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After graduation in the field of finance he went into a professional career, working as chartered accountant and bank manager in the field of sustainability and risk management for more than 10 years, before he continued his academic calling at the University of Jyväskylä in Finland (AACSB member) with research time spent abroad in New York and Amsterdam.

He completed his research-based Doctor of Science in Business and Economics with a major in Social and Sustainable Entrepreneurship (one of the global first at that time), examined by Prof. Johanna Mair, Stanford University and Prof. Kai Hockerts, Copenhagen Business School.

His research interests are social and sustainable entrepreneurship, related venture finance and impact investing; looking specifically at the motivations and the complex interplay of institutions, the participants and new instruments such as crowdfunding in the field.

He serves as honorary director at the ACRN Oxford Research Network, in which Dr. Lehner currently leads a consortium of international researchers aiming to explore the dimensions of sustainable finance and impact investing. Prof. Lehner is also the permanent chair of the annual FRAP conference series of Finance, Risk and Accounting Perspectives, editor in chief of the ACRN Oxford Journal of Finance and Risk, and serves as associate editor of the Routledge Journal of Sustainable Finance & Investment and of the Routledge Journal of Social Entrepreneurship.

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