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### Meet Dr Maria Nikolaidi: Infusing Sustainability into BSc Economics.



#### ABOUT

Maria Nikolaidi is leading the charge in integrating sustainability into the curriculum in BSc Economics at the University of Greenwich, specifically within the modules Banking and Finance I (FINA1153) and Banking and Finance II (FINA1154).

#### WORK

Nikolaidi's teaching materials for FINA1153 and FINA1154 delve into the crucial intersection of financial and monetary policies with climate change. Students are exposed to how these policies can be adjusted to incorporate climate considerations, fostering a deep understanding of the role finance plays in addressing environmental challenges.

Beyond theoretical discussions, Nikolaidi ensures her students engage with practical aspects of sustainability in finance. The modules cover Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) metrics, shedding light on the broader responsibility of financial institutions. Furthermore, students explore various climate-related financial instruments such as green bonds and weather derivatives, gaining insights into innovative approaches to sustainable finance.

#### SDGs

By delving into the complex interplay between climate change and finance, students not only gain a nuanced understanding of these critical issues but also develop both qualitative and quantitative skills for their analysis. Nikolaidi's forward-thinking approach aligns with the evolving landscape of the financial sector, empowering students with the knowledge and skills sought after by employers in today's sustainability-focused world.

