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Swiss B permit with work authorisation

## EMPLOYMENT

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<b>Department of Accounting and Control, University of Lausanne</b> Senior (Postdoctoral) Researcher	Switzerland 2026–present
<b>Institute of Financial Analysis, University of Neuchâtel</b> Teaching and Research Assistant	Switzerland 2020–2025

## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Neuchâtel</b> PhD in Finance – Sustainable Finance Supervisor: Prof. <a href="#">Carolina Salva</a> Defence committee: Prof. <a href="#">Larisa Yarovaya</a> , Prof. <a href="#">Peter Fiechter</a> , Prof. <a href="#">Philip Valta</a>	Switzerland 2020–2025
<b>University of Neuchâtel</b> Master of Science in Finance	Switzerland 2017–2019
<b>Higher School of Economics</b> Bachelor of Science in Economics	Russia 2013–2017

## ACADEMIC VISITS

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<b>Scheller College of Business, Georgia Institute of Technology</b> Visiting Scholar Host: Prof. <a href="#">Sudheer Chava</a>	United States 2023
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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Corporate Sustainability, ESG Regulation, Sustainability Accounting, Financial Markets

## PUBLICATIONS

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ESG and Bond Market Resilience: Evidence from the Covid Crisis (with Sudheer Chava and Carolina Salva), *Journal of Banking & Finance*, 2026, 185, 107634

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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### **The Impact of Western Sustainability Regulations on the Global South**

Research project with Peter Fiechter, Florian Habermann, Gaia Melloni, Nicolas Rudolf, and Sandra Schafhäutle. Part of the [SNSF Grant No. 10006182](#)

### **Green Equity Classifications: Evidence from the London Stock Exchange's Green Economy Mark**

Solo-authored, available on [SSRN](#)

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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<b>European Accounting Association Talent Workshop</b> IE University	2024
<b>European Financial Management Association (EFMA)</b> University of Lisbon (ISEG)	
<b>International Conference in Finance, Accounting &amp; Banking (ICFAB)</b> University of Southampton	
<b>CSR, the Economy and Financial Markets Conference</b> WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management	2023
<b>International Conference on Sustainability, Environment, and Social Transition in Economics and Finance (SESTEF)</b>	

University of Southampton

**Swiss Finance Institute Research Days**

Study Center Gerzensee

**World Finance Conference**

2022

University of Turin

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Teaching Assistant**, University of Neuchâtel

2020–2025

MSc in Finance program courses: Alternative Investments, Corporate Finance, Equity Research Contest, Master Thesis, Valuation

Beyond standard teaching assistant duties, delivered an ESG-focused lecture for the Valuation course and practical sessions for the Alternative Investments course

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

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**President of Faculty Doctoral Student Association**

2022–2025

Provided administrative support and organized Brown Bag seminars for the Faculty of Economics and Business at the University of Neuchâtel

**Conference Discussant**

2022–2025

World Finance Conference, SESTEF, CSR, the Economy and Financial Market, EFMA

**Supervisor Assistant**

2021–2025

Supported PhD supervisor with journal referee reports, conference materials and acquisition of MSCI datasets

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** English (fluent), French (intermediate), Russian (native)

**Programming:** Stata, R, Python

**Databases:** LSEG (Refinitiv), MSCI ESG, CRSP, Morningstar Direct

**AI tools:** Codex, Chat GPT

**Miscellaneous:** Moodle, Jira

## REFERENCES

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