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EDUCATION

Swiss Finance Institute & USI Lugano, Lugano, Switzerland
Ph.D. Student in Finance, 09/2018 - Present
Advisor: Prof. Laurent Frésard

Imperial College Business School, London, UK
Visiting Ph.D. Student, 01/2022 - 07/2022
Sponsor: Prof. Ramana Nanda

Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia, Italy
Master of Science in Economics and Finance, 09/2014 - 03/2017

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France
Erasmus Program, 01/2016 - 06/2016

Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia, Italy
Bachelor in Business Administration, 09/2010 - 03/2014

RESEARCH AREA

Venture Capital, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Sustainability.

TEACHING

USI Lugano and SFI, **Entrepreneurial Finance** (Master Program)
USI Lugano and SFI, **Finance and Sustainability** (Master Program)
Teaching Assistant to Prof. Laurent Frésard

PRESENTATIONS

2023 AFA 2023 (Poster Session), Columbia Private Equity Conference (NYC, Scheduled)

2022 AFA 2022 (Online Poster Session), Imperial College Business School (London, Student Seminar), SFI-USI Summer School (2022)

2021 Nova School of Business and Economics (Online, Finance PhD Pitch Perfect), Swiss Finance Institute Research Days, University of Zurich (Online, Sustainable Finance Research Seminar)

OTHER

TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS

WEFI Fellows, 04/2021 - Present
PhD Workshop in Entrepreneurial Finance & Innovation
Prof. Michael Ewens, Columbia Business School

NBER Entrepreneurship Bootcamp, July 2022
Organized by Prof. David Robinson, Duke University's Fuqua School of Business

WORK

EXPERIENCE

European Central Bank, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Research Analyst, 10/2017 - 08/2018

Deutsche Bundesbank, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Guest Researcher, 08/2017 - 08/2018

Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Research Assistant to Prof. Lorian Pelizzon, 08/2017 - 08/2018

Euler Hermes - Allianz, Vicenza, Italy
Credit Risk Analyst, 09/2015 - 07/2017

GRANTS &
HONORS

AFA Travel Grant, 2023
Swiss National Science Foundation Mobility Grant, 2022
Best Discussant Award, SFI Research Days, 2021
Swiss Finance Institute Scholarship for the first year of graduate studies, 2018
Erasmus Exchange Program Scholarship, 2015

SOFTWARES

Stata, Python

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)

CITIZENSHIP

Italian