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### **Employment/Affiliations:**

Aug 2019-present	Professor of Finance, University of Mannheim (Chair of Finance and Financial Institutions)
April 2019-present	Research Member, European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI)
July 2014-July 2019	Professor of Behavioral Finance, Tilburg University
Dec 2012-June 2014	Associate Professor of Finance (with tenure), Tilburg University
Sep 2009-Nov 2012	Assistant Professor of Finance, Tilburg University
Sep 2009-July 2019	CentER Fellow, Tilburg University
Sep 2008-May 2009	Visiting Assistant Professor of Finance, University of Texas at Austin

### **Education:**

Aug 2008	Dr. rer. pol. ( <i>summa cum laude</i> ), University of Mannheim
Sep 2006-Aug 2008	Ph.D. Candidate in Finance, University of Mannheim <i>Center for Doctoral Studies in Business</i>
Sep 2004-Aug 2006	Ph.D. Candidate in Finance, Humboldt-University Berlin <i>Berlin Doctoral Program</i>
Sep 1999-Aug 2004	Diplom-Kaufmann, University of Mannheim
Sep 2002-Aug 2003	Visiting Student, University of Warwick

### **Published and Forthcoming Papers:**

1. “Sticks or Carrots? Optimal CEO Compensation when Managers are Loss Averse”, with Ingolf Dittmann and Ernst Maug, *Journal of Finance*, 2010, Volume 65, Issue 6, pp. 2015-2050. (*Lead Article.*)
2. “Religious Beliefs, Gambling Attitudes and Financial Market Outcomes”, with Alok Kumar and Jeremy Page, *Journal of Financial Economics*, 2011, Volume 102, Issue 3, pp. 671-708.
3. “Indexing Executive Compensation Contracts”, with Ingolf Dittmann and Ernst Maug, *Review of Financial Studies*, 2013, Volume 26, Number 12, pp. 3182-3224.
4. “Probability Weighting and Employee Stock Options”, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, 2013, Volume 48, Number 4, pp. 1085-1118.

5. “Investor Sentiment and Return Comovements: Evidence from Stock Splits and Headquarter Changes”, with Alok Kumar and Jeremy Page, *Review of Finance*, 2013, Volume 17, Number 3, pp. 921-953.
6. “What’s in a Name? Mutual Fund Flows when Managers have Foreign-Sounding Names”, with Alok Kumar and Alexandra Niessen-Ruenzi, *Review of Financial Studies*, 2015, Volume 28, Number 8, pp. 2281-2321.
7. “Gambling and Comovements”, with Alok Kumar and Jeremy Page, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, 2016, Volume 51, Number 1, pp. 85-111.
8. “Conglomerate Investment, Skewness, and the CEO Long Shot Bias”, with Christoph Schneider, *Journal of Finance*, 2016, Volume 71, Issue 2, pp. 635-672.
9. “Acquisitions as Lotteries? The Selection of Target-Firm Risk and its Impact on Merger Outcomes”, with Christoph Schneider, *Critical Finance Review*, 2017, Volume 6, Number 1, pp. 77-132.
10. “Distracted Shareholders and Corporate Actions”, with Elisabeth Kempf and Alberto Manconi, *Review of Financial Studies*, 2017, Volume 30, Number 5, pp. 1660-1695.
11. “Cumulative Prospect Theory, Option Prices, and the Variance Premium”, with Lieven Baele, Joost Driessen, Sebastian Ebert, and Juan-Miguel Londono, *Review of Financial Studies*, 2019, Volume 32, Number 9, pp. 3667-3723.
12. “Bidder and Target Size Effects in M&A Are Not Driven by Overconfidence or Agency Problems”, with Christoph Schneider, *Critical Finance Review*, forthcoming
13. “Attracting the Sharks: Corporate Innovation and Securities Class Action Lawsuits”, with Elisabeth Kempf, *Management Science*, 2023, Volume 69, Issue 3, pp. 1323-1934.

#### **Working Papers:**

1. “Inelastic U.S. Equity Markets: New Evidence from a Reform of Fiduciary Duties”, with Stefano Cassella, Emanuele Rizzo and Leah Zimmerer
  - *AFA 2025*
2. “Corporate Actions as Moral Issues”, with Elisabeth Kempf and Zwetelina Iliewa
  - *AFA 2025, WFA 2024, FIRS 2024, ECGI Global Corporate Governance Consortium Conference 2024, Stigler Center-CEPR Political Economy of Finance Conference 2024*

#### **Grants:**

2015-2020     VIDI Grant from The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). Project: *The Impact of Biases in Top Management Teams on Corporate Actions*. Grant size: €800,000.

