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CURRENT POSITION

University of Bergen
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Economics

Bergen, Norway
2019 – Present

PAST EXPERIENCE

Saïd Business School, University of Oxford
Barclays Fellow in Entrepreneurial Finance
Supervisor: Thomas Hellmann

Oxford, United Kingdom
2017–19

EDUCATION

Ghent University
Ph.D. in Applied Economics

Ghent, Belgium
2012–17

Dissertation: The Sources and Consequences of Collaboration in Private Equity Investments
Visiting Scholar (2015–16), Schulich School of Business, York University, Toronto, Canada

Vlerick Business School
M.S., *Magna Cum Laude*, Finance

Ghent, Belgium
2011–12

Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University
B.Tech., *First Class with Distinction*, Computer Science

Hyderabad, India
2003–07

RESEARCH INTERESTS

FinTech, Corporate Finance, Entrepreneurial Finance, Behavioral Finance, and Empirical Industrial Organization

PUBLICATIONS

[Uncovering Retail Trading in Bitcoin: The Impact of COVID-19 Stimulus Checks](#)

with Peter Zimmerman (Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland)
forthcoming at *Management Science*

[The Lightning Network: Turning Bitcoin into Money](#)

with Peter Zimmerman (Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland)
forthcoming at *Finance Research Letters*

[Lending when Relationships are Scarce: The Role of Information Spread via Bank Networks](#)

with Yan Alperovych (EM Lyon), and Sophie Manigart (Vlerick)
Journal of Corporate Finance (2022): 102181.

WORKING PAPERS

[FinTech Lending under Austerity](#)

with François Le Grand (EM Lyon) and Yan Alperovych (EM Lyon)

[How does Mandatory Disclosure affect Firm Growth? Evidence from Firms that Lose their JOBS Exemptions](#)

with Howard Jones (Oxford)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Input Technology and Airline Pricing
with Paula Navarro (Norwegian School of Economics)
- Ex Ante Price Discovery during IPO Bookbuilding
with Howard Jones (Oxford) and Emmanuel Pezier (Oxford)
- The Gender Confidence Gap in Corporate America: Evidence from Voice
with Alan Morrison (Oxford), Howard Jones (Oxford) and Laura Fritsch (Oxford)
- How Do Investors Use Alternative Data? Evidence from Insider Trades around Corporate Jet Flights
with Howard Jones (Oxford) and Christian Rauch (American University Sharjah)
- Skilled Talent Procurement over the Internet
with Hans Hvide (University of Bergen)
- The JOBS Act and VC-backed IPOs: A Complex Structural Approach
with Veronica Czellar (SKEMA Business School) and Yan Alperovych (EM Lyon)

CASE STUDIES

- The Alfacam Group: Impulsive growth and financial distress
with Sophie Manigart and Jonas Standaert (2015) *ECCH Case Study 115-067-1*
- The Facebook IPO hype: A rude social awakening
with Wouter De Maeseneire (2012) *ECCH Case Study 112-052-1*

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Collaboration decisions in private equity investments.
In: Mike Wright, Kevin Amess, Nick Bacon, and Donald Siegel (Ed.), *The Routledge Companion to Management Buyouts*, 2018.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Saïd Business School, University of Oxford**
Barclays Career Development Fellowship 2017–19
Faculty Research Grant 2018
- Vlerick Business School, Ghent University**
Academic Research Fund, Government of Belgium 2014–17
Belgian Science Policy Foundation 2012–14
- Vlerick Business School, Ghent University**
Vlerick AIESEC scholarship (full tuition fee waiver for master's program) 2011–12

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- University of Bergen**
[ECON264: Financial Technology](#) (2022 evaluation: 4.2 / 5) 2020–Present
- Saïd Business School, University of Oxford**
Financial Analysis (undergraduate) 2018/19
Entrepreneurial Finance (MBA) 2018/19

Vlerick Business School
Financial Mathematics (graduate) 2013–15
Visual Basic for Applications in Excel (graduate) 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Eurofit Mgmt. (JV of Michelin & Continental Tires) Zaventem, Belgium
Intern, Project Finance Spring 2012

Tata Consultancy Services Hyderabad, India
Systems Engineer 2011

Maersk Broker K/S (Shipping) Copenhagen, Denmark
IT Consultant 2008–10

Langtved Data A/S (Healthcare) Odense, Denmark
IT Consultant 2007–08

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Global Association of Risk Professionals
FRM Level 1

Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute
CFA Level 2

Vivekananda Institute of Foreign Languages Hyderabad, India
Level 3, German

Dansk Sprogskolen Denmark
Level 3, Danish 2007–09

PERSONAL

Citizenship: Indian

Languages

English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, German (intermediate), Danish (basic), French (basic)

Interests

Travel (100+ countries), photography, programming

REFERENCES

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