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Education

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2017– present	European University Institute	
	PhD Candidate in Economics	
	Thesis Title: "Essays in Financial Economics"	
	Advisors: Giacomo Calzolari and Ramon Marimon	
2017-2018	European University Institute	
	Master of Research, Economics	
2015-2017	Copenhagen Business School	
	MSc in Advanced Economics and Finance (cand.oecon)	
2012-2015	Copenhagen Business School	
	BSc in International Business	

References

Professor Giacomo Calzolari	Professor Ramon Marimon	Professor Iman van Lelyveld
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Research Interests

Financial Economics, Financial Regulations and Market Microstructure, Financial Stability and Risk

Job Market Paper

"Mandatory Central Clearing and Financial Risk Exposure"

This paper analyzes the effect of the mandatory central clearing of over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives on buyers' aggregate financial risk exposure. I show that mandatory central clearing results in larger buyers insuring more of their derivatives against seller default (decreased credit risk). But it also allows the CCP to charge higher prices, thereby curbing the hedging activities of smaller buyers (increased market risk). The aggregate effect on financial risk thus depends on the relative densities of smaller and larger buyers in a given OTC market.

Work in Progress

"Optimal Lending by Stress-Tested Banks" (with Johannes Fischer)

This paper studies banks' equity and lending choices subject to forward looking stress-test constraint, which ensures that banks are sufficiently capitalized even in severely adverse economic conditions. We find that a more severe stress-test scenario leads reduced equity in low return states, but boosted equity reserves in high return states. This increased pro-cyclicality of equity however, comes at the cost of overall lower lending levels.

"Exclusive Access to Security Lender Portfolios" (with Iman van Lelyveld)

This paper proposes a new network model of the securities lending market, where exclusive dealing between core dealers and peripheral security portfolio owners may arise endogenously. Here, we characterize the differences in lending terms between exclusive and non-exclusive trades and test the findings using the European Securities and Financing Transaction (SFTR) data.

"Optimal Central Bank Cooperation"

This paper studies optimal central bank cooperation in a Diamond and Dybvig style framework extended to a two-country setting with differently correlated country risks. I confirm the common result that countries with positively correlated shocks find currency unions optimal. For countries with negatively (uncorrelated) correlated shocks, central banks establish permanent (temporary) swap lines instead. I validate these theoretical insights using the Federal Reserve's U.S. dollar swap line data.

"Banks' Loan Portfolio Choices under Capital Constraints" (with Gabriele Macci)

This paper proposes a novel model environment of dynamic bank competition under soft capacity constraints. It is designed to explain how capital constrained banks' existing loan portfolios affect which firms get access to credit, at which conditions and from which bank.

Teaching Experience

2021 Florence School of Banking and Finance (EUI)

Teaching Associate for:

- Empirical Methods in Sustainable Finance

- Macro-Prudential Policy Implementation

- Network Analysis in Finance and Economics

2017 Copenhagen Business School

Teaching Assistant for Industrial Organizational Analysis

2016 Copenhagen Business School

Teaching Assistant for Quantitative Methods

Other Employment

2021 - present Data Science Hub, De Nederlansche Bank

Joint Research Project with Iman van Leyveld

Spring 2021 Department of Economics, European University Institute

Research Assistant for Giacomo Calzolari

2013–2017 Department of Economics, Copenhagen Business School

Student Assistant (Research) for:

- Lisbeth la Cour, Pascalis Raimondos, QUT and Sarah McGaughey, Griffith Business School (2015–17)

- Svend E. Hougaard Jensen (2013–15)

- Battista Severgnini (2013–14)

Visiting Stays

2020 - 2021 Financial Markets Department, Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH)

Visiting Researcher with Michael Koetter

Fall 2016 Copenhagen University

Elective Courses

Fall 2014 Victoria University Wellington, New Zealand

Exchange Semester

Languages German (native), English (fluent), Danish (fluent), Dutch (beginner)

Software Stata, MATLAB, LATEX, Python, SQL

(Scheduled) Presentations

January 2022 AFA 2022 Annual Meeting

November 2021 Departmental Seminar Economics, Copenhagen Business School

October, 2021 Day-Ahead Workshop on Financial Regulation, University of Zurich

September 2021 GRETA Credit 2021, VfS 2021

June 2021 EEFS 2021, Brown Bag Seminar IWH, 37th Symposium on Money, Banking and

Finance (Banque de France), SESS 2021, AFSE 2021, CEA 2021

May 2021 37th International Conference of the French Finance Association (AFFI 2021)

March 2021 RGS Doctoral Conference 2021, Rapid Fire Session IWH

November 2020 Discussant for the lecture "The ECB's monetary policy at 20" by Massimo Rostango

(Director General Monetary Policy at the ECB), Florence School of Banking and

Finance (EUI)

February 2020 Brown Bag Seminar, Copenhagen Business School