



The Swedish House of Finance (SHoF) offers within its Doctoral Course Program in Finance a mini-course

## Corporate Finance: Creative Empirics

with

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This PhD seminar aims to teach you what it takes to excel in empirical corporate finance. To do so, the course will pursue four equally important goals. First, it will expose you to seven key papers in four areas of corporate finance that are currently popular: governance, venture capital, innovation, and interactions between labor and finance. Contemporary empirical work in corporate finance is sensitive to the underlying economics of a given situation, resulting in the need to think creatively about identification, endogeneity, and instruments. Thus, the second goal is to learn how to craft empirical strategies that have a chance of convincing an increasingly demanding and skeptical audience in academia that your work is worth paying attention to. Third, the course is designed to strengthen your ability to dissect, digest, and critique academic research. Finally, the course is structured to give you an opportunity to improve your presentation skills.

The course is designed to be interactive and requires everyone's active participation. Each registered student will be in charge of at least one of the seven papers, depending on numbers. We aim to finalize paper assignments two weeks before the course starts, to give everyone sufficient time to prepare for the course.

### Schedule

- Monday, August 29 2016, 10.30-12.00 & 14.00-15.30, at SHoF, Drottninggatan 98
- Tuesday, August 30 2016, 10.30-12.00 & 14.00-15.30 at SHoF, Drottninggatan 98
- Wednesday, August 31 2016, 10.30-12.00 & 14.00-15.30, at SHoF, Drottninggatan 98
- Thursday, September 1 2016, 10.30-12.00 & 14.00-15.30, at SHoF, Drottninggatan 98

### Registration

Please register in advance with the course secretary, no later than August 14<sup>th</sup>, Jenny Wahlberg Andersson, Department of Finance, Stockholm School of Economics, Drottninggatan 98, 111 60 Stockholm, Phone: 736 9140, e-mail: [jenny.wahlberg.andersson@hhs.se](mailto:jenny.wahlberg.andersson@hhs.se)

### Travel Stipends

SHoF offers travel stipends to PhD students from Swedish universities. To apply, please send a brief motivation letter/mail by the supervisor and a budget to [jenny.wahlberg.andersson@hhs.se](mailto:jenny.wahlberg.andersson@hhs.se). The Nordic Finance Network (NFN) offers travel stipends to PhD students from other Nordic countries who come from one of the NFN member institutions. Information on how to apply for NFN travel stipends is on <http://nfn.aalto.fi/courses.htm>.

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