KATRIN GÖDKER *Curriculum vitae*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Bocconi University
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FIELDS — Behavioral Finance, Household Finance

METHODS — Experiments (lab & field), archival data analysis (investor transaction data), online surveys

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor at Bocconi University — since 2022
CEPR, Household Finance RPN (Member)
CESifo Research Network Affiliate
IGIER Affiliate

Visiting Scholar at Nova School of Business and Economics — 2025

Post-doctoral Researcher at Maastricht University — 2019 - 2022
Member of the Behavioral Insights Center at Maastricht University

Visiting Scholar at UC Berkeley, Haas School of Business — 2018
Host: Professor Terrance Odean

Visiting Scholar at Maastricht University, School of Business and Economics — 2017
Host: Professor Paul Smeets

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Finance — 06/2019
University of Hamburg, Graduate School of Business and Economics
Graduated with honors (summa cum laude)
Supervisor: Professor Alexander Bassen

M.Sc. Business Economics (major in finance), University of Hamburg — 04/2014
Graduated with honors (best graduating student of the year)

B.Sc. Business Economics (major in finance), University of Hamburg — 10/2011

PUBLICATIONS

Investor Memory, with Peiran Jiao and Paul Smeets
Review of Financial Studies (2025), 38(6): 1595–1640, Editor's Choice/Lead Article

Disposed to Be Overconfident, with Terrance Odean and Paul Smeets
(**Forthcoming at Journal of Finance**)
link: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4404706

Working Papers

Mental Models in Financial Markets: How Do Experts Reason About the Pricing of Climate Risk?, with Rob Bauer, Paul Smeets, and Florian Zimmermann
link: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4851752

Attention to Extreme Returns, with Moritz Lukas
link: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3080332

Categorization and Learning from Financial Information
link: https://katringodker.com/wp_categorization_godker.pdf

Research in Progress

Trading Narratives, with Christine Laudenbach and Cameron Peng
(Field survey, online experiment, and transaction data)

Paternalistic Choices in Retirement Savings: A Field Study with the Beneficiaries of Dutch Pension Funds, with Rob Bauer, Alain Cohn, and Paul Smeets
(Field survey and online experiment)

Fees in Finance, with Olga Balakina, Camelia Kuhnen, and Christine Laudenbach
(Field survey, online experiment, and transaction data)

Investor Confidence in Delegated Decisions, with Marten Laudi
(Lab experiments)

Pre-PhD Publications

The Impact of Two Different Economic Systems on Dishonesty (with Dan Ariely, Ximena Garcia-Rada, Lars Hornuf, and Heather Mann), 2019. *European Journal of Political Economy, 59*, 179-195.

Climate Information in Retail Investors' Decision-making: Evidence from a Choice Experiment (with Alexander Bassen, Florian Lüdeke-Freund, and Josua Oll), 2019. *Organization & Environment, 32*(1), 62-82.

CSR Disclosure and Investor Behavior: A Proposed Framework and Research Agenda (with Lasse Mertins), 2018. *Behavioral Research in Accounting, 30*(2), 37-53.

Conferences

Scheduled: NBER Household Finance Working Group Meeting Fall 2026
CESifo Area Conference on Behavioral Economics 2026
Yale Junior Finance Conference 2025
Western Finance Association (WFA) Meeting 2025 - discussant
CESifo Summer Institute in Venice (Workshop: Expectation Formation) 2024
Conference in Behavioral Finance and Decision Making at Chicago Booth 2024 - discussant
IZA Beliefs Workshop 2024
Women Assistant Professors of Finance Conference (WAPFIN) at NYU Stern 2024
CESifo Area Conference on Behavioral Economics 2023
Adam Smith Workshop 2023 - discussant
Zurich Workshop on Economics and Psychology 2023
SITE Conference at Stanford 2022 (Economics and Psychology session)
Helsinki Finance Summit on Investor Behavior 2022
Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference (ECBE) 2022
Western Finance Association (WFA) Meeting 2022
SFS Cavalcade North America 2022
Beliefs Based Utility Conference 2022

European Finance Association 2021 (EFA) - discussant
briq Institute Workshop on Beliefs 2021
American Finance Association 2020 (AFA)
Early Career Women in Finance Conference at Stanford 2020 (ECWFC)

Previous and others: Behavioural Finance Working Group (BFWG) Conference, Boulder Summer Conference on Consumer Financial Decision Making, Conference of the Society for Experimental Finance (EF), DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) Workshop on Consumer Preferences, Consumer Mistakes, and Firms' Response at Frankfurt School, European Economic Association (EEA), Experimental Methods in Policy Conference, Helsinki Finance Summit on Investor Behavior, International Meeting on Experimental and Behavioral, Social Sciences (IMEBESS), Maastricht Behavioral and Experimental Economics Symposium (M-BEES), Narratives in Economics Workshop Zurich, Research in Behavioral Finance Conference (RBFC), SAFE Household Finance Workshop, Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE) of the European Association of Young Economists (EAYE), St.Gallen Workshop in Financial Economics, TIBER Symposium on Psychology and Economics, Workshop on Beliefs, Narratives, and Memory.

