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CONTACT INFORMATION

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MAIN EMPLOYMENT

University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland Feb. 2020 - present
Full Professor of Financial Risk Management

- Executive Director of the Master in Finance (MScF) Program
- Teaching on the Master Level

University of St. Gallen, Switzerland Feb. 2014 - Jan. 2020
Assistant Professor of Finance

- Executive Director of the Master in Banking and Finance (MBF) Program
- Teaching on the Master and Ph.D. Level, Executive Education

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AFFILIATIONS

University of Lausanne, Switzerland Aug. 2022 - Jan. 2023
Visiting Professor of Finance

University of Fribourg, Switzerland Jun. 2022 - present
Lecturer on the Executive MBA Level

Centre of Financial Research Cologne, Germany Feb. 2020 - present
Research Fellow

VISITING RESEARCH POSITIONS

New York University, USA Nov. 2019 - Dec. 2019
Visiting Scholar at the Stern School of Business

Georgetown University, USA Apr. 2017
Visiting Scholar at the McDonough School of Business

Georgia State University, USA Apr. 2013 - May 2013
Visiting Scholar at the Robinson College of Business

University of Texas at Austin, USA Jan. 2011 - May 2011
Visiting Scholar at the McCombs School of Business

EDUCATION

- University of St. Gallen, Switzerland Feb. 2014 - Jan. 2020
Venia Legendi in Finance
- Habilitation: ‘Essays on Hedge Funds, Mutual Funds, Asset Pricing, and Banks’
- University of Mannheim, Germany Aug. 2008 - Jan. 2014
Ph.D. Student of the Doctoral Program in Finance (CDSB)
- Dissertation: ‘Crash Aversion and Extreme Dependence Structures in Asset Pricing’
 - Evaluation: Summa Cum Laude (Excellent)
- University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany Sep. 2002 - Jul. 2008
Diploma in Financial Mathematics (M.Sc. equivalent)
- GPA: 1,3 (Excellent) (Range: 1.0 (Best) - 5.0 (Worst))
 - Exchange Year: University of Bath (UK), School of Management

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Empirical Asset Pricing, Hedge Funds, Mutual Funds, Behavioral Finance, Financial Technology

PUBLICATIONS

‘Option Return Predictability with Machine Learning and Big Data’ (with Turan Bali, Heiner Beckmeyer, and Mathis Moerke), *Review of Financial Studies*, 2023, Accepted

‘Multivariate Crash Risk’ (with Fousseni Chabi-Yo and Markus Huggenberger), *Journal of Financial Economics*, 2022, 145, pp. 129-153

‘Joint Extreme Events in Equity Returns and Liquidity and their Cross-Sectional Pricing Implications’ (with Stefan Ruenzi and Michael Ungeheuer), *Journal of Banking and Finance*, 2020, 115, Article 105,809

‘Factor Exposure Variation and Mutual Fund Performance’ (with Manuel Ammann and Sebastian Fischer), *Financial Analyst Journal*, 2020, 76, pp. 101-118

‘Regulatory Stress Testing and Bank Performance’ (with Lukas Ahnert, Pascal Vogt, and Volker Vonhoff), *European Financial Management*, 2020, 26, pp. 1449-1488

‘Cash Holdings of European Mutual Funds’ (with Frank Graef, Pascal Vogt, and Volker Vonhoff), *Finance Research Letters*, 29, 2019, pp. 285-291

‘Crash Sensitivity and the Cross-Section of Expected Stock Returns’ (with Fousseni Chabi-Yo, and Stefan Ruenzi), *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, 53, 2018, pp. 1059-1100

‘Momentum and Crash Sensitivity’ (with Stefan Ruenzi), *Economics Letters*, 165, 2018, pp. 77-81

‘Tail Risk in Hedge Funds: A Unique View from Portfolio Holdings’ (with Vikas Agarwal and Stefan Ruenzi), *Journal of Financial Economics*, 125, 2017, pp. 610-636

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

‘Does Foreign Information Predict the Returns of Multinational Firms Worldwide?’ (with Christian Finke), *Review of Finance*, 21, 2017, pp. 2199-2248

‘Crash Aversion and the Cross-Section of Expected Stock Returns Worldwide’, *Review of Asset Pricing Studies*, 6, 2016, pp. 135-178

‘Does Female Management Representation Influence Firm Performance? Evidence from Luxembourg banks’ (with Regina M. Reinert, and Christoph H. Winnefeld), *Financial Markets and Portfolio Management*, 30, 2016, pp. 113-136

‘An Empirical Comparison of Multivariate Copula Models’ (with Matthias Fischer, Christian Koeck, and Stephan Schlueter), *Quantitative Finance*, 9, 2009, pp. 839-854