2018 TiSEM Alumni Fund. Project: *Disruptive Innovation and Textual Analysis*. Grant size: €8,500.

**Honors:**

2022 Fachschaftslehrpreis BWL (Best Teacher Award (Faculty-Wide)), University of Mannheim

2019 Excellence in Teaching Award, Tilburg University

2019 Keynote Lecture, Finance Research Graz, University of Graz

2019 Wirtschaftswoche BWL-Ranking 2019 (largest research ranking of German and German-speaking business school professors): ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>, across all fields, among all researchers under the age of 40 by A+ publications.

2018 Included in the list: “Top 40 Economists in the Netherlands 2018” published by the journal *Economisch Statistische Berichten*. (Ranked 3rd)

2018 Excellence in Teaching Award, Tilburg University

2017 Included in the list: “Top 40 Economists in the Netherlands 2017” published by the journal *Economisch Statistische Berichten*.

2017 Best Teacher in the CentER Graduate Program in Business in the year 2016-2017 Award

2016 2 Excellence in Teaching Awards, Tilburg University

2016 Included in the list: “Top 40 Economists in the Netherlands 2016” published by the journal *Economisch Statistische Berichten*.

2015 Best Teacher of Large Groups 2014-2015 Award, awarded for the best teaching evaluations across all professors in the Tilburg School of Economics and Management in the academic year 2014-2015

2015 Included in the list: “Top 40 Economists in the Netherlands 2015” published by the journal *Economisch Statistische Berichten*.

2015 2 Excellence in Teaching Awards, Tilburg University

2014 Handelsblatt BWL-Ranking 2014: ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in terms of A and A+ publications, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in terms of A+ publications among all Finance researchers under the age of 40.

2014 Included in the list: “Top 40 Economists in the Netherlands 2014” published by the journal *Economisch Statistische Berichten*.

2014 3 Excellence in Teaching Awards, Tilburg University

2014 4nations Cup, Invited participant, “*The 4nations cup will bring the most promising young scholars in financial economics together in one day of 'mini seminars'. [...] Each nation nominates two lead candidates.*” (source: [www.4nations.org](http://www.4nations.org))

2013 2 Excellence in Teaching Awards, Tilburg University

2012 Pierson Medal, awarded every three years to the best young economist in the Netherlands (informally called “Dutch Bates Clark”). Second Place.

2012 Winner of the Larry Lang Best Corporate Finance Paper Award, European Financial Management Association Conference

2012 2 Excellence in Teaching Awards, Tilburg University

2011 Nominated for WRDS Best Conference Paper Award, European Financial Management Association Conference

- 2011 Nominated for Larry Lang Best Corporate Finance Paper Award, European Financial Management Association Conference
- 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award, Tilburg University
- 2010 Excellence in Teaching Award, Tilburg University
- 2008 Outstanding Dissertation Award, University of Mannheim
- 2007-2008 Bronnbacher Scholarship for Future Leaders, Association of Arts and Culture of the German Economy at the Federation of German Industries
- 2007 Travel Grant, American Finance Association Annual Meeting
- 2006 Invited participant at 2<sup>nd</sup> Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates in Economics
- 2004-2005 Fellowship of the Society for Economics and Management, Humboldt-University Berlin
- 2004 Winner of the Prechel Prize 2004, awarded to the best graduating student (BWL mit IQ), University of Mannheim
- 2002-2003 Visiting Student Scholarship, Stiegler Stiftung
- 2002-2003 Visiting Student Scholarship, Erasmus Program

**Conference Presentations (\* denotes presentation by co-author; includes scheduled):**

- American Economic Association 2017, 2018
- American Finance Association 2009, 2011, 2013, 2019\*, 2025 (2 papers)
- Behavioral Decision Research in Management Conference 2008
- CEPR Gerzensee Conference 2010, 2014\*
- ECGI Corporate Governance Consortium Conference 2024
- European Corporate Governance Institute Conference on Financial Contracting 2007\*
- European Finance Association 2007\*, 2008, 2009\*, 2010, 2012 (2 papers), 2014 (2 papers), 2020
- European Financial Management Association 2011\*, 2012\*
- Financial Intermediation Research Society 2012\*, 2014\*, 2015\*, 2024
- Financial Management Association 2008
- Financial Management Association (European Meetings) 2008
- Financial Research Association, Las Vegas Conference, 2013\*
- German Economic Association for Business Administration 2008
- German Finance Association Conference (DGF) 2007\*, 2010\*, 2011\*, 2014\*, 2016\*
- Indiana Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting (FEA), 2011\*
- Miami Behavioral Finance Conference 2010, 2011
- NBER Behavioral Finance Working Group 2008\*, 2010
- NBER Summer Institute Corporate Finance 2014
- NBER Summer Institute Law & Economics 2019\*
- Paris Finance Meetings 2018\*
- Rothschild Caesarea Center Conference 2014\*
- Society for Financial Studies Cavalcade 2012\*
- Society for Financial Studies Cavalcade Asia-Pacific 2018\*
- Stigler Center-CEPR Political Economy of Finance Conference 2024
- Tel Aviv Finance Conference 2014\*
- UI Chile Conference 2015

