

Prof. Dr. Marlene Amstad Chair

Marlene Amstad (1968) has been a member of FINMA's Board of Directors since 2016, was appointed Vice-Chair in 2018 and Chair in 2021. She is Honorary Professor at the University of Bern, Senior Fellow at Harvard and a board member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).

Marlene Amstad began her professional career in 1994 at the KOF Swiss Economic Institute at ETH Zurich, where she specialised in forecasting business cycle turning points. In 2000, she joined Credit Suisse in the quantitative credit risk management department. From 2002, Marlene Amstad worked in the research unit of the Monetary Policy Department at the Swiss National Bank. At the Federal Reserve Bank of New York she developed their monthly underlying inflation gauge (2004-2005). Afterwards she joined the Financial Market Department at the Swiss National Bank, where she was appointed Deputy Director and Head of Investment Strategy and Financial Market Analysis.

From 2012, Marlene Amstad served as an adviser at the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in Hong Kong for the eleven largest Asian central banks and their Asian Bond Market Initiative. From 2016 to 2020, she taught and conducted research on Money and Banking as Professor of Practice in Economics and Finance at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen where she became Co-Head of the FinTech Center, specialising in big data and Chinese financial markets. She regularly holds visiting positions at central banks, most recently at the Bank of Japan. Marlene Amstad is co-editor of the "Handbook of China's Financial System" (Princeton) and "Fintech and Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC) in Asia" (Asian Development Bank).

Marlene Amstad holds a master's degree in economics from the University of Bern (1994) and received her PhD in econometrics from the University of St. Gallen (HSG) in 2000.

Current mandates/directorships

Since 2020 Honorary Professor, University of Bern (previously lecturer since 2007, visiting professor since 2016)

Since 2020 Senior Fellow, Harvard University, Kennedy School