

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Researcher (Akademischer Rat auf Zeit) University of Augsburg, Centre for Climate Resilience, Germany	Jul-24–present
Research Associate University of Augsburg, Centre for Climate Resilience, Germany	Oct-22–Jun-24
Research and Teaching Assistant University of St.Gallen, School of Finance, Switzerland	Feb-20–Sep-22
Ph.D. Candidate and Research Assistant University of Hohenheim	Nov-17–Jan-20

Education

Ph.D. in Finance (Magna cum laude) University of St.Gallen, School of Finance, Switzerland	Feb-20–Sep-24
MSc in Accounting and Finance (Distinction) University of Tübingen, German Excellence University	Oct-15–Nov-17
BSc in Economics and Business Administration University of Tübingen, German Excellence University	Oct-11–Sep-14

Research Interests

Climate Finance, Corporate Finance, and Private Equity

Publications

Implied Temperature Rise Metrics: A Compass without Direction? (with Moritz Reisser and Sebastian Utz)

Financial Markets and Portfolio Management, forthcoming

Determinants and forecasting of corporate greenwashing behavior (with Jens Eckberg, Gregor Dorfleitner, and Sebastian Utz)

Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 241, 107354, January 2026

How do leveraged buyouts affect industry peers' performance: Evidence from Europe

Review of Financial Economics, August 2025

What you see is not what you get: ESG scores and greenwashing risk (with Sebastian Utz, Gregor Dorfleitner, Jens Eckberg, and Lea Chmel)

Finance Research Letters, January 2025

How Do Leveraged Buyouts Affect Industry Peers? Analysis of the Information and the Competition Channels (with Tereza Tykvová)

Review of Financial Economics, June 2023

Working Papers

The effects of leveraged buyouts on industry peers' capital structure

How does Competition Affect Firms' Carbon Performance? Firm-Level Evidence from Tariff Cuts (with Raphaela Roeder, Sebastian Utz, and Martin Nerlinger)

Work in Progress

Point-in-Time Emissions Data and Their Consequences for Sustainable Finance

Competition and ESG Misconduct: Evidence from Import Penetration (with Raphaela Roeder and Sebastian Utz)

Conference and Seminar Presentations

- 2026** German Finance Association (DGF);
Paris December Finance Meeting (EUROFIDAI-ESSEC)
- 2025** RCF-ECGI Corporate Finance and Governance Conference
Liechtenstein Workshop of Sustainable Finance
- 2024** German Finance Association (DGF); International Doctoral Seminar (IDS)
- 2023** FMA European Conference; Swiss Finance Institute Research Days
- 2022** German Finance Association (DGF); Paris Financial Management Conference (PFMC)
- 2021** FMA European Conference (Virtual)
- 2019** Corporate Finance Day; German Finance Association (DGF);
Paris Financial Management Conference (PFMC)

Academic Service

Referee: Finance Research Letters; Global Finance Journal; Review of Managerial Science

Discussant: Corporate Finance Day; FMA European Conference; German Finance Association; Liechtenstein Workshop of Sustainable Finance; Paris Financial Management Conference

Teaching Experience

Lecturer:

Applied Corporate Finance (Bachelor, U of Augsburg)	2026
Advanced Corporate Finance (Master, U of Augsburg)	from 2026
Corporate Finance (Bachelor, U of Augsburg)	2023–present
Insurance Management in the Age of Climate Change (Bachelor, U of Augsburg)	2023–2025
Seminar in Climate Finance (Bachelor, U of Augsburg)	2023–2024
Seminar Empirical Topics in Finance (Master, U of Augsburg)	2023
Empirical Scientific Research in Finance (Master, U of Augsburg)	2025–present

Teaching Assistant:

Entrepreneurial Finance (Master, U of St.Gallen)	2020–2022
Mergers and Acquisitions (Master, U of St.Gallen)	2021–2022
Research Seminar in Corporate Finance (Master, U of St.Gallen)	2020–2022

Awards

2025 Best Paper Award, RCF-ECGI Corporate Finance and Governance Conference (USD 300)

2025 Climate Finance Award, Liechtenstein Life Assurance AG & U of Liechtenstein (CHF 2,000)

2018 Werner-Diez-Award, U of Tübingen (EUR 500)

Grants

2023–2025 Promotion of young scientists, U of Augsburg (EUR 3,600)

Personal Skills

Software: Stata, Python, LaTeX

Databases: Compustat, CRSP, Capital IQ/Trucost, Datastream (LSEG Workspace), Orbis, Preqin, RepRisk, Iceberg Data Lab

Languages: German (native); English (fluent)

Additional Professional Experience

Vocational training as office management assistant, 2006–2009

Student employee in managerial accounting, 2017–2018