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Positions

- 2019– Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship
College of Business and Economics, California State University East Bay
- 2017-2019 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

- 2024 Colombo M., Montanaro B., Shafi K. "Dancing with strangers? Initial trust and the formation of initial ties between new ventures and corporate venture capitalists." *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*
- 2022 Demir T., Mohammadi A., Shafi K. "Crowdfunding as gambling: Evidence from repeated natural experiments." *Journal of Corporate Finance*
- 2022 Saiedi E., Mohammadi A., Broström A., Shafi K. "Distrust in Banks and Fintech Participation: The Case of Peer-to-Peer Lending." *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*
- 2021 Colombo M., Shafi K. "Receiving External Equity Following Successfully Crowdfunded Technological Projects: An Informational Mechanism." *Small Business Economics*
- 2021 Shafi K. "Investors' Evaluation Criteria in Equity Crowdfunding." *Small Business Economics*
- 2020 Shafi K., Mohammadi A. "Too Gloomy to Invest: Weather-Induced Mood and Crowdfunding." *Journal of Corporate Finance*
- 2020 Shafi K., Mohammadi A., Johan S. "Investment ties gone awry." *Academy of Management Journal* 63.1–295-327
- 2019 Sauermaun H., Franzoni C., Shafi K. "Crowdfunding scientific research: Descriptive insights and correlates of funding success." *PLOS ONE*
Covered by *The Wall Street Journal and Science*
- 2018 Ragazzino 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

Teaching Experience

- 2024- Strategic Management Capstone (MBA)
California State University, East Bay
- 2023- Managing Complex Issues (MBA)
California State University, East Bay
- 2022- Business, Government, and Society
California State University, East Bay
- 2022- International Business
California State University, East Bay
- 2019- Strategic Management
California State University, East Bay
- 2019- Launching and Scaling New Ventures
California State University, East Bay
- 2018-2019 Start-up Funding
University of Florida
- 2017-2018 Entrepreneurship for M.S. Entrepreneurship
University of Florida

Professional Service

- 2021-2022 Impact of Scholarship Committee
College of Business and Economics, California State University East Bay
- 2020-2022 Committee on Research, representative of the College of Business
California State University, East Bay
- 2020- Editorial review board
Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice
- 2020- Editorial review board
Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal
- 2019-2023 Editorial review board
Small Business Economics
- 2018- Reviewer
Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice, Journal of Business Venturing, Strategic Management Journal, Research Policy

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