WORKING PAPERS

‘Unobserved Performance of Hedge Funds’ (with Vikas Agarwal and Stefan Ruenzi)
Revise & Resubmit: *Journal of Finance*

‘Hedge Funds and the Positive Idiosyncratic Volatility Effect’ (with Turan Bali)
Revise & Resubmit: *Review of Finance*

‘Hurricane Risk and Asset Prices’ (with Alexander Braun and Julia Braun)
2022 WFC Meeting Paper, 2021 DGF Meeting Paper, 2021 ARIA Meeting Paper

‘Back to the Roots: Ancestral Origin and Mutual Fund Manager Portfolio Choice’ (with Manuel Ammann, Alexander Cochardt, and Simon Straumann)
2023 AFA Meeting Paper, 2022 WFC Meeting Paper, 2021 DGF Paper

PRIZES AND GRANTS

Swiss Innovation Agency Grant for the Practical Scientific Project: ‘Fund Manager Selection Using Machine Learning’ (2022, Amount: 399’717 CHF, joint with HSLU Lucerne)

SNF Grant for the Scientific Project: ‘Measuring, Understanding, and Predicting Mutual Fund Performance Worldwide’ (2021, Amount: 350’322 CHF)

SNF Grant for the Research Visit at New York University (2019, Amount: 7’200 CHF)

Top Publication Grant from the University of St. Gallen (2018, Amount: 30’000 CHF)

Best Paper Award for the article ‘Tail Risk in Hedge Funds: A Unique View from Portfolio Holdings’ from the Bundesverband Alternative Investments, 2017

Best Paper Award for the article ‘Does Female Management Influence Firm Performance? Evidence From Luxembourg Banks’ in *Financial Markets and Portfolio Management*, 2016

MEDIA

- ‘Strategien für Kriegszeiten’, Die Bilanz, 2022 (in German)
‘Ukraine-Krieg erhöht die Staglationsgefahr’, NZZ, 2022 (in German)
‘Gehebelte Intransparenz’, Handelszeitung, 2021 (in German)
‘Datenanalyse wird immer wichtiger’, Finanz und Wirtschaft, 2019 (in German)
‘So Erzielen Millennials mit ihrem Portfolio Gewinn’, NZZ, 2019 (in German)
‘Günstige Angebote fürs Sparen mit Fonds sind rar’, NZZ, 2019 (in German)
‘Lässt Löw die Kurse wackeln?’, Kicker, 2018 (in German)
‘Pech beim Match, Pech an der Börse’, Trend. Das Wirtschaftsmagazin, 2018 (in German)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Finance Association (AFA) Meeting, Various	Jan. 2020, 2023
World Finance Conference (WFC) Meeting, Torino	Aug. 2022
European Finance Association (EFA) Meeting, Various	Aug. 2017, 2014, 2013, 2011
FIRS Conference, Various	May 2019, 2013
Imperial College Hedge Fund Conference, London	Jun. 2022, Dec. 2014
Asset Management Conference, Berlin	Aug. 2019, 2015
IRMC Conference, Milan	June 2019
SGF Meeting, Zurich	Apr. 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012
Conference on Professional Asset Management, Rotterdam	Jun. 2018, 2016
CFR Colloquium, Cologne	Mar. 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015
German Finance Association (DGF) Meeting, Various	Sep. 2021, 2017, 2015, 2013, 2011
Annual Hedge Fund Research Conference, Paris	Jan. 2022, 2018, 2017, 2014
FMA Consortium on Trading Strategies, Cambridge	Feb. 2018
Verband der Hochschullehrer (VHB) Conference, St. Gallen	Jun. 2017
European Winter Finance Summit, Davos	Mar. 2016
FMA Consortium on Activist Investors, London	Dec. 2015
Asset Management Summit, Luxembourg	Oct. 2015
Symposium on Finance, Banking, and Insurance, Karlsruhe	Dec. 2014
Quantitative Methods in Finance (QMF) Conference, Sydney	Dec. 2013
Australasian Banking and Finance (AFBC) Meeting, Sydney	Dec. 2013
Financial Management Association (FMA) Meeting, Chicago	Oct. 2013
European Economics Association (EEA) Meeting, Various	Aug. 2012, 2011
Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Mannheim	Apr. 2012
EFM Asset Management Symposium, Hamburg	Apr. 2012
European FMA Conference, Various	Jun. 2021, 2012

SELECTED UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS AT:

Clemson University, Columbia University, Frankfurt School of Management, Georgetown University, Georgia State University, Goethe University Frankfurt, KLU Hamburg, LMU Munich, New York University, University of Cologne, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, University of Fribourg, University of Konstanz, University of Liechtenstein, University of Mannheim, University of St. Gallen, University of Texas at Austin, University of Ulm, University of Zurich, Technical University Munich, ZHAW

PRACTICAL TALKS WITH/AT:

