The 16th Corporate Finance Day
September 19, 2019 at the Het Kasteel, Melkweg 1, Groningen

Program

8:30 – 9:15  Coffee and registration
9:15 – 9:30  Opening
9:30 – 10:30  Keynote Prof. Renée Adams (University of Oxford) Room: Congreszaal
10:30 – 11:00  Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30  Parallel sessions A
   Session A1: Bonds Room: Congreszaal
   Session A2: CSR and Dividend Room: 1.04
   Session A3: Financial Institutions Room: 1.08
   Session A4: Capital Structure and Executives Room: 1.09
   Session A5: Relationship Lending Room: 1.12
   Session A6: Private Equity Room: Boekschotenkamer
12:30 – 13:30  Lunch
13:30 – 15:00  Parallel sessions B
   Session B1: Family Firms Room: Congreszaal
   Session B2: Capital Market Frictions Room: 1.04
   Session B3: Dividend Payout Room: 1.08
   Session B4: Entrepreneurial Finance Room: 1.09
   Session B5: Stock Markets Room: 1.12
   Session B6: Human Capital and Firm Value Room: Boekschotenkamer
15:00 – 15:30  Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00  Parallel sessions C
   Session C1: Corporate Governance Room: Congreszaal
   Session C2: M&A and Governance Room: 1.04
   Session C3: Investment, Innovation, and Restructuring Room: 1.08
   Session C4: Liquidity Room: 1.09
   Session C5: Financing and Investment Room: 1.12
17:30  Drinks at Prinsenhof, Martinikerkhof 23, Groningen
18:30-21:00  Dinner at Prinsenhof, Martinikerkhof 23, Groningen

Local conference organizers:
Niels Hermes, Egle Karmaziene, and Nassima Selmane.

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Detailed program

20 min presentations
5 min discussions
5 min questions and answers

Parallel sessions A: 11:00-12:30

A1. Bonds
Chair: Erik Devos (University of Texas at El Paso)

The Importance of Sovereign Reference Rates for Corporate Debt Issuance: Mind the Gap
Sjoerd van Bekkum (Erasmus University), Bruce D. Grundy (University of Melbourne), Patrick Verwijmeren (Erasmus University)
Discussant: Lammertjan Dam (University of Groningen)

The real effects of credit ratings: Evidence from corporate asset sales
Dion Bongaerts (Erasmus University), Frederik P. Schlingemann (University of Pittsburgh)
Discussant: Roberto Wessels (University of Groningen)

Risk Incentive Compensated Bonds
Daniel Vullings (University of Groningen)
Discussant: Erik Devos (University of Texas at El Paso)

A2. CSR and Dividend
Chair: Niels Hermes (University of Groningen)

In the Eyes of the Beholder: Shareholder Connection and ESG Rating Inflation
Mark Shackleton (Lancaster University), Dragon Yongjun Tang (University of Hong Kong), Jiali Yan (Lancaster University), Chelsea Yaqiong Yao (Lancaster University)
Discussant: Adri De Ridder (Uppsala University)

Corporate social performance and class action lawsuits
Daniel Fauser (University of St. Gallen), Sebastian Utz (University of St. Gallen)
Discussant: Bert Scholtens (University of Groningen)

The life-cycle theory of dividends, catering and stock ownership
H. Kent Baker (American University), Lammertjan Dam (University of Groningen), Adri De Ridder (Uppsala University)
Discussant: Daniel Fauser (University of St. Gallen)

A3. Financial Institutions
Chair: Egle Karmaziene (University of Groningen)

Attention-Induced Information Dry-Ups
Pranav Desai (Tilburg University)
Discussant: Egle Karmaziene (University of Groningen)

Benign Neglect of Covenant Violations: Blissful Banking or Ignorant Monitoring?
Stefano Colonello (Halle Institute for Economic Research), Michael Koetter (Halle Institute for Economic Research), Moritz Stieglitz (Halle Institute for Economic Research)
Discussant: Pranav Desai (Tilburg University)
Do online pension planning tools affect pension knowledge and expectations? Evidence from a randomized survey experiment
Marc Kramer (University of Groningen), Robert Lensink (University of Groningen), Auke Plantinga (University of Groningen)
Discussant: Moritz Stieglitz (Halle Institute for Economic Research)

A4. Capital Structure and Executives
Chair: Naciye Sekerci (Utrecht University)

Does Internal Capital Market Membership Matter for Capital Allocation? Evidence from the Euro Area
Jorge H. Mota (University of Porto), Mario C. dos Santos (Catholic University of Portugal)
Discussant: Oystein Strom (Oslo Metropolitan University)

Executive gender pay gap: the role of employer learning and regulatory interventions
Swarnodeep Homroy (University of Groningen), Shibashish Mukherjee (University of Groningen)
Discussant: Jorge H. Mota (University of Porto)

The low leverage puzzle in micro finance institutions
Oystein Strom (Oslo Metropolitan University), Einar Bakke (Oslo Metropolitan University), Sturla Fjesme (Oslo Metropolitan University), Roy Mersland (University of Agder)
Discussant: Mohamad Faour (University College Dublin)

