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Positions

- 2017– Postdoctoral Fellow
Warrington College of Business, University of Florida
- 2016 Postdoctoral Fellow
School of Management, Politecnico di Milano
- 2015-2016 Adjunct Faculty
MIP Graduate School of Business, Politecnico di Milano

Education

- 2015 Ph.D. in Management
School of Management, Politecnico di Milano
- 2015 Visiting Ph.D. Student
Entrepreneurship and Strategy, London Business School
- 2012 Minor in Management of Technology
Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
- 2012 M.S. in Mechanical Engineering
Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
- 2009 B.S. in Aerospace Engineering
Sharif University of Technology

Research Interests

Strategic entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurial finance

Venture capital and corporate venture capital

Crowdfunding

Publications

- 2017 Ragozzino R., Shafi K., Blevins D. “The effects of pre-IPO corporate activity on newly-public firms’ growth.”
Long Range Planning
- 2017 Mohammadi A., Shafi K. “Gender differences in the contribution patterns of equity-crowdfunding investors.”
Small Business Economics
- 2016 Colombo M., Shafi K. “Swimming with sharks in Europe: When are they dangerous and what can new ventures do to defend themselves?”
Strategic Management Journal 37.11: 2307–2322
- 2016 Colombo M., Shafi K. “The impact of patenting on the size of high-tech firms: the role of venture capital and product market regulation.”
Journal of Industrial and Business Economics 43.1: 85-103

Research in Progress

Shafi K. Mohammadi A. Johan S. “Investment ties gone awry.”
Revising and resubmitting to Academy of Management Journal

Shafi K., Mohammadi A. “How wise are crowd? A comparative study of institutions and crowd in peer-to-business online lending markets.”
Academy of Management 2017 Best Paper Proceedings

Colombo M., Shafi K. “Dancing with strangers? Initial trust and the formation of initial collaborations between new ventures and corporate venture capitals.”
Nominated for best paper award at the 2015 DRUID conference.

Shafi K., Colombo M. “What characteristics of reward-based crowdfunding projects do help ventures obtain external financing?”

Shafi K., Sauermann H. “Investor decision-making in equity crowdfunding.”

Shafi K., Ethiraj S. “Bayesian beliefs in crowdfunding.”

Teaching Experience

- 2017 Instructor, Entrepreneurship for M.S. Entrepreneurship
University of Florida
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, High-tech entrepreneurship for M.S. Mechanical Engineering
Politecnico di Milano

- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Entrepreneurial finance for M.S. Management
Politecnico di Milano
- 2015 Tutor, New venture lab for M.S. Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Politecnico di Milano
- 2013-2014 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to corporate finance for M.S. Finance
Politecnico di Milano
- 2010-2011 Tutor, Physics for B.S. Physics
Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
- 2010-2011 Tutor, Calculus for B.S. Mechanical Engineering
Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
- 2009 Tutor, Aircraft structures for B.S. Aerospace Engineering
Sharif University of Technology

Professional Experience

- 2011-2012 Simulation Engineer
ProcSim Consulting, Switzerland

Grants & Awards

- 2014 Interpolitecnica Scholarship
Scuola Interpolitecnica di Milano
- 2012 Ph.D. Scholarship
Politecnico di Milano
- 2012 Finalist Business Plan Competition
Credit Swiss, Switzerland