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Current Academic Position

Research Fellow, Jun 2023 - Present

Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford

Affiliations

Green & Sustainable Finance Lead, May 2024 - Present

climaTRACES Lab, University of Cambridge

Fellow, Nov 2023 - Present

UK Centre for Greening Finance and Investment (CGFI)

Education

PhD, Finance

University of East Anglia, 2017 - 2021

Thesis title: The [læŋɡwɪdʒ] of Finance

Supervisors: Raphael Markellos and Apostolos Kourtis

PG Cert, Learning and Teaching in Higher Education

Sheffield Hallam University, 2014 - 2015

MRes, Social Sciences

Sheffield Hallam University, 2012 - 2014

BA, Economics

Sheffield Hallam University, 2008 - 2012

Previous Academic Positions and Affiliations

Consultant, Nov 2022 - Nov 2023

Inter-American Development Bank

Lecturer in Finance, Sept 2021 - May 2023

Sheffield Business School, Sheffield Hallam University

Research Associate in Green Finance, Sept 2020 - Sept 2021

Bennett Institute for Public Policy, University of Cambridge

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Oct 2017 – Sept 2020

Norwich Business School, University of East Anglia

Lecturer in Finance, Aug 2014 – Sept 2017

Sheffield Business School, Sheffield Hallam University

Publications

Klusak, P., Agarwala, M., Burke, M., Kraemer, M., and Mohaddes, K. (2023). Rising temperatures, falling ratings: The effect of climate change on sovereign creditworthiness. *Management Science*. 69 (12), 7151-7882.

- Shortlisted for the FT's Academic Research Awards (January 2022)

Burke, M., Fry, J., Kemp, S. and Woodhouse, D. Attention to authority: The behavioural finance of Covid-19. *Finance Research Letters*. 49 (103081).

Agarwala, M., Burke, M., Klusak, P., Mohaddes, K., Volz, U., and Zenghelis, D. (2021). Climate change and fiscal sustainability: Risks and opportunities. *National Institute Economic Review*, 258, 28-46.

Fry, J., and Burke, M. (2020). An options-pricing approach to election prediction. *Quantitative Finance*, 20 (10), 1583-1589.

Burke, M., and Fry, J. (2019). How easy is it to understand consumer finance? *Economics Letters*, 177, 1-4.

Working Papers

Burke, M., Agarwala, M., Klusak, P. and Mohaddes, K. (2024). Pricing Sovereign Transition Risk.

Agarwala, M., Burke, M., Doherty-Bigara, J., Klusak, P. and Mohaddes, K. (2024). Climate Change and Sovereign Risk: A Regional Analysis for the Caribbean. *Inter-American Development Bank Working Paper No. IDP-WP-01574*

Klusak, P., Vu, Huong., Tran, Y., Burke, M. and Agarwala, M. (2024). The heterogeneous relationship between biodiversity ESG scores and sovereign credit ratings.

Burke, M., Markellos, R., and Kourtis, A. (2024). Market Reactions to Complex Language in Corporate News.

Mei, J., Agarwala, M. and Burke, M. (2024). An Inclusive Wealth Model of Productivity.

Agarwala, M., Burke, M., Klusak, P., Kraemer, M. and Volz, U. (2023) Nature loss and sovereign credit ratings.

- Cited in *National Strategy to Develop Statistics for Environmental Economic Decisions. The White House, January 2023*

Working Projects

Bernhofen, M., Burke, M., Shrimali, G. and Ranger, N. (2024). Physical climate risk, sovereign credit ratings, and the benefits of adaptation.

Burke, M., Agarwala, M., Klusak, P. and Mohaddes, K. (2024). Corporate Biodiversity Risk: The mediating effect of political opinions.

Books

Fry, J. and Burke, M. (2022). *Quantitative Methods in Finance Using R*. McGraw-Hill Education (UK).

Research Funding and Consultancy

World Wildlife Fund (*WWF-UK*), PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)/*Strategy&*, Inter-American Development Bank, Nature Finance (formerly Finance for Biodiversity), Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board

Media

Authored *‘Most investors aren’t paying attention to climate risks – the financial system needs to change’*
- The Conversation, December 2023

Co-authored *‘Climate change is making debt more expensive – new study’*
- The Conversation, August 2023

Research featured in *‘Lex in depth: how investors are underpricing climate risks’*
- Financial Times, August 2023

Research featured in *‘Climate change puts sovereigns at downgrade risk, study finds’*
- Reuters, August 2023

Research featured in *‘Ratings Firms Struggle With Climate Risk In \$133 Trillion Market’*
- Bloomberg, August 2023

Research featured in *‘Biodiversity Loss May Push Developing World Closer to Default’*
- Bloomberg, June 2022

Co-authored *‘Climate finance: it’ll be cheaper in the long run if poorer countries receive it as a matter of urgency’*
- The Conversation, November 2021

Research featured in *‘A Climate Reckoning Is Coming for the World’s Government Debt’*
- Bloomberg, September 2021

‘Rising Temperatures, Melting Ratings’
- VoxEU Column, March 2021

Talks

Bank of Latvia, University of Oxford, Banque de France, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, Banco De España, University of Nottingham, University of East Anglia

Scholarly Activity

- Member of the secretariat and internal review for the inaugural Insight Investment/University of Oxford Green Finance Prize, 2023
- Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA), 2015

Reviewer Activity

International Review of Financial Analysis, International Review of Economics and Finance, Finance Research Letters, Ecological Economics, Journal of Accounting Literature

Programming Skills

Python, R, LaTeX, Stata, Linux

Teaching Activity

Climate-related Financial Risk (Executive Education)

Tutor

- *University of Oxford, 2023-2024*

Sustainable Finance (PG)

Module leader

- *University of Oxford, 2024*

Sustainable Finance (Executive Education)

Course Leader & Tutor

- *University of Oxford, 2023*

Payments, Cryptocurrency and Blockchain (UG)

Module leader

- *Sheffield Hallam University, 2022 - 2023*

Statistics and Data Modelling (PG)

Module leader

- *Sheffield Hallam University, 2021 - 2023*

Financial Risk and Derivatives (PG)

Seminar tutor

- *Sheffield Hallam University, 2021 - 2022*

International Derivatives and Risk (UG)

Module leader

- *Sheffield Hallam University, 2021 - 2023*

Financial Management (PG)

Seminar tutor

- *University of East Anglia, 2018 - 19*

Business Economics (UG)

Seminar tutor

- *Sheffield Hallam University, 2016 - 17*

International Derivatives and Risk (UG)

Seminar tutor

- *Sheffield Hallam University, 2014 - 17*

International Treasury Management (PG)

Module leader

- *Sheffield Hallam University, 2014 - 17*

Financial Risk Management (PG)

Module leader

- *Sheffield Hallam University, 2014 - 17*

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