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Job Market Candidate 2025–26

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Research Interests

Law & Finance; Corporate Finance; Applied Microeconomics; Innovation; Institutions

Education

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| Ph.D. in Economics, Goethe University Frankfurt | 2021–present |
| Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Uwe Walz, Prof. Dr. Guido Friebe | (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: Evidence from Indian Country

(Job Market Paper, sole authored)

Securing Debt in the Knowledge Economy: Evidence from Intellectual Property Registers

(with L. Ciaramella & D. Heller) – **R&R at JFQA**

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 (Teaching Assistant) | 2020–present |
| Microeconomics I (B.Sc.); Statistics (B.Sc.) | |
| Supervised 31 bachelor theses | |

Research Visits

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| UPF, Barcelona | Apr–Jun 2024 |
| Télécom ParisTech | Oct 2022 |

Selected Seminars & Conferences

2024: Microeconomics Colloquium (Goethe University Frankfurt); Finance Seminar (UPF, Barcelona)

2023: Frankfurt–Mannheim–Bonn PhD Workshop; DRUID23 (Nova SBE Lisbon); 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 ParisTech)

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

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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