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RESEARCH Interests OTC Markets, Market Design, Market Microstructure, Benchmark Design, Dynamic Asset Pricing, Empirical Asset Pricing

EDUCATION

EPFL and Swiss Finance Institute, Lausanne, Switzerland

Ph.D. Candidate in Finance, September 2015 - July 2020 (expected)

• Supervisor: Prof. Pierre Collin-Dufresne

Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm, Sweden

M.Sc. in Finance with Specialization in Investment Management, June 2015

University of Hagen, Hagen, Germany

M.Sc. in Mathematics, September 2019 B.Sc. in Mathematics, June 2017

University of Halle-Wittenberg, Halle and der Saale, Germany

B.Sc. in Economics and Management, July 2013

• Minor: Philosophy

Honors and Awards AFA Doctoral Student Travel Grant, 2019

Swiss Finance Institute, Graduate Student Fellowship, 2015-2016

Deutschlandstipendium, 2012-2013

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

European Central Bank, Frankfurt, Germany

EMIR Bridge Programme

April 2019 - present

- Core team member of Prof. Pierre Collin-Dufresne
- Research topic: Structural Determinants of Derivatives Markets and their Implications for Systemic Risk Assessment

École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland

Teaching Assistant

September 2016 - present

- Credit Risk (Master in Financial Engineering), 2016-2018
- Investments (Master in Financial Engineering), 2019

Stanford Graduate School of Business, Stanford, CA

Visiting Student Researcher

September 2018 - November 2018

• Host: Prof. Darrell Duffie

University of Halle-Wittenberg, Halle and der Saale, Germany

Research and Teaching Assistant in Theoretical Philosophy

July 2012 - May 2013

Working Papers

When to Introduce Electronic Trading Platforms in Over-the-Counter Markets?

I study a hybrid over-the-counter (OTC) market structure in which traders have the choice of obtaining an asset from dealers either in a bilateral market or on an electronic trading platform. In a hybrid market (HM), turnover is higher and traders are better off than in a pure bilateral market (PBM). I present sufficient conditions under which dealer profits are higher in the HM than in the PBM and vice versa. Regulators can improve welfare by mandating electronic trading if search costs on the platform are low. Whether search costs are sufficiently low could be tested, using the model implications.

Electronic Trading in OTC Markets vs. Centralized Exchange (with Ying Liu and Yuan Zhang) We model a two-tiered market structure in which an investor can trade an asset on a trading platform with a set of dealers who in turn have access to an interdealer market. The investor's order is informative about the asset's payoff and dealers who were contacted by the investor use this information in the interdealer market. Increasing the number of contacted dealers lowers markups through competition but increases the dealers' costs of providing the asset through information leakage. We then compare a centralized market in which investors can trade among themselves in a central limit order book to a market in which investors have to use the electronic platform to trade the asset. With imperfect competition among dealers, investor welfare is higher in the centralized market if private values are strongly dispersed or if the mass of investors is large.

Conference Presentations

2019:

SGF Conference, Zurich, Switzerland; European Finance Association Doctoral Tutorial, Carcavelos, Portugal.

2018:

AFA PhD Poster Session, Philadelphia, PA; SGF Conference, Zurich, Switzerland; SFI Research Days, Gerzensee, Switzerland; China International Conference in Finance, Tianjin, China; European Finance Association, Warsaw, Poland; Northern Finance Association, Charlevoix, Quebec; Paris December International Finance Meeting, Paris, France

2017:

Quantitative Finance Workshop, Milan, Italy; SFI Research Days, Gerzensee, Sitzerland; Finance Theory Group Contributed Papers Session, St. Louis, Missouri; USI Summer School on Market Microstructure, Lugano, Switzerland; Northern Finance Association, Halifax, Nova Scotia; Paris December International Finance Meeting, Paris, France.

2016:

Market Microstructure: Confronting many viewpoints (poster session), Paris, France and SFI PhD Workshop (poster session), Zurich, Switzerland.

2015:

Seventh Annual Meeting of the Academy of Behavioral Finance, Philadelphia, PA.

Professional Experience

 ${\bf Vescore} \ {\bf AG}, \ {\bf Munich}, \ {\bf Germany}$

Intern, Investment Solutions

June 2014 - August 2014