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The slogan of her lecture is *Change finance, finance change*. In her inaugural speech she emphasized that achieving a sustainable monetary and financial system requires us to take action ourselves. She studied economics at the University of Amsterdam.

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