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Date of birth: 16-07-1975

Children: 2

Personalia

Nationality: Italian	
Maritial status: Married	

Education

2005 - Now	PhD Student in Economics (Macro-Finance), (K.U. Leuven, Be)	Exp. defence:
	Thesis title: Macroeconomics and financial factors in the term	Early 2011
	structure of government and corporate bonds	
2005 - 2008	Master in Statistics (K.U. Leuven, Be)	Distinction
2004 - 2005	Adv. Master in Financial Economics (K.U. Leuven, Be)	High Distinction
1999 - 2004	Master in applied economics (University of Calabria, It)	Highest distinction

Work Experience

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09/2010 - 12/2010	Internship at the National Bank of Belgium
	Project involved:
	Information in the yield spread: a macro financial perspective
02/2010 - 08/2010	Internship at the European Central Bank, capital market division.
	Projects involved:
	– Analysis of the interrelations between the corporate bond spreads,
	the government yield curve and the macroeconomy
	– Analysis of the interrelations between the swap spreads and the
	term structure of liquidity
2005 - Now	K.U. Leuven, Department of economics, PhD student:
	– Teaching assistant for the following courses: Econometrics of financial
	markets, macro-finance, mathematical methods for economics,
	advanced international monetary economics
	–Undergraduate and masters thesis supervisor

Publications

An extended macro-finance model with financial factors (with H. Dewachter). Forthcoming in Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis

Work In Progress

Macroeconomic determinants of the corporate bond spreads (with H. Dewachter and W. Lemke) The swap spreads and the term structure of liquidity (with H. Dewachter and T. Werner) Macrofinancial modeling in a data rich environment (with H. Dewachter and R. Houssa) Information in the yield spread, a macrofinancial perspective (with H. Dewachter and M. Lyrio)

Interests

Financial economics and econometrics, Macro-Finance, Bayesian econometrics

Seminars and Presentations in Conferences

Seminar at the Maastricht University, June 2010

Seminar at the European Central Bank, Capital Markets Division, August 2010

Presentation at the Young Researcher Workshop and Tutorial on Applied Finance and Financial Econometrics, November 2009, Berlin, D

Presentation at the Money, Macro and Finance research group, annual conference, September 2009, Bradford, UK Presentation at the Royal Economic Society, Fifth PhD presentation meeting, January 2010, London, UK

Doctoral Courses

2005 (Spring) Doctoral course in optimization methods, K.U. Leuven, Be

Languages

English (Excellent), Italian (Mother Tongue), French (Good), Dutch (Fair)

Computer skills

Matlab, EViews, Sas, R, Scientific Workplace, LaTex, MS Office

Grants and Fellowships

- 2010 National Bank of Belgium: Trainee programme for young researchers
- 2010 European Central Bank: Trainee Grant
- 2004 University of Calabria (It): Scholarship for advanced master studies abroad
- 2003 European Commission: Leonardo da Vinci's project scholarhip
- 2003 University of Calabria (It): Scholarship for studying a semester at York University (Toronto)
- 2001 University of Calabria (It): Best student award.

References

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