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Dr. Lehner is a Professor of Accounting and the Director of the Centre of Accounting, Finance and Governance at the Hanken School of Economics (AACSB, EQUIS, AMBA) in Helsinki and the Vice Dean for the Quantitative Techniques in Economics and Management (QTEM) in Finland programme. Previously, he was the Director of the Oxford based ACRN Oxford Think Tank for Global Research on Sustainable Finance and Impact for 10 years.

His research interests are sustainable and environmental accounting and impact investing, as well as the good governance of AI. In his more than 25 years of field experience, he has directed several large R&D and advisory projects as principal consultant from the strategic planning through the training and implementation phases in the private and public sectors. He is recognized as expert on impact investing by the OECD and contributes to the EU programs, for example in the EFRAG and the DG FISMA, and works as audit and advisory expert on sustainability accounting, materiality analysis and climate related financial risks. Dr. Lehner has proven key leadership skills in various contexts and brings with vast experience in managing managers.

Before his current posts, he worked as professorial fellow at the University of Oxford from 2014-2019. During that time, he developed one of the first big data-driven fund portfolio optimization models to include ESG related, social and environmental risks and returns for use in UK and US pension funds, and contributed to the revisions of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 on the taxation of Crowdfunding for social ventures. Before this, he was a senior risk manager and chartered financial accountant in the banking industry for more than 10 years.

Prof. Lehner is a passionate book author, a regular reviewer at the Accounting Organizations and Society Journal, the Journal of Business Ethics and the Accounting, Auditing and Accountability Journal. He is the editor in chief of the Emerald Journal of Applied Accounting Research (ABDC:B ranked) and publishes regularly in highly reputed journals. In 2018, he was nominated and a finalist for the Carolyne B. Dexter best international paper award by the Academy of Management (AOM) in Chicago, and in 2021 he has won the global Emerald Literati - Outstanding Paper Award for Applied Accounting Research.

His motto is: "Robust, interdisciplinary research and advice for a positive societal impact"