

Reading Group in Corporate Finance

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Date & Time

Every Wednesday after the Finance seminar, 13.30 to 14.15

Every Friday, 9 to 10

From Thursday September 8th

Equivalent to 12 Meetings, 90 minutes each

Calendar

TBD

Location

Wednesdays - Finance Department Seminar Room (2-E4-SR03)

Thursdays - Finance Department Seminar Room (2-E4-SR03)

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Introduction

During these meetings, we will discuss in an informal setting recent advances in empirical corporate finance and banking, highlighting directions for future research. The core topics will be in corporate finance and banking with a strong empirical emphasis, however contributions with a theoretical focus (or mixed) are also welcome. In terms of topics, we will also

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embrace other fields: macroeconomics, entrepreneurship, labour, development, international, behavioural and others.

Objectives

1. create an environment to discuss new ideas and stimulate creativity;
2. encourage research, collaboration and critical reading;
3. develop presentation skills (both pitching papers and full presentations);
4. offer a commitment device to reading *at least* one new paper per week.

Conditions

There needs to a compact group of students, that routinely meet and discuss very actively. I will lead the group and faculty will join on an ad-hoc basis. Exceptionally students not part of the group can join, but need to get in touch ex ante. The conditions for participation are the following:

- (i) to be willing to present *at least* one paper during the reading group;
- (ii) to prepare very well for the presentations;
- (iii) to commit to attend all meetings, with reasonable discretion.

Format

Each meeting on Wednesdays after the seminars last for 30 minutes, while meetings on Thursdays lasts for 60 minutes. During each meeting we will discuss one paper and, subject to interest, and students may present their own research projects to get feedback.

- 1 Paper Presentation (30 minutes)
- 1 Work-in-Progress Presentation (30 minutes)

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Essential the following MUST be studied in detail

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How to give presentations and write good academic papers?

Consult this excellent documents:

1. by Shapiro on how to give presentations ([link](#))
2. by Meager on presenting in econ ([link](#))
- 3) by Eicher, Monika Piazzesi, Martin Schneider, and Michele Tertilt ([link](#)).

Your presentations must be based and built on these documents.

Two “musts”

Every paper has a research question, you need to be able to identify it and present it in the first or second slide.

If you present a regression, then you *must always* present the underlying equation and be able to explain where is the variation coming from (use subscripts).

Presentation List from 2022/2023

TBD

A link indicates the paper presented (that we all read), while students without a link will present their own research:

September 15 - xxx ([link](#)) & yyy

Preliminary List of Papers

Papers should be recent work-in-progress work, R&R or recently published papers from top journals.

Alternatively, papers from the NBER Summer Institute program could fit well our schedule, check the following links. We will discuss this more extensively.

<https://www.nber.org/conferences/si-2022-corporate-finance>

<https://www.nber.org/conferences/si-2022-risks-financial-institutions>

<https://www.nber.org/conferences/corporate-finance-program-meeting-fall-2021>

Each student should send me an email with 3-4 papers, which need to be: either promising working papers (accepted at major conferences), or revise-and-resubmit on some reputable journals or recently accepted, the oldest papers should not be published more than 5 years ago.

I will then check these papers and suggest the paper presented in each session.