# Loreta Rapushi

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# Current position

2014- ongoing PhD candidate in Finance at the Norwegian School of Economics

Research area Corporate finance; Capital structure; Debt contracts

Working paper

Are all leverage decreasing recapitalizations the same? This paper studies stock price reactions of US public corporations to announcements of leverage decreasing recapitalizations (LDRs) over the period 1984-2014. Our empirical analysis of LDRs includes exchange offers, equity issues with simultaneous debt retirements and equity issues that serve to increase cash holdings and suggests that - contrary to dynamic theories - leverage decreasing recapitalizations happen in financially safe firms. The event study results are consistent with an option value of cash holdings.

# **Previous experience**

2013-2014	Unicredit Business Integrated Solutions, Milan, Italy HVB project assigned to Quid Informatics
	<ul><li>i. Functional analyst</li><li>ii. Assistant Project manager</li><li>iii. Reporting to the Client</li></ul>
2012-2013	Intesa Sanpaolo Bank, Milan, Italy Internship
	<ul> <li>i. Analyses and valuation of the Debt Securities for the purpose of pointing out Price and Risk exposure</li> <li>ii. Financial modelling, development and specification of the quantitative methodologies and models</li> <li>used for measuring VaR and Greeks</li> <li>iii. Monthly reporting relative to the management of bonds in active position</li> <li>iv. Weekly reporting for FED relative to the counterparties risk for the entire bank perimeter</li> </ul>

# Education

2011-2012	Bocconi University, Milan, Italy Master Degree in "Quantitative finance and Risk management"
2008-2011	University of The studies, Florence, Italy MSc in "Finance"
	Score: 110 cum laude/110 Thesis title: Procyclicality in the banks capital requirements; the role of Dynamic Provisioning on the way to Basel III.
2004-2008	University of The studies, Florence, Italy Bachelor Degree in "Economics"

# Teaching

Spring 2015Teaching assistant in International FinanceFall 2015Teaching assistant in Empirical methods in Finance

# Achievements

2011 | Prize "Roberta Lento" - Intesa Sanpaolo Bank, Milan

#### Academic conferences

2016 European Financial Management Association (EFMA) annual meeting - "Merton H. Miller" Doctoral Seminar

## Language skills

Albanian Mother tongue English Fluent Italian Fluent

## Computer skills

Very good knowledge of Microsoft Project, Excel, Access, Stata, Latex Good knowledge of Bloomberg, E-views, Matlab, Thomson Reuters, Riskwatch