Invited Seminars and Talks

Aalto University School of Business and Hanken School of Economics Helsinki (2026), Berlin Behavioral Economics Seminar (2022), Booth School of Business, University of Chicago (2025), Caltech (2020), Cambridge Judge Business School (2024), Central Bank of Ireland (2024), CEPR Advanced Forum in Financial Economics (CAFFE) webinar series (2022), CEU Vienna (2023), DICE of Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf (2019), Erasmus School of Economics (2021), ESSEC (2022), FGV and INSPER São Paulo (2025), FAIR at Norwegian School of Economics NHH (2025), Frankfurt School of Finance and Management (2020), Frankfurt Goethe University (2020), Geneva Finance Research Institute GFRI (2025), HEC Paris (2021), ifo Institute Fürth (2023), Imperial College London (2021), IWH Halle (2025), LMU Munich (2023), Lund University (2021), Maastricht University (2018), Nova School of Business and Economics (2025), Radboud University (2022), SAFE Frankfurt (2022), Stockholm Business School (2022), Toulouse School of Economics (2019), University of Alicante (2021), University of Copenhagen (2021), University of Dresden (2023), University of Heidelberg (2022), University of Innsbruck (2023), University of Mannheim (2021), University of Michigan, BEE Lab seminar jointly organized by School of Information, the Ross School of Business, and the LSA Economics Dept. (2025), University of Münster (2022), VCCE seminar at Vienna University (2026), Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam (2021), WU Vienna University of Economics and Business (2021).

Scheduled: UC Berkeley Haas School of Business brownbag (Nov 2026), University of Stavanger (Nov 2026), Tilburg University (Dec 2026), Erasmus University (Dec 2026), Maastricht University (Dec 2026), University of Cologne (December 2026), WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management (Dec 2026), University of Bonn (Jan 2027), LSE (Feb 2027), University of Washington, MIT (Apr 2027), Foster School of Business (May 2027).

Network

I collaborate with financial and policy institutions: CFA Institute, Dutch Ministry of Finance, a large German online broker, a major Dutch pension provider, Rabobank, Universities Superannuation Scheme (a UK pension fund).

Grants and Awards

Research Excellence Award, Bocconi University (7,500€)	2026, 2024
Junior Researchers' Grant, Bocconi University (6,000€)	2025
Netspar Research Grant (250,000€, jointly with Rob Bauer and Paul Smeets) *Network for Studies on Pensions, Aging and Retirement*	2020 - 2022

AFA Doctoral Student Travel Grant	2018
First Prize oikos Finance Teaching Case Writing Competition (5,000 CHF)	2016
EU Climate KIC Research Grant (sub-grant: 87,000€, jointly with Alexander Bassen and Josua Oll)	2015 - 2017
Best Paper Award at 15th Finance, Risk and Accounting Perspectives Conference Academic Research Network Oxford Centre	2015

Academic Service

Conference Organization: Cognitive Foundations of Finance Conference (CFFC), jointly organzied with Constantin Charles and Cameron Peng (annual)

Member of Academic/Program Committee: Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference (ECBE), EEA Finance, HEC-McGill Winter Finance Workshop, SAFE Household Finance Workshop

Refereeing for Journals: American Economic Review, Journal of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Review of Finance, Management Science, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of the European Economic Association, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Journal of Economic Theory, Games and Economic Behavior

Refereeing for Grants: European Research Council (ERC grants)

Teaching

Behavioral Finance and Macro (PhD level reading group, Bocconi University)	since 2026
Principles of Finance (Undergraduate level, Bocconi University)	since 2022
Behavioral and Experimental Finance (Undergraduate level, Bocconi University)	since 2022
Behavioral Finance at the Bocconi Summer School for High School Students	2024
Summer School Lecture "Memory and Beliefs" (LMU Munich and WZB Berlin)	2023, 2024
Behavioral Finance (Graduate level, Maastricht University)	2020 - 2021
Finance Theory (Graduate level, Maastricht University)	2020 - 2021
Advisor for the Honours+ program at Maastricht University	2020 - 2021
Investments and Asset Pricing (Undergraduate level, Hamburg University)	2014 - 2019
Behavioral Finance (Graduate level, Hamburg University)	2014 - 2019
Sustainability and Capital Markets (Graduate level, Climate-KIC Summer School “The Journey”)	2016

Other

Nationality: German; **Languages:** English (fluent), French (basic), German (native), Italian (basic); **Computational skills:** LaTeX, oTree, Python, SQL, Stata, Tobii Studio (eye-tracking), zTree.

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