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DOCTORAL STUDIES

Ph.D. in Finance, WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management 2014 – 2019
Visiting scholar, New York University Stern School of Business 2016

PRIOR STUDIES

M.Sc. in Management Finance Track, ESSEC Business School 2014
MBA Exchange, University of Chicago Booth School of Business 2013
B.A. in Economics, East China University of Science and Technology 2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, behavioral finance

PUBLICATIONS

1. “She is Mine:” Determinants and Value Effects of Early Announcements in Takeovers (with Nihat Aktas and Burcin Yurtoglu) *Journal of Corporate Finance*, 2018

WORKING PAPERS

2. Friends at *WSJ*: Journalist Connections, News Tone, and Stock Returns
3. Are Market Reactions to M&As Biased by Overextrapolation of Salient News? (with Eliezer Fich)
4. Foreign Bribery and Takeovers: International Evidence
5. What Drives the Takeover Process? New Evidence from the Inner Workings of Internal M&A Teams (with Nihat Aktas, Audra Boone, Alexander Witkowski, and Burcin Yurtoglu)
6. Irreversible Investment under Uncertainty: Do Firm Boundaries Matter? (with Jingyuan Mo)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Advanced Corporate Finance, Co-instructor, WHU M.Sc. Finance Fall term, 2014–2018
Tutorials for Advanced Econometrics, Instructor, WHU M.Sc. Finance Fall term, 2018

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for *Journal of Corporate Finance*, *Emerging Markets Review*

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 ASSA Atlanta*, CEIBS Finance/Accounting Symposium, Midwest Finance Association (MFA) Annual Meeting (discussant), Aalto University, Drexel University, Erasmus Rotterdam School of Management, ESCP Europe, Fudan University, Paris-Dauphine University, Strathclyde University
- 2018 European Finance Association (EFA) Doctoral Tutorial, Helsinki Finance Summit, International Conference of the French Finance Association, Paris December Finance Meeting, Research in Behavioral Finance Conference, CKGSB*, Erasmus University, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, Humboldt University, Louisiana State University*, Peking University*
- 2017 6th Annual Corporate Finance Conference in Exeter University*, Corporate Finance Workshop in Durham University*, International Conference of the French Finance Association, Paris December Finance Meeting (discussant), City University of Hong Kong*, ESSEC, NYU Stern*, University of Lille II, University of Missouri*, UNLV*
- 2016 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies in Europe, FMA Doctoral Student Consortium, International Conference of the French Finance Association, Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Workshop on Corporate Governance and Investment, NYU Stern, WHU
- 2015 Causal Inference Workshop at Northwestern University, WHU

**: Presented by a coauthor*

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2018 European Finance Association Travel Grant
WHU Dean's Fund
- 2017 French Finance Association International Conference Best Paper Award
WHU Dean's Fund
- 2016 Travel Grant for Visiting Scholar, WHU Chair of Corporate Finance
- 2013 ESSEC Excellence Scholarship
CFA Global Research Challenge French Championship
- 2009 Research Paper Award at ECUST Student Research Program
- 2008 National Scholarship by the Chinese Education Ministry

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Lazard, Mergers & Acquisitions Analyst
Vivendi Group, Investors Relations Intern

Paris, 2013
Paris, 2012