# Adina Yelekenova

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#### Education

| Lancaster University Management School (LUMS)         | Lancaster, UK      |
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| PhD Candidate in Finance                              | Oct 2018 - present |
| Expected graduation date: Sep 2023                    |                    |
| Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS)            | Manchester, UK     |
| MSc in Finance and Business Economics (Distinction)   | 2016               |
| Thesis: "Fund flows and momentum crash"               |                    |
| Nazarbayev University (NU)                            | Nur-Sultan, KZ     |
| BA in Economics                                       | 2015               |
| University of Wisconsin Madison                       | Wisconsin, USA     |
| Visiting International Students Program (Summer term) | 2014               |
| University College London (UCL), NU                   | Nur-Sultan, KZ     |

2011

#### **Research Interests**

Empirical asset pricing, Institutional investors, ESG, Market efficiency, Market anomalies

### Research in Progress

"Exchange Traded Funds and Stock Returns"

with George Wang and Chelsea Yao

[Presentations: EFMA Merton H. Miller Doctoral Seminar, 2022; 28<sup>th</sup> Finance Forum, 2021; 7<sup>th</sup> International Young Finance Scholar's Conference, 2021; British Academy of Management Doctoral Symposium, 2021; AMBS Doctoral Fortnight, 2021]

"ESG Disagreement and Preferences of Active Institutional Investors" with George Wang and Chelsea Yao

Foundation Program (Economics and International Relations)

# **Conferences and Seminars**

| EDMAN . HACL D 10 '  | 2022                         |                                |      |
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| EFMA Merton H. Miller Doctoral Seminar AMBS PhD Finance Seminar Series   | 2022<br>2022                 |                                |      |
| 28th Finance Forum   | 2022                         |                                |      |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Young Finance Scholar's Conference British Academy of Management Doctoral Symposium LUMS Research Conference | 2021<br>2021<br>2021<br>2021 |                                |      |
|  |                              | AMBS Doctoral Fortnight        | 2021 |
|  |                              | Awards, Fellowships and Honors |      |
| Research Catalyst Fund, LUMS   | 2022                         |                                |      |
| Teaching Excellence Certificate, LUMS  | 2020                         |                                |      |
| LUMS Doctoral Scholarship  | 2018-2022                    |                                |      |
| Bolashak Scholarship   | 2015-2016                    |                                |      |
| Award for Academic Achievements in Economics, NU   | 2014                         |                                |      |
| Dean's List Award, NU  | 2012, 2013                   |                                |      |
| The winner of KPMG International Case Competition regional finals in Kazakhstan and CIS countries finals in Moscow           | 2014                         |                                |      |
| Teaching Experience  Lancaster University Management School  |                              |                                |      |
| AcF 701: Empirical Asset Pricing. Advanced Topics in Mutual Funds  | 2019 - 2022                  |                                |      |
| and Investment Strategies  | 2017 - 2022                  |                                |      |
| <ul> <li>Awarded Teaching Excellence Award</li> <li>Masters Thesis supervision</li> <li>SAS workshops instructor</li> </ul>  |                              |                                |      |
| AcF 602: Advanced Investment Management  |                              |                                |      |
| AcF 101: Quantitative Methods for Accounting and Finance   |                              |                                |      |
| Math and Stats Hub   | 2021 - 2022                  |                                |      |
| <ul><li>1-to-1 math tutoring sessions</li><li>Math workshops instructor</li></ul>  |                              |                                |      |
| Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Business  |                              |                                |      |
| Teaching Assistant   | 2017 - 2018                  |                                |      |
| Principals of Finance, MSc Finance   |                              |                                |      |
| Foundations of Finance, Executive MBA  |                              |                                |      |
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Managerial Economics, Executive MBA

Investments, MSc Finance

Entrepreneurial Finance, Executive MBA Empirical Asset Pricing, MSc Finance

## Memberships

American Finance Association Financial Management Association European Finance Association British Academy of Management

## Computer Skills and Other

#### Software

SAS, Python, Stata, Matlab, LaTeX, MS Office

### Languages

English - fluent, Russian - fluent, Kazakh - native

## Work experience

| Nazarbayev University Graduate School of Business (NUGSB) Teaching Assistant | Nur-Sultan, KZ<br>2017 - 2018 |
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| KPMG   | Nur-Sultan, KZ                |
| Audit Assistant  | 2016 – 2017                   |
| Business Valuation Intern  | 2015                          |
| JSC Samruk-Energy  | Nur-Sultan, KZ                |
| Project Intern, Investment Analysis Department                               | 2014                          |
| Procter&Gamble   | Almaty, KZ                    |
| Project Intern, Finance Department   | 2013                          |
| Delegation of the European Union   | Nur-Sultan, KZ                |
| Intern   | 2012                          |