



# Valentin Séchaud

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PhD Candidate in Macroeconomics  
MSc in Monetary Economics and Financial Markets

## Profile

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I am currently a third-year PhD Student in Economics. My interests lie in macroeconomics, especially monetary economics and finance. After my PhD, I would like to apply my knowledge in an international environment at a central bank or a university.

## Education

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Aug. 2020 – (2025)

**PhD in Economics**  
Major in Macroeconomics  
Current GPA: 3.9 / 4 (A)  
University of Rochester (NY), USA

Feb. 2018 – June 2019

**Master of Sciences in Business and Economics**  
Major in Monetary Economics and Financial Markets  
GPA: 5.8 / 6, *summa cum laude*  
University of Basel, Switzerland

- Master's Thesis: Macroeconomic News and Asset Markets – Empirics of expectation adjustments (Grade: 6 / 6, *summa cum laude*)  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Heinz Zimmermann
- Seminar Thesis: Measuring dividend predictability on the US stock market (Grade: 5.8 / 6)  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Heinz Zimmermann

Sept. 2015 – Jan. 2018

**Bachelor of Arts in Business and Economics**  
Major in Business  
GPA: 5.6 / 6  
University of Basel, Switzerland

- Bachelor's Thesis: Active and passive Equity Investments  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Pascal Gantenbein

## Work experience

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Aug. 2019 – July 2020

**Internship in money market analysis**  
Swiss National Bank (SNB), Zurich, supervised by Dr. Matthias Jüttner

- Implement concepts described in publications for the Swiss money market
- Prepare a referee report about an academic paper
- Regularly present relevant academic papers in a reading group
- Create and update graphs and databases
- Weekly exchange with other central banks concerning market updates, monetary policy issues, common financial contracts and collateral policy
- Conduct money market operations / implement monetary policy and present market movements to the board of directors

Feb. 2018 – July 2019

### Research Student Assistant

Chair of Macroeconomics (Prof. Dr. Sarah Lein)

Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Basel

- Program, manage and interpret data for research purposes and manuscripts
- Preparation of presentations including tables and figures
- Correct exams and participate to the evaluation of Bachelor Theses

### Awards and honors

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- Prize for the best Master's thesis at the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Basel, awarded by the Basler Kantonalbank (2019)
- Second-best Master's Degree at the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Basel (2019)

### Publication

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- Séchaud and Zimmermann (2021), Cash-Flow and Discount-Rate News in REIT returns, available at SSRN 3947196.

### Additional Activities

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- **Student Organization RealWWZ**  
Support events in collaboration with the University of Basel
- Tutoring students of the University in Statistics and Econometrics

### Software Skills

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R, Stata, LaTeX, Matlab, MS Office, Bloomberg, SQL

### Language Skills

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French	Native
German	Native
English	C1, fluent
Spanish	B2, good
Italian	B2, good

### Hobbies

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Electric guitar, piano, fitness training, and travelling

### References

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Zimmermann      heinz.zimmermann@unibas.ch