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## EDUCATION

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**Manchester Business School (MBS), University of Manchester** **Manchester, UK**  
*PhD in Finance* *Sep. 2009 – Jun. 2013*

- Thesis: Initial Public Offerings on the London Stock Exchange.
- Supervisors: Dr. Arif Khurshed and Mr. Brahim Saadouni.

**Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU)** **Beijing, China**  
*Short Term Intensive Language Programme* *Dec. 2011 – Jan. 2012*

- Studied Mandarin for 5 weeks at BLCU; scored 89% in the final exam.

**Manchester Business School (MBS), University of Manchester** **Manchester, UK**  
*MSc Quantitative Finance and Financial Engineering (QFFE)* *Sep. 2008 - 2009*

- Dissertation: The effects of the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) core principles on global insurance markets.
- Upper Second Class Honours (2:1); Supervisor: Dr. George Christodoulakis.

**Warwick Business School (WBS), University of Warwick** **Coventry, UK**  
*MSc Finance* *Sep. 2007 - 2008*

- Dissertation: The Day of the Week Effect on the Athens Stock Exchange.
- Upper Second Class Honours (2:1); Supervisor: Dr. Chendi Zhang.

**Faculty of Economics, School of Law, Economic and Political Sciences (LEPS), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens** **Athens, Greece**  
*BSc Economics* *Sep. 2000 – Jun. 2007*

- First Class Honours (1<sup>st</sup>).

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Jun. 2013** • Selected for the 2013 "Merton H. Miller" Doctoral Seminar (European Financial Management Association); only 16 PhD students were selected.
- Apr. 2013** • Presented my PhD thesis findings on underwriters' compensation at the Financial Services Authority (London, UK) on 8 April 2013.
- Sep. 2009** • Graduated 3<sup>rd</sup> out of all 2009 MSc QFFE students.
- Jun. 2007** • Graduated in the top 5% of all students (LEPS University).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

My principal research interests lie in the areas of Capital Raising, Financial Market Regulations, Financial Intermediation, Corporate Finance and Governance. I am currently examining the differences in listing regulations among various stock exchanges and what their implications are on the companies that want to raise capital through an Initial Public Offering (IPO).

### WORKING PAPERS

- *Non-cash compensation in non-underwritten IPOs.* Joint with A. Khurshed and B. Saadouni.
- *Warrants in Underwritten IPOs.* Joint with A. Khurshed and B. Saadouni.
- *When do underwriters stabilise IPO prices?* Joint with A. Khurshed and B. Saadouni (work in progress).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Manchester Business School (MBS), University of Manchester** **Manchester, UK**  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant* *Feb. 2012 – May 2013*

- Teach workshops to 191 undergraduate students (course name: Financial Decision Making).
- Develop teaching materials:
  - PPT presentations with detailed solutions and explanations to exercises.
- Schedule and maintain regular office hours; mark exam scripts.

**Manchester Business School (MBS), University of Manchester** **Manchester, UK**  
*Private Tutor* *Sep. 2008 - May 2013*

- Explain regression analysis to MSc Finance and QFFE students.
- Teach students how to use statistical software, such as Stata and Eviews.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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**Manchester Business School (MBS), University of Manchester** **Manchester, UK**  
*Chair of the PhD student committee* *Sep. 2010 - 2012*

- Elected Chair for two consecutive years (out of 120 PhD students).
- Successfully persuaded the MBS postgraduate administration to make significant improvements in the PhD programme:
  - Provide specialist software training only for PhD students (i.e. Matlab, Stata).
  - Extend the use of students' allowance until the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the PhD programme.

**Manchester Business School (MBS), University of Manchester** **Manchester, UK**  
*Discussant at Doctoral Conferences* *May 2012*

- Discussant at the 2012 MBS Annual Doctoral Conference.

**Manchester Business School (MBS), University of Manchester** **Manchester, UK**  
*Exam Invigilator* *Jan. 2012*

- Volunteered to cover a colleague's invigilation due to his last minute unavailability.

## **CONFERENCES**

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**2013 "Merton H. Miller" Doctoral Seminar, European Financial Management Association** **Jun. 2013**

- Will take place at the ICMA Centre, Henley Business School (Reading, UK).

**FSA Economics of Financial Regulation Department Seminars** **Apr. 2013**

- Took place at the Financial Services Authority (FSA, London, UK).
- Presented my PhD thesis findings on underwriters' compensation.

**World Finance & Banking Symposium** **Dec. 2012**

- Took place at Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business (Shanghai, China).
- Presented, chaired and acted as a discussant in three different sessions.

**6<sup>th</sup> London School of Economics/MBS Conference** **Jun. 2012**

- Attended the conference that took place at Manchester Business School (Manchester, UK).

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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- European Financial Management Association (EFMA). **Feb. 2013 - 2014**

## **OTHER WORKING EXPERIENCE**

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**Weston Hall Accommodation, Opal Halls** **Manchester, UK**  
*Residential Pastoral Advisor* *Sep. 2011 - Present*

- Assist in the pastoral care of 529 students/residents.
- Initiated the creation of an on-line electronic file recording the various incidences occurring.

**Giorgis Retail***Assistant Manager***Athens, Greece***Jun. 2000 – Feb. 2003*

- Increased revenues by 8% by successfully implementing alternative ways of promotion.
- Assisted with creation of a more detailed revenue model.

**SKILLS & INTERESTS**

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**IT:** Stata; Eviews; MS Office; Bloomberg; DataStream; Thomson One Banker; Thomson Research, MSCI BarraOne, PI Navigator, Fame.

**Languages:** Greek (Native); English (Fluent); Mandarin (Basic).

**Interests:** Bungee jumping; bowling; cycling.

**REFERENCES**

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