A5. Relationship Lending
Chair: Shantanu Banerjee (Lancaster University)

A loss of a lending relationship: shock or relief?
Karolis Liaudinskas (Pompeu Fabra University), Kristina Grigaite (Bank of Lithuania)
Discussant: Shantanu Banerjee (Lancaster University)

Institutional Distance and Subsidiary Debt: The Spillover Effect of Home Country Institutional Quality
Yan Du (University of Antwerp), Milos Vulanovic (EDHEC Business School)
Jorge H. Mota (University of Porto)
Discussant: Karolis Liaudinskas (Pompeu Fabra University)

Monitoring by Activist Hedge Funds and Long-Term CEO Incentives
Jana P. Fidrmuc (University of Warwick), Swati Kanoria (University of Warwick)
Discussant: Milos Vulanovic (EDHEC Business School)

A6. Private Equity
Chair: Yangke Liu (Queen’s University)

Are Private Equity Investments Bad News for Peers?
Manuel Kathan (University of Hohenheim), Tereza Tykvova (University of Hohenheim)
Discussant: Dyaran S. Bansraj (Erasmus University)

Can Private Equity Funds Act as Strategic Buyers? Evidence from Buy-and-Build Strategies
Dyaran S. Bansraj (Erasmus University), Han T.J. Smit (Erasmus University), Vadym Volosovych (Erasmus University)
Discussant: Ine Umans (Hasselt University)

Shareholder illiquidity and firm behavior: Financial and real effects of the personal wealth tax in private firms
Janis Berzins (BI Oslo), Oyvind Bohren (BI Oslo), Bogdan Statescu (BI Oslo)
Discussant: Manuel Kathan (University of Hohenheim)
Parallel sessions B: 13:30-15:00

B1. Family Firms
Chair: Daniel Metzger (Erasmus University)

Saving face but lessening growth: family ownership and antitrust violations
Mario D. Amore (Bocconi University), Riccardo Marzano (Bocconi University)
Discussant: Dragon Yongjun Tang (University of Hong Kong)

Conflicts in Private Family Firms
Janis Berzins (BI Oslo), Alminas Zaldokas (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
Discussant: Daniel Metzger (Erasmus University)

Performance below aspirations as an antecedent of succession planning in family firms: The relationship between socioemotional and financial wealth
Eddy Laveren (University of Antwerp), Nadine Lybaert (Hasselt University), Tensie Steijvers (Hasselt University), Wim Voordeekers (Hasselt University), Ine Umans (Hasselt University)
Discussant: Riccardo Marzano (Bocconi University)

B2. Capital Market Frictions
Chair: Dion Bongaerts (Erasmus University)

Banking regulation and collateral screening in a model of information asymmetry
Benjamin Hemingway (Bank of Lithuania)
Discussant: Stefano Lugo (Utrecht University)

The perils of removing rating-based regulation: Evidence from the US money market funds reform
Stefano Lugo (Utrecht University)
Discussant: Dion Bongaerts (Erasmus University)

Inter-divisional Spillover and Internal Capital Market Inefficiencies: Theory and Evidence
Erik Devos (University of Texas at El Paso), He Li (University of Wisconsin)
Discussant: Benjamin Hemingway (Bank of Lithuania)

B3. Dividend Payout
Chair: Daniel Fauser (University of St. Gallen)

Persistence of dividend policy: Long-run evidence
Leentje Moortgat (University of Antwerp), Jan Annaert (University of Antwerp), Marc Deloof (University of Antwerp)
Discussant: Patrick Verwijmeren (Erasmus University)

Investor anticipation of dividend initiations and omissions - Do investors really underreact?
John Cotter (University College Dublin), Henk von Eije (University of Groningen), Mohamad Faour (University College Dublin), Cal Muckley (University College Dublin)
Discussant: Dusan Isakov (University of Fribourg)

What if dividends were tax-exempt? Evidence from a natural experiment
Dusan Isakov (University of Fribourg), Christophe Pérignon (HEC Paris), Jean-Philippe Weisskopf (Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne)
Discussant: Leentje Moortgat (University of Antwerp)
B4. Entrepreneurial Finance
Chair: Oystein Strom (Oslo Metropolitan University)

Capital Gains Tax, Venture Capital and Innovation in Start-up
Lora Dimitrova (University of Exeter), Sapnoti K. Eswar (University of Cincinnati)
Discussant: Robert Lensink (University of Groningen)

Entrepreneurship and War Risk: Evidence from the Second Industrial Revolution
Marc Deloof (University of Antwerp), Leentje Moortgat (University of Antwerp), Gertjan Verdickt (University of Antwerp)
Discussant: Lora Dimitrova (University of Exeter)

Short and Medium Term Impacts of an Entrepreneurship Training on Employment and Employability: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Rwanda
Annie Alcid (DAI Global Rwanda), Erwin Bulte (Wageningen University), Robert Lensink (Wageningen University), Aussi Sayinzoga (University of Rwanda), Mark Treurniet (Wageningen University)
Discussant: Marc Deloof (University of Antwerp)

