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I am a 5th-year PhD candidate at the Graduate Institute Geneva. My research interests lie at the intersection of macro, finance and environmental economics. In my papers, I have utilized both text mining and econometric techniques as well as theoretical models to investigate how environmental policies affect clean investments. I am motivated by research questions that matter for economic policy towards a more equitable and sustainable global economy. My affinity to social justice issues motivated me to co-found [Women in Econ Léman](#).

RESEARCH PAPERS

[Job market paper](#): Noailly J., Nowzohour, L. & van den Heuvel, M. (2021). **Heard the News? Environmental Policy and Clean Investments**. *Centre for International Environmental Studies Research Paper*, 70. [Link](#).

Nowzohour, L. (2021). **Can adjustment costs in research derail the transition to green growth?.** *Centre for International Environmental Studies Research Paper*, 67. [Link](#).

Nowzohour, L., & Stracca, L. (2020). **More than a Feeling: Confidence, Uncertainty, and Macroeconomic Fluctuations**. *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 34(4), 691-726. [Link](#).

EDUCATION

SEP 2017 -TODAY	PhD, International Economics GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES <i>Supervisors: Cédric Tille & Joëlle Noailly;</i> <i>Research: policy uncertainty, green finance, text mining/machine learning, directed technical change models, adjustment costs in research.</i>
SEP 2017 -AUG 2019	Beginning Doctoral Program, Economics STUDY CENTER GERZENSEE <i>Courses on Macroeconomics (taught by Ricardo Reis, Fernando Alvarez, Jordi Galí and Sergio T. Rebelo), Econometrics (taught by Mark W. Watson and Bo E. Honoré) and Microeconomics (taught by Klaus Schmidt, Piero Gottardi, Jörgen Weibull and John Moore).</i>
AUG 2014 -JUN 2015	M.Sc International Trade, Finance and Development BARCELONA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS <i>Degree jointly awarded by Universitat Pompeu Fabra & Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.</i>
AUG 2011 -JUL 2014	B.Sc Economics UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM <i>Exchange semester at National University of Singapore.</i>

WORK EXPERIENCE

JAN 2018 -JUN 2022	Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Research Assistant (Geneva) CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES <i>Financing Investments in Clean Technologies (joint research project with J. Noailly, G. de Rassenfosse and M. van den Heuvel) financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation as part of the National Research Programme 73 on Sustainable Economy.</i>
JUN-AUG 2021	International Monetary Fund, Summer intern (Washington DC) STRATEGY, POLICY, AND REVIEW - MACRO POLICY <i>Why some don't belong - the distributional effects of real shocks (co-authored with N. Budina and L. Chen).</i>
JAN 2016 -MAR 2017	European Central Bank, Trainee/Consultant (Frankfurt/Main) INTERNATIONAL POLICY ANALYSIS <i>More than a feeling: confidence, uncertainty and macroeconomic fluctuations (joint working paper with L. Stracca); What do we know about the global financial safety net? Rationale, data and possible evolution (research assistance for B. Scheubel and L. Stracca and presentation at BoE); Building and automating large databases using Stata and Excel, regular data updates as well as ad-hoc requests.</i>

WORK EXPERIENCE CONT'D

OCT-DEC 2015	DIW Econ (German Institute for Economic Research) , Intern/Freelance (Berlin) ECONOMIC CONSULTING <i>Analyze the impact of digitization on labour and media markets, particularly with regard to digital convergence, market consolidation and the emergence of new market participants.</i>
JAN-DEC 2013	University of Mannheim (Prof. Volker Nocke) , Research Assistant (Mannheim) INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION, COMPETITION AND MERGER POLICY <i>Experiments and data preparation for research projects using Stata and Excel; Ad-hoc requests.</i>
JAN-FEB 2013	Deutsche Bank AG , Intern (Frankfurt/Main) GLOBAL TRANSACTION BANKING: CASH MANAGEMENT & TRADE FINANCE <i>Review and monitor customer pricing contracts and partake in pricing negotiations and advisory meetings.</i>
JUL-SEP 2012	Deloitte & Touche GmbH , Intern (Berlin) AUDIT <i>Preparation and implementation of audit-related consultancy services in the Financial Services Industry.</i>

SKILLS

CODING	STATA: Advanced (empirical) MATLAB: Advanced (modelling) PYTHON: Advanced (machine learning/text mining)	LANGUAGES	GERMAN: Mothertongue ENGLISH: Excellent command FRENCH: B2
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OTHER TRAININGS