Alpha Portfolio Advisors, Boston Consulting Group, Buyside Global Risk.Net Conference, CFA Society Switzerland, Deloitte, Finanzmesse Zürich, FINMA Switzerland, Huarong Asset Management, Nordic Fund Selection Forum, Plexus Investments, Robeco, Swiss Hedge Fund Council

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland Feb. 2020 - present

Lecture: Alternative Investments

- Annual cycle, Master Level, 30 Students
Hedge Funds, Private Equity, Infrastructure Investments, Commodities, Currencies

Lecture: Derivatives

- Annual cycle, Master Level, 30 Students
Pricing of Forwards, Futures, Swaps, and Options

Lecture: Introduction to Derivatives

- Annual cycle, Bachelor Level, 40 Students
Pricing of Forwards, Futures, and Options

Lecture: Risk Management

- Annual cycle, Master Level, 30 Students
Market Risk, Volatility Modelling, Dependence Concepts, Credit Risk

University of Fribourg, Switzerland Jun. 2022 - present

Lecture: Risk Management & FinTech

- Annual cycle, Executive MBA, 20 Students
Market Risk, Credit Risk, AI & Machine Learning, Digital Assets

University of Lausanne, Switzerland Sep. 2022 - Jan. 2023

Lecture: Risk Management

- Master Level, 100 Students
Market Risk, Volatility Modelling, Dependence Concepts, Credit Risk

University of St.Gallen, Switzerland Feb. 2014 - Jan. 2020

Lecture: Quantitative Methods

- Annual cycle, Master Level, 150 Students
Econometrics for Cross-Sectional, Panel, and Time-Series Data

Lecture: Practical Seminar

- Annual cycle, Master Level, 30 Students
Supervision of Practically-Oriented Courework

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

University of St.Gallen, Switzerland Feb. 2014 - Jan. 2020

Lecture: Alternative Investments

- Annual cycle, Master Level, 50 Students
Hedge Funds, Private Equity, Infrastructure Investments, Commodities, Currencies

Lecture: Corporate and International Finance

- Annual cycle, Master Level, 30 Students
Financial Statement Analysis, Valuation, Risk and Return, Financing

Lecture: Ph.D. Research Seminar

- Annual cycle, Ph.D. Level, 15 Students, Evaluation:

Executive Education (Fit For Finance Series)

- Lectures: Behavioral Finance, Asset Allocation, Alternative Investments

University of Mannheim, Germany Sep. 2010 - Dec. 2013

Teaching Assistant: Derivatives I (Master Level, 50 students)

Teaching Assistant: Different Finance Research Seminars (Master Level, 15 students)

REFEREEING

Journal of Finance	Journal of Empirical Finance
Review of Financial Studies	Economics Letters
Journal of Financial & Quantitative Analysis	European Journal of Finance
Management Science	Finance Research Letters
Review of Finance	Quantitative Finance
Review of Asset Pricing Studies	Journal of Applied Econometrics
Journal of Banking and Finance	Journal of Risk
Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control	Journal of International Money and Finance
Journal of Corporate Finance	Journal of Derivatives

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

d-fine GmbH, Munich, Germany Mar. 2007 - May 2007
Intern in Risk Management Consulting

Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein, Frankfurt, Germany Feb. 2006 - Apr. 2006
Intern in Interest Rate Derivatives Trading

Deutsche Bank AG, Frankfurt, Germany Jun. 2005 - Oct. 2005
Intern in Corporate Finance, Equity Capital Markets

MISCELLANEOUS

Languages	German (Mother tongue), English (Fluent, Level: C2), French (Level: B1)
IT Skills	Stata, R, Matlab, SAS, SPSS, VBA
Summer Schools	CEMFI Madrid (2010); CRM Madrid (2010); London Business School (2009)

Scholarships	Stiegler Scholarship for the academic research visit at Georgia State University (2013)
	Stiegler Scholarship for the academic research visit at the University of Texas at Austin (2011)
	DFG-Scholarship for Ph.D. Studies at the Center for Doctoral Studies in Business of the University of Mannheim (2008 - 2009)
	Leonardo-Kolleg-Scholarship for the top 5% students at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (2007 - 2008)
Other Affiliations	Research Fellow at the Swiss Society for Financial Markets Research (Oct. 2019 - present)
	Fellow at the Zuunftsfabrik 2050 (Jul. 2022 - present)
	Faculty Board Member of the Business School at the University of Neuchâtel (Feb. 2020 - present)
	Fellow at the Verband der Hochschullehrer in Betriebswirtschaftslehre (Nov. 2020 - present)
	Research Fellow at the LexTech Institute at the University of Neuchâtel (Nov. 2020 - present)
	Honorary Board Member of the University of St. Gallen MBF Alumni Club (Aug. 2020 - present)