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### EDUCATION

- 09/06 – to date **Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva**  
PhD Candidate, International Economics
- 02/07 – 02/09 **Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics organized by the Swiss National Bank, Gerzensee**  
Courses: Macroeconomics, Econometrics and Microeconomics
- 10/04 – 08/06 **Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva**  
Master in International Relations (International Economics)
- 04/01 – 03/04 **Hamburger Universität für Wirtschaft und Politik**  
Diplom Volkswirt (Bachelor honours in Economics)
- 02/03 – 01/04 **University of Cape Town (Study Abroad)**  
Major: Economics / Politics

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 11/09 **Swiss Finance Institute, Teaching Assistant**  
Course: Financial Econometrics and Forecasting (Prof. Diebold)
- 10/06 – 09/07 **Graduate Institute of International Studies, Teaching Assistant**  
Course: International Trade and Money (Profs. Wyplosz and Kierzkowski)
- 10/05 – 09/06 **Graduate Institute of International Studies, Teaching Assistant**  
Course: International Trade and Money (Profs. Wyplosz and Kierzkowski)

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 09/07 – to date **Graduate Institute of International Studies, Research Assistant**  
Department: International Economics
- 05/09 – 07/09 **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Consultant**  
Project: Swiss Monetary Policy during the Financial Crisis
- 03/09 – 05/09 **World Bank, Consultant**  
Project: Exchange Rates during the Crisis (joint with C. Wyplosz)
- 07/08 – 10/08 **European Central Bank, Internship**  
Department: Directorate General - International Relations
- 04/04 – 07/04 **Deutsche Bank Research, Frankfurt, Internship**  
Department: Risk Analysis
- 09/00 – 11/00 **German-Arab Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Cairo, Internship**  
Department: Economic Department

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Summer Course (2009), organized by the Swiss National Bank, Study Centre Gerzensee, Topic: Liquidity, Business Cycles and Monetary Policy, given by: Prof. Nobuhiro Kiyotaki,

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## RESEARCH AND STUDY GRANTS

- 10/07 – 08/10 **3-Year Research Funding, Swiss National Science Foundation**  
University: Graduate Institute of International Studies Geneva
- 10/04 – 08/06 **Scholarship for Graduates, German Academic Exchange Service**  
University: Graduate Institute of International Studies Geneva
- 02/03 – 12/03 **Scholarship for Undergraduates, German Academic Exchange Service**  
University: University of Cape Town, South Africa

## PAPERS AND CONFERENCES

- Limits of Floats: The Role of Foreign Currency Debt and Import Structure* (joint with Pascal Towbin), mimeo
- Swiss Monetary Policy in the Crisis and Beyond*, (joint with P. Towbin, S. Dell’Erba and S. Meier), background paper for the OECD Economic Survey of Switzerland 2009
- Exchange Rates during the Crisis* (joint with Charles Wyplosz), in “Effective Response and Openness: Implications for the Trading System”, edited by Simon J. Evenett, Bernard M. Hoekman and Olivier Cattaneo, World Bank CEPR
- Should Larger Reserve Holdings Be More Diversified?*, (joint with R. Beck), forthcoming in ECB Working Papers
- Labor Market Rigidities and the Business Cycle: Price vs. Quantity Restricting Institutions*, (joint with Mirko Abbritti) HEI Working Paper Series, No. 01/2008.
- Labor Market Structures, Trade and their Effect on Unemployment: A Theoretical Analysis and Empirical Investigation*, HEI Working Paper Series, No. 22/2006.
- Invited Speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Swiss Society for Economics and Statistics 2007, 2008 and 2009, Annual Meeting of the European Economic Association 2008, 2009, Royal Economic Society 2010

## REFeree ACTIVITY

Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control

## COMPUTER SKILLS

MatLab, Stata, Eviews,  
MS Office, Latex, VBA

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

English (fluent), German (fluent),  
French (very good), Italian (good)