SEP 2021	EAERE Summer School , Design and Evaluation of Instrument Packages for Carbon-Neutral Development Pathways UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ <i>Course given by Partha Dasgupta, Antoine Dechezlepretre, Sabine Fuss, Cameron Hepburn, and Hermann Vollebergh (program).</i>
JAN 2020	VU Winter School , Automated Content Analysis in Python VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM <i>Course given by Felicia Loecherbach (program).</i>
JUL 2019	CEIP Summer School , The Economics of Environmental Policy and Innovation UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA <i>Course given by Carolyn Fischer and other invited professors (program).</i>
JUL 2018	LSE Summer School , Advanced Tools for Macroeconomists LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS <i>Course given by Wouter den Haan and Petr Sedlacek.</i>
JUL 2016	Training , Empirical Banking ROBERT SCHUMANN CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES & EUI <i>Course given by José-Luis Peydró.</i>
JUL 2016	CREI Macroeconomics Summer School , Macroeconomics of Credit and Asset Bubbles BARCELONA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS <i>Course given by Jaume Ventura.</i>

REFERENCES

Cédric Tille (thesis supervisor), *Professor, Graduate Institute, Geneva.*

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Joëlle Noailly (thesis supervisor and co-author), *Associate Professor, VU, Amsterdam, Lecturer, Graduate Institute, Geneva.*

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Nina Budina (former supervisor and co-author), *Senior Economist, IMF, Washington DC.*

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Livio Stracca (former supervisor and co-author), *Deputy Director General, European Central Bank, Frankfurt am Main.*

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SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2021 | Geneva 2030 Ecosystem Micro **Grant** (conference grant)
- 2020 | NBER Economics of Innovation in the Energy Sector Conference (research grant)
- 2017 | IHEID Full Living Expense Scholarship (scholarship)
- 2014 | Barcelona GSE Partial Tuition Fee Waiver (scholarship)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 | **European Central Bank**, International Policy Analysis Seminar, *Frankfurt am Main, Germany*.
- 2021 | **Gerzensee Alumni Conference**, *Gerzensee, Switzerland*.
- 2021 | **European Association for Environmental and Resource Economists Summer School**, *Seggau, Austria*.
- 2021 | **Rare Voices in Economics Conference**, *Graduate Institute and University of Geneva, Switzerland*.
- 2021 | **French Association of Environmental and Resource Economics Conference**, *Grenoble, France*.
- 2021 | **International Monetary Fund**, Research Department Seminar, *Washington DC, US (virtual)*.
- 2021 | **European Economic Association**, Annual Congress, *Copenhagen, Denmark (virtual)*.
- 2021 | **Swiss Finance Institute**, Research Days, *Gerzensee, Switzerland (virtual)*.
- 2021 | **NBER Conference on the Economics of Innovation in the Energy Sector (part II)**, *MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA (virtual)*.
- 2020 | **Gerzensee Alumni Conference**, *Gerzensee, Switzerland*.
- 2020 | **NBER Conference on the Economics of Innovation in the Energy Sector (part I)**, *MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA (virtual)*.
- 2019 | **Workshop on Climate Economics, Innovation, and Policy**, *University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada*.
- 2018 | **Annual Congress of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics**, *Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland*.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

- 2021 | **Rare Voices in Economics Conference**, *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and University of Geneva, Switzerland*.
- 2020 | **Women in Econ Léman Workshop**, *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, University of Geneva and University of Lausanne, Switzerland*.
- 2020 | **Covid-19 Reading Group**, *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland*.
- 2019 | **Macro Lunch**, *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland*.

MODERATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS

- 2021 | **Panel Discussion: Reconciling Ecology and Economy — A Realist Approach with Bertrand Piccard**. **Event**. *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies*.
Panelists: Bertrand Piccard (Entrepreneur, Psychiatrist and Ambassador for Clean Technologies), Magali Andersson (Chief Sustainability and Innovation Officer at Holcim), Antonio Hodgers (Councilor of State of Geneva).
- 2021 | **Roundtable: Pathways for More Inclusive Economics Departments – What Works and What Doesn't?** **Recording**. *University of Geneva, Switzerland*.
Panelists: Prof. Emmanuelle Auriol (TSE), Prof. Estefania Santacreu-Vasut (ESSEC), Prof. Heidi Mirza (Goldsmiths and LSE).

REFeree EXPERIENCE

Journal of Applied Economics, European Journal of Government and Economics, Reserve Bank of Australia Research Discussion Paper Series

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