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Research Interests

Empirical Corporate Finance; Law & Finance; Entrepreneurial Finance

Education

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| Ph.D. in Economics, Goethe University Frankfurt Supervisors: Uwe Walz, Guido Friebel | 2021–present (expected 2026) |
| M.A. Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt | 2017–2020 |
| B.Sc. Economics & Business, Goethe University Frankfurt | 2016–2019 |
| Visiting Undergraduate Student (Economics), University of Toronto | 2018 |
| B.A. Philosophy & Art History, University of Freiburg | 2012–2016 |
| Visiting Undergraduate Student (Philosophy), École Normale Supérieure Lyon | 2014 |

Working Papers

Collateral Law and Enforcement Risk: Evidence from Native American Reservations
(Job Market Paper, single-authored)

Securing Debt in the Knowledge Economy: Evidence from Intellectual Property Registers
(with L. Ciaramella & D. Heller) – **Revise & Resubmit at JFQA (2nd round)**

The Formal Granting of Intellectual Property Rights and External Financing
(with L. Ciaramella & D. Heller)

Publications

Intellectual Property as Business Loan Collateral: A Taxonomy of Institutional and Economic Determinants, GRUR International 73(5): 379–392, 2024 (with D. Heller & U. Walz)

Research Experience

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| Research Assistant, Goethe University Frankfurt | 2020–present |
| Student Assistant, SAFE & Goethe University Frankfurt | 2017–2020 |

Teaching

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| Goethe University Frankfurt | 2020–present |
| Introductory Microeconomics (B.Sc.); Statistics 101 (B.Sc.); | |
| Advanced Topics in IO (Ph.D.) | |
| Supervised 35 bachelor's theses | |

Research Visits

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| UPF, Barcelona | Apr–Jun 2024 |
| Institut Polytechnique de Paris – Télécom Paris | Oct 2022 |

Selected Seminars & Conferences (*scheduled)

2026: Workshop on Finance and Development (Graduate Institute, Geneva)*; SGF Conference (UZH, Zürich)*; ECFC (UEBS, Edinburgh)*

2025: Finance Brown Bag (Goethe University Frankfurt); Microeconomics Brown Bag (Goethe University Frankfurt)

2024: Finance Seminar (UPF, Barcelona)

2023: Frankfurt–Mannheim–Bonn PhD Workshop; DRUID23 (Nova SBE); TIE (Goethe University Frankfurt); Regis Summer School (Sant'Anna Pisa)

2022: Frankfurt–Mannheim PhD Workshop; G-Forum (TU Dresden); Tri-City Day-Ahead Workshop (Frankfurt School, poster); PhD Seminar (Télécom Paris)

2021: PWD Workshop (Birkbeck, virtual); SASE (University of Amsterdam, virtual); Digital Methods in History & Economics (Hamburg, virtual)

Coauthor presentations (selected): IPSDM (Warsaw, 2022); IRMC (Bari, 2022); EPIP (Cambridge, 2022); German Finance Association (2022); INNOPAT (Mannheim, 2022); Paris December Finance Meeting (2022); Barcelona Summer Forum (2023); seminars at BU, HEC Liège, MPI Innovation, NHH, TUM, LMU Munich, Eccles School (Utah), UK IPO

Grants & Awards

VFF Scholarship (€2,400), 2024

QSL-Grant (€70,000), 2022–2023

Best Full Paper Award, PWD Workshop (Birkbeck), 2021

PROMOS (DAAD) Scholarship (€3,600), 2018

Deutschlandstipendium (€7,200), 2016–2017

Erasmus Scholarship, 2014

Skills

Stata, Python, SQL, L^AT_EX

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), French (advanced)

References

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