Western Finance Association 2011\*, 2015\*, 2016, 2024  
Yale Behavioral Science Conference 2009

**Invited Seminar and Workshop Presentations (includes scheduled):**

2024 BI Oslo, Humboldt University Berlin  
2022 Aalto University Helsinki, CUNEF Madrid, Nottingham Business School, University of Münster  
2021 Aarhus University, ESCP/Toulouse Corporate Finance Webinar, Nova Lisbon, Erasmus University Rotterdam  
2020 University of Cambridge, WHU Koblenz  
2019 Manchester Business School, Swedish House of Finance conference on Financial Markets and Corporate Decisions, University Paris-Dauphine  
2018 University of Mannheim  
2017 Harvard Business School, BI Oslo, Frankfurt School of Finance, Norwegian School of Economics Center for Corporate Finance Conference, University of Frankfurt  
2016 APG Asset Management, HEC Paris, University of Frankfurt, University of Innsbruck, University of Luxembourg, University Paris-Dauphine, Rotterdam Workshop on Corporate Governance and Executive Compensation, SSE/SFI Stockholm Conference on Mergers & Acquisitions, University of Zurich UBS Center Workshop on Behavioral Economics of Financial Markets  
2015 ESMT Berlin, ESSEC  
2014 4nations Cup Lausanne, Center for Financial Research Colloquium on Financial Markets, Duisenberg School of Finance Conference in Behavioral Finance, HEC Lausanne, Instituto Empresa Madrid, University of Lugano, University of St. Gallen  
2013 Boston College, Humboldt-University Berlin  
2012 Manchester Business School, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Cologne, University of Mannheim  
2011 Aalto University Helsinki, University of Amsterdam, Frankfurt School of Finance, University of Luxembourg, EM Lyon  
2010 University of Maastricht  
2009 University of Amsterdam, Free University of Amsterdam, University of Cambridge, Erasmus University, INSEAD, Lancaster University, University of Lugano, Norwegian School of Economics, Oxford University, University of Texas at Austin, Tilburg University  
2008 University of Texas at Austin  
2007 Corporate Governance Workshop Mannheim

**Discussions:**

2024 American Finance Association  
2023 ZEW Conference on Ageing and Financial Markets  
2022 Adam Smith Conference  
2021 ZEW Conference on Ageing and Financial Markets  
2019 Women in Finance Conference at Goethe University Frankfurt, Conference on

2017 Regulating Financial Markets at Goethe University Frankfurt  
 European Finance Association  
 2016 European Finance Association (2 papers), SSE/SFI Stockholm conference on  
 Mergers & Acquisitions  
 2015 Berlin Mutual Fund Conference  
 2014 Center for Financial Research Colloquium on Financial Markets, European  
 Finance Association  
 2013 SIFR Compensation Conference Stockholm  
 2012 American Finance Association, European Finance Association, Executive  
 Compensation Conference Rotterdam  
 2011 European Finance Association  
 2010 European Finance Association, Executive Compensation Conference  
 Rotterdam, Financial Management Association  
 2008 Financial Management Association

**Refereeing:**

Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Review of Financial Studies,  
 Management Science, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Review of Finance,  
 Journal of Accounting Research, Journal of Financial Intermediation, Financial Management,  
 Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Corporate Finance, Journal of Economic  
 Dynamics and Control, Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of  
 Business Finance & Accounting, JITE, Financial Review, Revue Finance, Schmalenbach  
 Business Review, Zfbf

**Membership in Professional Associations:**

American Economic Association, American Finance Association, European Finance  
 Association, Western Finance Association

**Short Term Research Visits:**

Sep 2007 Yale University (Host: Nicholas Barberis)  
 Sep 2007 Erasmus University Rotterdam (Host: Ingolf Dittmann)

**Other Services to the Profession:**

Associate Editor:

Journal of Banking and Finance, 2017-2019  
 Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance, 2015-2019  
 The International Review of Finance, 2014-2018

Program Committee:

AIM Investment Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 2016, 2019, 2022  
 Berlin Asset Management Conference, 2017  
 Deutsche Gesellschaft für Finanzwirtschaft 2014  
 European Finance Association Conference 2010, 2013-2023  
 European Financial Management Association Conference 2015, 2017  
 Financial Management Association Conference 2013, 2015-2017

Financial Intermediation Research Society 2017, 2018  
IFABS Oxford Conference on Corporate Finance 2015  
Society for Financial Studies Cavalcade 2012, 2021-2023  
Swiss Society for Financial Market Research 2016, 2021-2023  
Rothschild Ceasarea Center Annual Meeting 2015

Session Chair/Session Organizer:

European Finance Association 2016, 2017, 2020  
Financial Management Association Conference 2008, 2010, 2016, 2017  
SFS Cavalcade 2021