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Research Fields

Primary: Macroeconomics; International trade.

Secondary: Applied economics (Public economics; Climate economics; Applied econometrics)

Education

Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID), Switzerland

PhD in International Economics. Supervisors: Prof. Cédric Tille and Prof. Ugo Panizza.

2020 - 2025 (*expected*)

CFA Institute, USA

Chartered Financial Analyst Program (CFA)

2018 - 2021

University of St. Gallen (HSG), Switzerland

Master's degree in Banking and Finance. Supervisor: Prof. Martin Brown.

2013 - 2016

University of Lausanne (HEC), Switzerland

Bachelor's degree in Economics. 1-year exchange program at University of Waterloo, Canada.

2010 - 2013

Research

Job Market Paper:

- "Geopolitical Risks and Economic Expectations: The Role of Trade Linkages"

Abstract: I examine the impact of geopolitical risk (GPR) at home and abroad on economic expectations, and how trade linkages affect the transmission of foreign risks. Using monthly data on professional forecasters since 1995, I estimate the effect of adverse GPR events on the median and dispersion of expectations for 32 advanced and developing economies. While GPR does not affect the median GDP forecast, it raises dispersion across forecasters, especially for foreign GPR. I then assess whether trade substitutability and concentration magnify the impact of foreign GPR. Using granular product-level trade data, I construct novel country-level indicators and find that in countries with hard-to-substitute exports, foreign GPR has a more muted effect on the dispersion of forecasts. These results underscore the critical role of effective communication by policymakers during periods of heightened geopolitical risk to anchor economic expectations and reduce uncertainty, as well as the need to enhance the resilience of supply chains.

Publications

- "Do tax revenues track economic growth? Comparing panel data estimators" (with J. Corrales and J. Angel Mojica), *Economic Modelling*, vol. 140, p.106867, 2024

Work in progress

- "Other days, other ways? Fiscal and monetary policy reaction functions over the past seven decades" (with G. Cheng and B. Hofmann)

- "Climate Shocks and Economic Uncertainty: Evidence from Mexican Forecast Data" (with G. Suedekum)

- "Fiscal Policy and Market Discipline in Crisis: Evidence From the Covid-19 Outbreak"

Professional experience

- Harvard University, USA** 2024 - (*present*)
Visiting Fellow, Supervisor: Prof. R. Hausmann
- Conducting a research project on the economic transmission of geopolitical risks.
- Bank for International Settlements (BIS), Switzerland** 02/2023 - 06/2023
PhD Fellow, Monetary and Economics Department (MED)
- Led a research project on monetary and fiscal policy interactions (see research section).
 - Harmonized data, conducted econometric analysis, and contributed to the 2023 BIS Annual Report.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF), USA** 06/2022 - 09/2022
IMF Fund Internship Program (FIP), Institute for Capacity Development (ICD)
- Led a research project on tax revenue mobilization (see research section).
 - Conducted econometric analysis, presented findings, and published a full report.
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Switzerland** 01/2021 - 05/2022
Economic Affairs Consultant (part-time)
- Analyzed and wrote about key drivers of foreign direct investments (FDI) inflows in ASEAN economies.
 - Developed a taxonomy of climate mitigation and adaptation investment flows.
- Symbiotics Group, Switzerland** 02/2017 - 07/2020
Emerging Markets Investment Associate
- Managed a USD 50 million private debt portfolio for microfinance institutions in the MENA region.
 - Led due diligence missions in Albania, Egypt Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Romania, Tunisia and West Bank.
- Pictet Group, Switzerland** 10/2015 - 07/2016
Junior Private Wealth Manager, Graduate Program
- Developed financial valuation models to support investment decisions in several departments of the bank.

Policy contributions

- **Annual Economic Report 2023** *Bank for International Settlements*, <https://www.bis.org/publ/arpdf/ar2023e.pdf>, 2023
- **World Investment Report 2022** *UNCTAD*, <https://unctad.org/publication/world-investment-report-2022>, 2022
- **ASEAN Investment Report 2021** *UNCTAD*, <https://unctad.org/publication/asean-investment-report-2021>, 2021

Conferences and Seminars

2024: Harvard Growth Lab Seminar (Cambridge, USA), Harvard Center for International Development Seminar (Cambridge, USA), Geneva Graduate Institute Brown Bag Lunch (Geneva, Switzerland), University of Geneva PhD Workshop (Geneva, Switzerland).

2023: CEPR Paris Symposium (Paris, France), BIS Macroeconomic Seminar (Basel, Switzerland), Geneva Graduate Institute Brown Bag Lunch (Geneva, Switzerland).

2022: International Monetary Fund x3 (Washington DC, USA), Geneva Graduate Institute Brown Bag Lunch (Geneva, Switzerland).

Teaching

- **Education in Complex Environments** (Graduate) Geneva Graduate Institute, Prof. A.D Freire, 2024
- **Climate Science and Policy** (Graduate) Geneva Graduate Institute, Prof. M. Jarraud, 2023, 2024
- **Statistical Methods for Social Sciences** (Graduate) Geneva Graduate Institute, Prof. R. Viné, 2023
- **Applied Projects in International Finance** (Graduate) Geneva Graduate Institute, Prof. U. Panizza, 2021, 2022
- **Introduction to International Economics** (Undergraduate) University of Geneva, Prof. N. Maystre, 2021
- **Introduction to Macroeconomics** (Undergraduate) University of Geneva, Prof. F. Sbergami, 2020, 2021
- **Introduction to Microeconomics** (Undergraduate) University of Geneva, Prof. J. Luchetti, 2020

Awards

IHEID Excellence Scholarship (full stipend for 3 years); UNIL Mobility Grant (2012-2013).

Skills

Languages: French (native), German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), Arabic (beginner).

Software: R/RStudio, STATA, Python, Bloomberg, Dynare, L^AT_EX, Matlab, MS Office.

Summer Trainings (selection):

- “The Economics and Econometrics of Climate Change” - Study Center Gerzensee
- “Certificate in Digital Money” - Tufts University
- “From Text to Data: Using Automated Text Analysis in Research” - IHEID
- “Big Data and AI” - IHEID

Academic References

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