Data Driven Business Analytics 2023

SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

2026

Brown Bag Seminar (EPFL/UNIL) · 10th HEC Paris Finance PhD Workshop in Memory of Denis Gromb (Paris) · Workshop on Decentralized Financial Markets (Bristol) · SFI Research Days (Gerzensee) · Summer FTG Conference (Fontainebleau) · LEMMA Workshop on Money, Banking and Finance (Paris)

2025

PhD Seminar (UCLA) · Macrofinance Lunch (UCLA) · 8th Dauphine Finance PhD Workshop (Paris) · SFI Research Days (Gerzensee)

2024

PhD Seminar (University of St. Gallen) · Brown Bag Seminar (EPFL/UNIL) · SFI PhD Workshop (Zurich) · SFI Research Days (Gerzensee)

2023

Brown Bag Seminar (University of Geneva)

AWARDS & HONORS

2021 BCV Award for Academic Excellence
for MSc in Financial Engineering.

Prix Marc Birkgit 2016
Best grade in Mathematics and Physics (High School).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Intern	Mar 2021 - Sept 2021
Dominicé & Co - Asset Management, Geneva, Switzerland	
<i>Internship in statistics and data science applied to finance.</i>	
Tutor	Sept 2019 - Dec 2020
École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)	
<i>Helping students during exercise sessions (Advanced Physics I, Probability and Statistics).</i>	
Secretary	June 2018 - Aug 2018
Finconcept Service & Crédit Privé SARL, Geneva, Switzerland	
<i>Helping with desk tasks.</i>	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Research Interests	Finance Theory · Asset Pricing · Market Microstructure · Corporate Finance
Languages	English (Fluent) · French (Native)

Computation

Python · MATLAB · Mathematica · C++ · SQL