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Personal Profile

My research interests lie in the asset pricing implications of corporate policies. My work is both theoretical and empirical.

Education

2015 - Present Cass Business School, City University London

PhD in Finance

Advisors: Enrique Schroth and Mamdouh Medhat

August 2017 University of Michigan

Mitsui Center Summer School on Structural Estimation in Corporate Finance

Passed all three CFA exams

Will be eligible for the CFA charter upon completion of the relevant work experience

2011-2012 Imperial College Business School, Imperial College London

MSc. Finance, *Distinction*

2008-2011 Cass Business School, City University London

BSc. Banking and International Finance, *First class with honours*

2007-2008 City and Islington College, London

International Foundation Programme, *Highest class average*

Teaching experience

2015 - Present Cass Business School, City, University of London

I have worked as a Teaching Assistant for the following modules:

- *Fixed Income and Credit Risk (Third year undergraduate and Masters level)*
Assisted in marking assignments and exams. Also taught some of the tutorials for the undergraduates.
- *Derivatives and Risk Management (Masters level)*
Assisted in designing the mid-term test, marking exams and taught the tutorials for the module.
- *Foundations of Finance (Masters level)*
Worked as an online tutor, assisting the module leader and conducting the webinars.
- *Bond and Equity Analysis (Masters level)*
Worked as an online tutor, assisting the module leader and conducting the webinars.
- *Fixed Income, Currency and Derivatives (Masters level)*
Assisted in marking the exams for this module.

Employment History

2017 - Present Cass Business School, City, University of London

Research assistant for Professor Giacinta Cestone.

2012 – 2015 Bank of Albania

Monetary operations department specialist

- Conducted research and analysis on developments in the primary and secondary market for treasuries making use of the relevant market data as well as contacts with the key market players.
- Worked collaboratively with Ministry of Finance staff as part of the auction committee for the issuance of Treasury bills and bonds. Performed sovereign debt sustainability analysis aimed at assisting the Ministry of Finance in the development of their debt issuance strategies.
- Participated in the project for the implementation of the central securities depository system of the country. This involved close collaboration with various departments at the bank such as IT, payments systems, law etc. which helped expand my knowledge and gain different perspectives on the entire process of securities registration and settlement.
- Wrote a paper analysing bidder behaviour in the primary market for treasuries in Albania. The paper was presented at several central bank research conferences.

Skills

Microsoft Office including advanced Excel (Pivot Tables, Macros);
Bloomberg Professional, Thompson Reuters Datastream;
E-Views, PcGive/OxMetrics, Matlab;

Languages

Native Albanian
Proficiency in English
Business writing in German
Conversational Italian

Awards and Achievements

Cass Business School PhD Scholarship 2015 - 2019
BetaGammaSigma award for academic excellence 2011
Cass Business School Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement 2010