B5. Stock Markets
Chair: Michael Halling (Stockholm School of Economics)

Board Connections and Bank Trading Returns
Markus Baltzer (Deutsche Bundesbank), Erik Fernau (University of Mannheim), Esad Smajlbegovic (Erasmus University)
Discussant: John Paul Broussard (Estonian Business School)

Time-variation of dual-class premia
John Paul Broussard (Estonian Business School), Mika Vaihekoski (University of Turku)
Discussant: Michael Halling (Stockholm School of Economics)

Does Bank Deregulation Affect Stock Price Crash Risk?
Viet Anh Dang, Edward Lee (University of Manchester), Yangke Liu (Queen’s University), Cheng Zeng (University of Manchester)
Discussant: Esad Smajlbegovic (Erasmus University)

B6. Human Capital and Firm Value
Chair: Marc Kramer (University of Groningen)

Wage Rigidity and Debt Financing: Evidence From Labor Contract Renewal During the Financial Crisis
Jiaping Qiu (McMaster University), Yue Zhang (UC Louvain)
Discussant: Fabien-Antoine Dugardin (Paris Dauphine University)

Multi-unionism and the Performance of Firms
Fabien-Antoine Dugardin (Paris Dauphine University)
Discussant: Shushu Liao (Lancaster University)

The effect of collateral shocks in the context of capital and labor dynamics
Shushu Liao (Lancaster University)
Discussant: Yue Zhang (UC Louvain)
C1. Corporate Governance
Chair: Nassima Selmane (University of Groningen)

Board directors under CEO’s pressure: misreading, dissent risk, and information manipulation
Martin Gregor (Charles University)
Discussant: Mohammed Zakria (ESADE)

Governance, Information Flow, and Stock Returns: Evidence from a Natural Experiment
Ariadna Dumitrescu (ESADE), Mohammed Zakria (ESADE)
Discussant: Naciye Sekerci (Utrecht University)

Do Shareholder Proposals Really Improve Corporate Governance?
Laurent Bach (ESSEC), Daniel Metzger (Erasmus University)
Discussant: Gijsbert Zwart (University of Groningen)

C2. M&A and Governance
Chair: Dong Yan (Stockholm School of Economics)

Target’s Annual Report Tone Ambiguity and Takeover Outcomes
Mussa Hussaini (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)
Discussant: Dong Yan (Stockholm School of Economics)

The worse the better: industry conditions and value creation through M&As
Jana P. Fidrmuc (University of Warwick), Tereza Tykvova (University of Hohenheim)
Discussant: Yazhou E. He (University of Manchester)

Communications in Proxy Contests
Yazhou E. He (University of Manchester)
Discussant: Tereza Tykvova (University of Hohenheim)

C3. Investment, Innovation, and Restructuring
Chair: Auke Plantinga (University of Groningen)

Ripple effects of Corporate Fraud: Evidence from Innovation in the Supply Chain
Shantanu Banerjee (Lancaster University), Sudipto Dasgupta (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Rui Shi (Lancaster University)
Discussant: Mikael Paaso (Erasmus University)

Extrapolation and Real Investment
Mikael Paaso (Erasmus University)
Discussant: Mathias Verreydt (KU Leuven)

Tailor-made reorganization: How choosing between procedures affects efficiency
Mathias Verreydt (KU Leuven), Nico Dewaelheyns (KU Leuven), Cynthia Van Hulle (KU Leuven)
Discussant: Rui Shi (Lancaster University)
C4. Liquidity
Chair: Milos Vulanovic (EDHEC Business School)

Twin Agency Costs and Cash Holdings
Dimitris Andriosopoulos (University of Strathclyde), Tiago Loncan (University of Strathclyde), Roni Michaely (University of Geneva)
Discussant: Jana P. Fidrmuc (University of Warwick)

Corporate Life-Cycle Dynamics of Cash Holdings
Wolfgang Drobetz (University of Hamburg), Michael Halling (Stockholm School of Economics), Henning Schröder (University of Hamburg)
Discussant: Swarnodeep Homroy (University of Groningen)

Subsidiary Cash Holdings in Multinational Corporations and Corruption
Christof Beuselinck (IESEG), Stefano Cascino (London School of Economics), Marc Deloof (University of Antwerp)
Discussant: Dimitris Andriosopoulos (University of Strathclyde)

C5. Financing and Investment
Chair: Adri de Ridder (Uppsala University)

Raising capital under demand uncertainty
Spyros Terovitis (University of Amsterdam)
Discussant: Robin Dottling (Erasmus University)

Crowdfunding as Gambling: Evidence from Repeated Natural Experiments
Tolga Demir (Sabanci University), Ali Mohammadi (Copenhagen Business School), Kourosh Shafi (California State University)
Discussant: Spyros Terovitis (University of Amsterdam)

Creating Intangible Capital
Robin Dottling (Erasmus University), Tomislav Ladika (University of Amsterdam), Enrico Perotti (University of Amsterdam)
Discussant: Tolga Demir (Sabanci University)