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Academic Positions

Sept.2023- **ESCP Business School**
Assistant Professor of Finance

Education

2018-2023 **Erasmus University Rotterdam**
PhD in Finance
Supervisory Team: Dion Bongaerts and Wolf Wagner;

Fall 2022 **Boston College**
PhD Research Visit - Faculty Sponsor: Fabio Schiantarelli;

Spring 2022 **Bocconi University**
PhD Research Visit - Faculty Sponsor: Elena Carletti;

2015-2017 **Nova School of Business and Economics - LUISS**
M.Sc., Finance, Double Degree, cum laude

2012-2015 **LUISS Guido Carli University**
B.Sc., Economics, incl. 1-year visiting Utrecht School of Economics

Research fields

Financial Intermediation, Real Estate, Corporate Finance.

Working Papers

Electronic Foreclosures
ECON JM Best Paper Runner-Up Award by UniCredit Foundation and EEA;
10th SUERF/UniCredit Foundation Prize;
Short Abstract: Exploiting the staggered introduction of electronic auction bidding by courts in Florida, I show that mortgage foreclosure sale success increases, and price discounts shrink.
Selected conferences: ERIM*, EFA 2022, EEA 2022, HEC Workshop, ERES**.
*Best Paper Award of the 2021-2022 PhD Seminars; **Best Paper Award for the Refereed Session;

Fire Sale Risk and Credit, Bongaerts, Mazzola and Wagner, 2020.
CEPR Discussion Paper No. DP15798
Short Abstract: Using individual application data, we find that lenders anticipate the future risk of a disorderly liquidation in their ex-ante credit supply decisions. These incentives make markets less exposed to fire sales going forward.

Selected Conference: 2020 EEA, 3rd QMUL Econ-Finance Workshop, DNB, 2021 RiskLab/BoF/ESRB, Norges Bank-CEPR 2021, FIRS 2022, EFA 2022.
Coverage: World Bank - All About Finance Blog.

Publications	**Non-standard Errors**, Menkveld et al. (2021), Journal of Finance, forthcoming.

Short Abstract: In science, any evidence-generating process (EGP) adds uncertainty: non-Standard Errors (NSEs). NSEs turn out to be sizeable, on par with SEs. Adding peer-review stages reduces NSEs. We further find that this type of uncertainty is underestimated by participants.

Closed for Business, Bongaerts, Mazzola, Wagner (2021), *PLOS One*, 16(5), e0251373.
Short Abstract: Using a DiD research design across Italian municipalities, we find that mandated business closures reduce Covid-19 deaths, exhibit rapidly diminishing returns, differ across sectors, and create positive geographical spillovers.
Coverage: BlueSky, BizEd AACSB International, Growth Hub, Lavoce.info.

Work in Progress	**Sharing SME Cash-Flows Data**, Bahaj, De Marco, Foulis, Mazzola 2023.

[Draft coming soon]
Selected conferences: ERIM, Edinburgh Corporate Finance Conference, FINEST Spring 2023*.
*Best Paper Award in Memory of Radha Gopalan;

Conference Presentations (incl. upcoming)	2023	Bank of Italy, Edinburgh Corporate Finance Conference, Finest 2023 Spring Workshop, EFiC, UPF, Manchester Business School, ESCP, Nova SBE, Utrecht University, University of Naples Federico II, Catolica University Lisbon, Ca' Foscari University Venice, LUISS University, ESSEC Business School, UC3 Madrid.
	2022	Financial Intermediation Research Society (FIRS), European Financial Association (EFA) x2, EEA, Erasmus Research Institute of Management, 5th Benelux Banking Research Day, Financial Engineering and Business Society, Financial Markets and Corporate Governance PhD Symposium, European Real Estate Society, Center for European Studies (CefES), Tri-City Day-Ahead Workshop on Financial Regulation, Nova Finance PhD workshop, HEC Paris PhD workshop, Boston College, IBEFA's YESS.
	2021	3rd QMUL Economics-Finance Workshop, Essex Finance Centre (EFiC), Norges Bank-CEPR.

2020	Erasmus University Rotterdam, AEFIN - PhD Finance forum, European Economic Association (EEA), 7th Emerging Scholars in Banking and Finance conference, RiskLab/Bank of Finland/ESRB.

Discussions

Blinded by Familiarity? Institutional Investors under Adverse Performance Shocks - Wayne Xinwei Wan, at ERES 2023.

Merger-driven listing dynamics - B.Espen Eckbo and Markus Lithell, at The Finance Symposium 2021.

Out of sight, out of mind? Global chains, export, and credit allocation, in bad times - Raoul Minetti, Pierluigi Murro, Valentina Peruzzi, at EFiC 2023 Conference in Banking and Corporate Finance 2023

Preventing a financial crisis: fiscal support and loan loss provisions during the COVID-19 pandemic - Hans Degryse and Cédric Huylebroek, at Banking Research Day KU Leuven 2022.

Free Credit Reports and The Retail Mortgage Market - Amit Kumar, at QMUL PhD Workshop 2021.

Refereeing

Food Policy, PLOS ONE, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management.

Other Positions

Summer 2023	**Bank of England** Centre for Central Banking Studies Division, PhD internship
2021	**Tortuga** Contributor to the Italian policy-oriented think-tank of young researchers.
2017-2018	**European Central Bank** DG Macroprudential Policies and Financial Stability, Traineeship
Summer 2016	**UniCredit Group** Risk Management, Internship, Milan

Teaching

ESCP Business School - Professor

2023-2024	Corporate Finance (BSc)

Rotterdam School of Management - Teaching Assistant

2019-2023	Microeconomics (BSc)
2019-2021	Corporate Finance (MSc)
2019	Corporate Finance* (BSc - *Best Course award)
2018-2023	*Thesis Supervision*: Corporate Finance, FinTech Lending, Banking

Awards	2023	10th SUERF/UniCredit Foundation Prize;
	2022	ECON JM Best Paper Runner-Up Award, EEA/UniCredit Foundation;
	2022	EFA Travel Grant - 49th EFA Annual Meeting
	2022	European Real Estate Society (ERES) PhD Student Scholarship
	2021	Dutch Research Council (NWO) - SURF Cooperative grant EINF-2355
	2021	ERIM Talent Placement Program
	2018	ANP Lazio - "Note di merito"
	2018	Capital 4.0 - Feb/Mar 2018, n. 451-452, "Top 30 Italians under 30"
	2017	Bank of Italy, Stringher Fellowship: "Particolarmente Meritevole"
	2016	UniCredit&Universities, International Internship program Scholarship

Languages and Softwares

Italian (Native); English (Fluent); French (Basic), Portuguese (Basic).
STATA, R, LaTeX, Matlab, Tableau, SQL.