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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Queen Mary University of London

Visiting Lecturer, School of Economics and Finance

2023 -

Teaching Associate, School of Economics and Finance

2018 - 2023

EDUCATION

PhD in Finance, Queen Mary University of London

2023

M.Sc. in Finance (Distinction), Queen Mary University of London

2017

B.A. (Hons) in Finance (First Class Honours), Richmond University

2016

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Corporate Finance, Macro-Finance, Machine Learning for Financial Economics, Venture Capital

WORKING PAPERS

VC Skill and Deal Structure vs. Luck: What Drives the Success of VC-Backed Firms' (2022)

I collect Refinitiv Workspace VC Data and use Deep Neural Network models, and several attribution algorithms to quantify the relative importance of VC skills and the funding deal structure for the success of VC-backed firms.

VCT Skill and Deal Structure vs. Luck: What Drives the Success of VCT-Backed Firms' (2021)

I hand-collect Venture Capital Trust (VCT) data and use Deep Neural Network models, and several attribution algorithms to quantify the relative importance of VCT skills and the funding deal structure for the success of VCT-backed firms.

<https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4540914>

A Matrix Completion Approach to Policy Evaluation: Evaluating the Impact of the U.K VCT Scheme on Investment in the U.K (2020)

I estimate the causal effect of the Venture Capital Trust (VCT) scheme on investment for investee firms in the U.K. I use a Matrix Completion approach to estimate causal effects in settings where some investee firm-years are exposed to VCT funding and the goal is to estimate counterfactual outcomes for the investee firm-years combinations.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

The Impact of Adjustment Costs on Investment, 2019

Queen Mary University of London, School of Economics and Finance, PhD Conference

The Impact of Adjustment Costs on Investment, 2019

Queen Mary University of London, School of Economics and Finance, Internal Seminar

Financial Economics Reading Group, 2018 - 2021

Queen Mary University of London, School of Economics and Finance.

TEACHING

Queen Mary University of London

2018 - Present

- Corporate Finance (Year 3)
- Capital Markets (Year 2)
- Money & Banking (Year 2)
- International Finance (Year 2)
- Intro to Economics (Year 1)

TEACHING TRAINING/QUALIFICATIONS

U.K. Higher Education Academy

- Associate Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy.

Forthcoming

University College London (UCL) GTA Workshop

2018

- UK Professional Standards Framework (UK PSF) for teaching and supporting learning in higher education.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Doctoral Scholarship, Queen Mary University of London

2017 - 2021

Royal Economic Society COVID Academic Support Fund

2021

COMPUTER SKILLS

Extensive programming experience with Python and Machine Learning algorithms

Extensive experience with translating economic models and algorithms into Python code

Extensive experience in Data Manipulation and Visualisation

Expertise in Refinitiv Workspace Data platform, L^AT_EX, MS Office