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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics , University of Pennsylvania	2024 – present
M.Phil. Economic Research , University of Cambridge	2021 – 2022
B.Sc. Economics , University of Lausanne	2018 – 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research fellow , Stanford University	2023 – 2024
Monetary policy analysis intern , Swiss National Bank	2022 – 2023
Research assistant , University of Cambridge	2022

PUBLICATIONS

Heterogeneity in the exchange rate pass-through to consumer prices: the Swiss franc appreciation of 2015, *Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics*, 2022

WORKING PAPERS

Does defensive gun use deter crime? (with John J. Donohue, Amy Zhang, and Matthew Benavides), *NBER Working Papers*

Exchange rate shocks and equity prices: the role of currency denomination (with Romain Baeriswyl and Marc-Antoine Ramelet), *SNB Working Papers*

Beyond Bruen: Can Firearm Training Replace Local Discretion in Concealed Carry Permitting? (with John J. Donohue, Amy Zhang, and Matthew Benavides), *NBER Working Papers*

PRESENTATIONS

2023: Swiss National Bank; Bank for International Settlements; Stanford SIEPR predoc seminar

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Applied Monetary Policy (graduate) , Teaching assistant, University of Basel	2022
Statistics II (undergraduate) , Teaching assistant, University of Lausanne	2020
Statistics I (undergraduate) , Teaching assistant, University of Lausanne	2019

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Ph.D. fellowship , University of Pennsylvania	2024
Bakala scholarship , Foundation Zdenek and Michaela Bakala (Cambridge)	2021
Research Data Challenge 1st prize , best undergraduate dissertation (Lausanne)	2021
Annen scholarship , exchange at the Univ. of Pennsylvania (canceled COVID-19)	2020
Award of excellence , Swiss University admission tests (PrEP)	2018
Best grades of the state of Vaud , High school	2016

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

National Coordinator , Rethinking Economics Switzerland	2022 – 2023
Vice President , Cambridge Society for Economic Pluralism	2021 – 2022
Vice President , Rethinking Economics Lausanne	2019 – 2021
Student Representative , Faculty Council HEC Lausanne	2019 – 2020
Co-Founder , Investment Society HEC-EPFL	2019 – 2020
Editor-in-Chief , HEconomist (students' journal of HEC Lausanne)	2018 – 2020
Board Member and Head of PR & Media , L'aiMant Rose (breast cancer NGO)	2018 – 2019

PRE-BACHELOR EXPERIENCE

Junior Banker , Credit Suisse, private banking and corporate banking	2016 – 2017
Intern , Nestlé, compliance and audit	2015 – 2016

RELEVANT INFORMATION

Citizenship	Swiss, British
Languages	French (native), English (native proficiency), German (basic)
Technical skills	Python, R, Stata, MATLAB+Dynare, SQL, \LaTeX