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EDUCATION

Stanford Graduate School of Business Ph.D. Candidate in Finance <i>Dissertation Committee:</i> Juliane Begenau, Hanno Lustig (co-chair), Monika Piazzesi, Amit Seru (co-chair)	<i>2020–present</i>
Barcelona Graduate School of Economics , Universitat Pompeu Fabra Master in International Trade, Finance, and Development	<i>2018</i>
University of Hamburg B.Sc. in Economics	<i>2017</i>

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Corporate Finance, Climate Finance, Empirical Asset Pricing

WORKING PAPERS

1. [The Real Cost of Benchmarking](#) with Sebastian Hanson [SSRN]
2. [Do ESG Investors Care About Carbon Emissions? Evidence From Securitized Auto Loans](#) [SSRN]

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. [The Cross-section of Prices](#) with Hanno Lustig and Miguel Chumbo
2. [From Markets to Meters: How Passive Investing Affects Utility Rates](#)
3. [ESG Induced Capital Misallocation: is ESG Doing Good, by Doing Well?](#)

PRESENTATIONS

SFS Cavalcade NA Conference*, FIRS Conference*, Four Corners Center Academic Meeting* Northeastern University Finance Conference*, UIC Finance Conference*, AFA Annual Meeting (2x Poster), Inter-Finance PhD Seminar*	<i>2025</i>
FIRS Conference, SoFiE Conference, SITE New Research in Asset Pricing†, GRASFI Conference OU-RFS Climate and Energy Conference, CEPR-ESSEC-Luxembourg Conference on Sustainable Financial Intermediation, FMA Conference, MFR Summer Session for Young Scholars (Poster), UC Santa Cruz CAFIN, German Economists Abroad Annual Meeting (CESifo), Citadel ^c , Inter-Finance PhD Seminar	<i>2024</i>
Harvard Climate Economics Workshop, USC Marshall PhD Conference, MFR/IMSI Conference (Poster) UChicago Workshop on Climate, Uncertainty and Policy, NYU Shanghai/SoFiE Summer School	<i>2023</i>
German Economists Abroad Annual Meeting (DIW)	<i>2022</i>

*scheduled, ^cco-author, [†]declined/scheduling conflict

OTHER RESEARCH POSITIONS

The Leibniz Institute for Financial Research SAFE Frankfurt Visiting Researcher	<i>April 2025</i>
University of Chicago Visiting Student, invited by Fernando Alvarez, Lars Hansen, and Esteban Rossi-Hansberg	<i>Spring 2023</i>
US Census Bureau Special Sworn Status (SSS)	<i>2022-present</i>
Princeton University Research Assistant to Natalie Cox, Moritz Lenel, and Adrien Matray	<i>2018–2020</i>
University of Hamburg Research Assistant to Christiane Hellmanzik and Mu-Chun Wang	<i>2016–2017</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stanford Graduate School of Business <i>Capital Markets and Institutional Investing</i> , TA to Hanno Lustig and Ana Marshall	<i>2023, 2024</i>
<i>Corporations, Finance, and Governance in the Global Economy</i> , TA to Amit Seru	<i>2022, 2023, 2024, 2025</i>
<i>Debt Markets</i> , TA to Darrell Duffie	<i>2021, 2022</i>
<i>Modeling for Investment Management</i> , TA to Steven Grenadier	<i>2023, 2024, 2025</i>
University of Hamburg <i>Macroeconomics 1 (UG)</i> , TA to Kristin Paetz	<i>2016</i>

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Lecture Series Organization: Stanford Lecture Series on the History of Economic Thought (2020/21)
Seminar Series Organization: Inter-Finance PhD Seminar (2024/25), GSB Finance Brown Bag (2022/23)
Referee: Management Science

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Nominated by Stanford GSB finance faculty for the Gerald J. Lieberman Fellowship	<i>2025</i>
Finalist 5th Annual Sustainable Finance in Fixed Income Research Competition (FIASI)	<i>2025</i>
FIRS Conference Prize for PhD Students	<i>2024</i>
Myron S. Scholes PhD Prize	<i>2024</i>
GRASFI Conference Best PhD Paper Award	<i>2024</i>
Graduate Fellowship, Stanford Graduate School of Business	<i>2020–present</i>
Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Julis-Rabinowitz Center at Princeton University	<i>2018–2020</i>
Graduate Fellowship, Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Freedom	<i>2017–2018</i>
Undergraduate Fellowship, Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Freedom	<i>2015–2017</i>

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Co-founder and CFO, vierfreunde GmbH (<i>Kerbholz - wooden fashion accessories</i>)	<i>2011–2014</i>
Apprenticeship as Industriekaufmann (industrial business management assistant)	<i>2009–2011</i>