

Prof. Katia Villard

Member of the Board of Directors

Katia Villard (1985) has been a member of FINMA's Board of Directors since 2026.

Katia Villard has been associate professor of criminal law at the University of Geneva's Faculty of Law since 2022. As part of her professorship, she has also been heading the university's Centre for Banking and Financial Law since 2023 (initially as Co-Director, and subsequently as Director) and has overseen the "CAS Compliance in Financial Services" course since 2024.

Her academic career focuses on economic criminal law, combating money laundering and corruption, and banking and financial market law.

Katia Villard studied law at the University of Geneva and was admitted to the bar of Canton Geneva in 2011. She earned her doctorate at the same university in 2017. She has undertaken several research and study visits at the Max Planck Institute (Freiburg-in-Breisgau), Queen Mary University of London, and at the Humboldt University of Berlin. Her dissertation was awarded the Professor Walther Hug Prize and the Joseph des Arts Prize.

From 2011 to 2012, Katia Villard worked as an associate attorney at Keppeler & Associés.

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Since 2023 Member of the academic advisory board for the legal journal *sui generis*