

# Christopher Fink

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## Personal

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

## Education

- 09/2010–12/2014 **PhD - Candidate in Finance**, *Center for Doctoral Studies in Business*, Mannheim, Germany.  
(expected) Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Erik Theissen  
Research projects in the areas of Empirical Finance and Behavioral Finance.
- 08/2008–08/2010 **Master of Science in Financial Economics**, *BI Norwegian Business School*, Oslo, Norway.  
Double degree (International Master in Finance) with *Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra*  
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)
- 09/2005–06/2008 **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:
  - Tutorials in Corporate Finance and Risk Management, Investments and Asset Pricing, Stata Programming, and Empirical Finance
  - Seminar-, Bachelor-, Master Thesis Supervision
- 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)
- Winner of the XII. WHU Case Challenge (2009)

## Computer Skills

- Microsoft Office, VBA, Python, MATLAB, R, Stata, SQL, Bloomberg, Datastream

## Languages

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

## 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 (From the results of Christopher Fink's Bachelor Thesis)

## Interests

- Member and former chairman of the charitable organization Make a Difference e.V. that was founded by students of the European Business School
- Long-distance running (marathon finisher), Information Technology, Hiking, Skiing