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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
Venture capital and corporate venture capital
Crowdfunding

Publications

- 2018 Ragozzino R., Shafi K., Blevins D. “The effects of pre-IPO corporate activity on newly-public firms’ growth.” *Long Range Planning* 51.2: 219–233
- 2018 Mohammadi A., Shafi K. “Gender differences in the contribution patterns of equity-crowdfunding investors.” *Small Business Economics* 50.2: 275–287
- 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 (2nd round)

Sauermann H., Shafi K, Franzoni C. “Crowdfunding Science.”
Revising and resubmitting to PLOS ONE
Covered by The Wall Street Journal and Science

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
Submitted to Information Systems Research

Shafi K., Colombo M. “Reward-based crowdfunding as an informational mechanism: An investigation of receipt of external equity by successful crowdfunded technological projects.”
Submitted to Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice

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

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

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