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Education

2021.10-	EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, BERLIN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS	Berlin, DE
	Ph.D. in Accounting, PhD Scholarship	
2019.09- 2021.09	EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY	Berlin, DE
	MSc in Management (with honors, top 10%, scholarship €5K)	
2013.09- 2017.06	SHANGHAI UNIVERSITY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMICS	Shanghai, CN
	Bachelor of Management in Accounting (People's Scholarship ¥2K) Semester abroad: Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, Canada, 2015	

Research Interest

Disclosure, bank accounting, macroeconomics

Working Papers

“How Does Recognition of Forward-Looking Estimates Affect Learning About the Macroeconomy? Evidence from CECL”, with Oliver Binz (ESMT Berlin) and Matthew A. Phillips (MIT)

- ESMT Brown Bag (2023), Humboldt University Brown Bag (2023)

“Predicting Young Firms' Profitability”, with Katja Kisseleva-Scherenberger (Frankfurt School of Finance and Management) and Per Olsson (ESMT Berlin)

- Using full population of Swedish firms from 1998 to 2011, we find that firms accounting profitability is predictive of future performance, which combats the view that accounting numbers by young firms are not informative.

Conferences and Workshops

- 2023 SAFE Doctoral Consortium (Discussant)
- 2022 Tilburg Winter Symposium and Research Camp
- 2022 Scandinavian Accounting Research Conference (PhD Symposium)
- 2022 TRR Accounting for Transparency Annual Congress

Teaching and Other Research Experience

2021.10- present	ESMT BERLIN	Berlin, DE
	<i>Teaching Assistant (under Professor Per Olsson)</i>	
	• MBA, hybrid, 150 students (50 * 3 years), Financial Accounting, Valuation	
	<i>Research Associate (under Professor Jörg Rocholl)</i>	
	• Supported in the peer review work for the Journal of Finance	
	• Conducted literature reviews for reports and presentations to the European Central Bank, the European Commission, and other institutions	

Professional Experience

2019.03- 2019.08	MERITCO CONSULTING FIRM (Venture Capital Consultancy)	Shanghai, CN
	<i>Due Diligence Analyst (Fast track, top 5%, 1/20)</i>	
	• Constructed multiple market sizing models and conducted growth predictions for several pre- and post-IPO stage firms	
	• Designed telephone surveys, constructed sampling, and conducted blind testing for target firm brand value evaluation	

- Led a team to conduct 1,000 interviews over the phone, and hand-collected 30,000 data points within 3 weeks

2017.10-2019.01 **PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP** **Shanghai, CN**
Assurance Associate

- FY 2017 top performer (top 2%, 3/150)
- Conducted planning, testing, and evaluations of multiple items on the financial statements

2016.11-2017.03 **ACCENTURE LTD** **Shanghai, CN**
IT Consulting Intern

- Built slides of flowcharts and Gantt charts on an SAP implementation plan used for a successful bid to a state-owned electricity company

Miscellaneous

Languages: Chinese (native), English (proficient), German (elementary)

Database and Tools: WRDS, Compustat, CRSP, BankFocus, Stata, Python, R, LaTeX, Eikon, Bloomberg

Hobbies: Biking, crossfit, cooking

References

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