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Ph.D. in Finance, 2016–2022 (expected) Research Master in Finance, 2014–2016

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M.Sc. in Finance (cum laude), 2013-2014

Peking University, Guanghua School of Management

Beijing, China

Bachelor of Economics, majoring in Finance, 2009–2013

Bachelor of Science, dual degree, majoring in statistics, 2010-2013

TiSEM Tilburg University, exchange student, 2011 Tilburg, the Netherlands

RESEARCH INTERESTS Behavioral finance, corporate finance

WORKING PAPER

# Homophily in financial market: Evidence from executives and analysts interaction in conference calls (Job Market Paper)

Abstract: I examine whether and how homophily affects executives and analysts interactions in conference calls. Using earnings conference calls of S&P 1500 firms, I find robust evidence that executive behavior is driven by homophily: they are more likely to select the same ethnic background analysts to ask questions in the conference call. This positive relation is still held by exploiting the exogenous shock to analysts' attention and the event of CEO turnover. Moreover, executives communicate more and speak with a more positive tone to the same ethnic group analysts in the Q&A session. Such a homophily behavior of information communication has consequences to the analysts forecast quality: their forecast errors become smaller. In summary, my findings suggest that homophily does exist in the financial market and can affect the interactions of different economic agents in the financial market.

#### Firms' demands on inventor executives around IPOs (with Yanying Lyu)

Abstract: We examine how going public affects firms' demands on inventor executives who own both management and innovation experience. Using IPO withdrawn firms as the control group and NASDAQ returns fluctuations as the instrumental variable on IPO competition, we show that firms demand more inventor executives after successful IPOs. We conjecture that firms demand those inventor executives who own superior abilities to better overcome threats and competitions after going IPOs. Empirical evidence supports this idea. The demand is higher for firms with higher product market competition and innovation competition. In addition, the number of inventor executives is positively related to survival probability after IPOs,

stock market performance, operating performance, and innovation performance. Our results provide new evidence on the effect of going public on human capital mobility from firms' demand perspective.

## Team versus individual: Evidence from financial analysts during COVID-19 pandemic

Abstract: Whether the performance of teams is better than that of individuals is still an open question. In this paper I look at one important team in the financial market, the financial analyst team, and take the advantage of the exogenous shock introduced by stay-at-home orders in the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic, to investigate whether analyst teams can issue more timely forecasts compared to individual analysts. The main findings are: (i) after the stay-at-home orders, both team and individual analysts issue fewer timely forecasts; (ii) compared to individual analysts, team analysts can issue more timely forecasts after the stay-at-home orders; and (iii) teams with female leaders and higher diversity perform better. In summary, this paper provides new evidence on the performance difference between teams and individuals especially during tough times.

WORK IN An empirical test of the wake-up call: Evidence from conference calls (with PROGRESS Zilong Niu)

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2014-2016

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Supervision B.Sc. Thesis in Finance, 2017

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Financial History and Intermediation (undergraduate), 2016, 2017, 2018

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