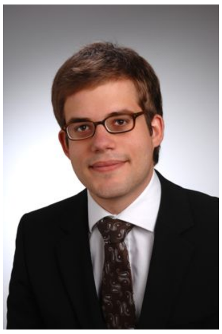

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Personal

Born September 6th, 1985, in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. German Citizen

Education

09/2010–12/2014 (expected) **PhD - Candidate in Finance**, *Center for Doctoral Studies in Business*, Mannheim, Germany.
Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Erik Theissen
Research projects in the area of Empirical Finance, Market Microstructure and Behavioral Finance

08/2008–08/2010 **Master of Science in Financial Economics**, *BI Norwegian Business School*, Oslo, Norway.
Overall master studies result: Grade A, excellent
Master thesis: An Empirical Analysis of Comovements Between Macroeconomic and Financial Variables: A VECM / VAR Approach, (Grade A, excellent)

09/2009–06/2010 **International Master in Finance**, *Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra*, Barcelona, Spain.
Double degree programme with BI Norwegian Business School

09/2005–06/2008 **Bachelor of Science in General Management**, *European Business School (EBS)*, Oestrich-Winkel, Germany.
Electives: Finance & Banking I, Finance & Banking II
Bachelor thesis: Wealth Effects of Convertible Bond Issues (Grade: 1.0, excellent)
Final grade: 2.0 (very good)

01/2007–05/2007 **Semester abroad**, *Schulich School of Business, York University*, Toronto, Canada.

09/1996–03/2005 **Abitur (A-Levels equivalent)**, *Alfred-Delp Schule*, Hargesheim, Germany.
Majors: Mathematics, English, Politics, Computer Sciences
Final grade: 1.4 (excellent)

Experience

Academic

09/2013–recent **Research Assistant**, *University of Mannheim*, Mannheim, Germany.
Administrative and Teaching Responsibilities.
Teaching:
- Tutorial in Corporate Finance and Risk Management (Fall 2011, Fall 2012)
- Tutorial in Investments and Asset Pricing (Spring 2012)
- Tutorial in Stata Programming (Fall 2011-Spring 2014)
- Case Studies in Empirical Finance (Spring 2013, Spring 2014)
- Seminar-, Bachelor-, Master Thesis Supervision (Fall 2011-Spring 2014)

09/2008–09/2009 **Research Assistant**, *BI Norwegian Business School*, Oslo, Norway.
Research Assistant to Prof. Charlotte Østergaard
Supporting a research project in the area of Corporate Governance:
- Build a database with historical firm accounting data for a long term historical finance and law project

Non-Academic

06/2008–08/2008 **Summer Analyst in Product Engineering**, *State Street Global Advisors GmbH*, Munich, Germany.
- Created quantitative product presentations for marketing and internal training
- Composed internal research papers on the Fama French three-factor model and hedge fund return replication strategies
- Conducted internal employee training

05/2007–08/2007 **Summer Analyst in Product Structuring/Origination**, *Goldman Sachs International*, London, England.
- Structured and originated securitized derivatives for retail investors in the German, French, Suisse, and Italian markets
- Developed and programmed on the companywide origination database
- Optimized and automated the issuance workflow
- Generated and analysed open interest and trading statistics

06/2006–08/2006 **Summer Analyst in Auditing**, *Deloitte & Touche GmbH*, Frankfurt, Germany.
- Audited single and group accounts for a big consumer goods producer
- Analysed financial assets
- Validated client-generated company valuations

Honors and Awards

- German Research Foundation (DFG) Scholarship - University of Mannheim (2010 - 2013)
- Geld und Währung Foundation Scholarship (2012)
- Erasmus Scholarship for double degree at Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain (2009/2010)
- E-fellows.net scholarship for top students (2008 - recent)
- Selected fellow at the conference "Ökonomie neu denken - Rethinking Economics" (2012)
- Winner of the XII. WHU Case Challenge (2009)
- Participated in Jugend Forscht: developed a system for planning resources in PHP with MySQL-Database-Backend (2005)

Computer skills

- Statistical Packages: Stata, R
- Database: SQL, Datastream, Bloomberg
- Programming Languages: Python, MATLAB, VBA, PHP, HTML

Languages

- German (Mother tongue), English (Fluent), French (Basic)

Working Papers

- Bitcoin Markets (2014) (joint with Thomas Johann) on SSRN
  We analyze the price efficiency and market microstructure of the crypto-currency Bitcoin.

- May I Have Your Attention Please: The Market Microstructure of Investor Attention (2014) (joint with Thomas Johann) on SSRN

  We analyze the influence of investor attention on a stock's trading dynamics and find that attention increases turnover and volatility of a stock whereas the returns and liquidity are not influenced.
- Do Mutual Funds Outperform During Recessions? International (Counter-) Evidence (2014) (joint Katharina Raatz and Florian Weigert) on SSRN

  We analyze the recession performance of actively managed mutual funds in an international sample and find that they, contrary to recent theoretical evidence, underperform.
- Dividend Taxation and DAX Futures Prices (2014) (joint Erik Theissen)

  We empirically analyze the influence of dividend taxation on the mispricing in the DAX futures prices in the last 20 years in Germany and find that dividend taxation can partially explain the time series of mispricing.

Publications

- "Wealth Effects of Convertible Bond Issues - Further Evidence of Agency Costs and Managerial Entrenchment" (with Dirk Schiereck and Joachim Vogt), in: *Journal of Corporate Ownership and Control*, Vol. 7, Issue 4, Summer 2010, pp. 34-50

Interests

- Long-distance running (marathon finisher)
- Hiking
- Information Technology
- Skiing

Christopher Fink,
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