ADELINA BARBALAU

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EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

Visiting Faculty, HEC Paris, 2024 - present Assistant Professor of Finance, Alberta School of Business, University of Alberta, 2019 - present Finance Theory Group Member, 2023 - present

EDUCATION

PhD Finance, Imperial College London, 2019

MSc Quantitative Finance, University of Bologna, summa cum laude, 2014

BA Business Administration, Academy of Economic Studies Bucharest, 2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Climate Finance, Corporate Finance, Information Economics

WORKING PAPERS

Reducing Carbon using Regulation and Financial Market Tools with Franklin Allen and Federica Zeni

★ Best Paper Award, EFA 2023

The Optimal Design of Green Securities with Federica Zeni

★ Best Paper Award for Impactful Research, GRASFI 2022

Information Choice and Shock Transmission

Endogenously Ambiguous Information and Cautious Behaviour

Testing Inequality Restrictions in Multifactor Asset-Pricing Models with Cesare Robotti and Jav Shanken

PUBLISHED AND ACCEPTED PAPERS

Leveraging the Capabilities of Multinational Firms to Address Climate Change: A Finance Perspective with Franklin Allen, Erik Chavez and Federica Zeni

Accepted Journal of International Business Studies

Security Design: A Review with Franklin Allen

Accepted Journal of Financial Intermediation

Cash Holdings and Access to External Finance: Evidence from the Bank Loan Market with Mark Huson and Lukas Roth, Review of Corporate Finance, 2022, 2, 65-97.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- AFA; NTHU-UNSW Symposium on Sustainable Finance and Economics Webinar; HEC-HKUST Sustainable Finance Webinar*; Uncertainty, Climate Change, and Policy Challenges Conference co-organized by University of Chicago MFR and Imperial College Business School BHC*; MFA; FIRS; FEBS‡; WFA†; CEBRA Annual Meeting†; CEPR Climate Change and the Environment Conference*; NFA†; CCFI New Frontiers in Climate Finance Conference; GRETA-CREDIT Conference on The Frontiers of New Risks: AI, Digital and Sustainability Transitions†.
- RCFS Winter Conference; SGFIN Research Conference on Sustainability†; Energy Finance and the Energy Transition in Houston; FIRS; Frontiers in Finance Conference; FTG Summer School; LTI Bank of Italy Workshop on Long-term Investors' Trends: Theory and Practice*; Conference on Responsibility and Ethics in Business at the Universite Cote d'Azur*; IBEO Workshop on Corporate Finance and Financial Intermediation; Conference in Sustainable Finance at the University of Luxembourg; NBER Summer Institute; Cornell University ESG Investing Research Conference*; UBC Summer Conference; Aarhus Workshop on Strategic Interaction in Corporate Finance; EFA; Cambridge Corporate Finance Theory Symposium*; Holden Conference in Finance and Real Estate‡; Festschrift in Honor of Douglas Gale; E-axes Forum Young Scholars' Webinar; Paris December Finance Meeting*.
- HEC-McGill Winter Finance Workshop; SFA; CEPR Paris Winter Symposium*; OCC Symposium on Climate Risk in Banking and Finance; WFA*; China International Risk Forum; EFA; Canadian Sustainable Finance Network; GRASFI Global Research Alliance for Sustainable Finance and Investment; CREDIT International Conference on Long Run Risks in Venice; FMA*; Washington Area International Financial Symposium*; CAFM Conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets; Australasian Finance and Banking Conference‡.
- AFA (poster); MFA†; Adam Smith Business School COP26 ESG and Climate Finance Conference*; Volatility Institute at NYU Shanghai; Joint Research Conference on Firm Organization, Financing and Dynamics at the Bank of Italy*; New Zealand Finance Meeting‡.
- 2020 FMA; Boca Corporate Finance and Governance‡.
- ITAM; ESCP Paris; ESADE Business School; Catolica-Lisbon Business School; Amsterdam Business School; Alberta School of Business; Frontiers in Finance Conference; International Risk Management Conference; FIMEF International Financial Research Conference‡; Freiburg Conference on Systemic Risk and Financial Stability; SFA‡; CFEA Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting†; CAFM Conference on Asia-Pacific Financial Markets; Australasian Finance and Banking Conference‡.
- 2018 Royal Economic Society PhD Meeting; International Rome Conference on Money, Banking and Finance; Imperial College Business School.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2023 - 2024 2022 - 2027	Hugh E. Pearson Fellowship, Alberta School of Business SSHRC IG Grant (PI)
2020	SSHRC Supplemental Institutional Grant (PI)
2020 - 2021	EFF-SAS Research Award (Co-PI)
2020 - 2021	The Edmonton Journal Fellowship, Alberta School of Business
2014 - 2019	Brevan Howard Centre for Financial Analysis PhD Scholarship
2015	ISEO Summer School in Economics Scholarship
2013 - 2014	University of Bologna Scholarship for Preparation of Thesis Abroad
2013	University of Bologna Certificate of Merit

^{*} indicates presentation by co-author, †discussion, ‡both presentation and discussion

2011 - 2013	University of Bologna Merit Based Tuition Fee Waiver
2010 - 2011	Academy of Economic Studies Excellence Scholarship
2009 - 2010	Academy of Economic Studies Merit Scholarship
2008 - 2009	Academy of Economic Studies Excellence Scholarship

TEACHING

HEC	Paris
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2025	Sustainable and Climate Finance	(MBA)
2025	Sustainable and Climate Finance	(M)

Alberta School of Business

2020 – 2024 Operation of Financial Institutions (UG)

Imperial College Business School (Teaching Assistant)

2017 - 2018	Corporate Finance (MBA)
2017 - 2018	Corporate Finance (PhD)
2017	Financial Modelling Workshop (M)
2017 - 2019	International Finance (M)
2016 - 2019	Investments & Risk Management (MBA)
2015	Financial Statistics (M)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: Review of Financial Studies, Management Science, Review of Corporate Finance Studies, Journal of Banking and Finance, Journal of Corporate Finance, Journal of Climate Finance.

Program Committee: Aarhus Workshop on Strategic Interaction in Corporate Finance 2024, NFA 2022-2024, MFA 2023, SFA 2022, GRASFI 2022.

University Service: Finance seminar series organizer (2020-2023), PhD pre-seminar discussion group organizer (2019 - 2023).

OTHER POSITIONS

2015 - 2018	Research Assistant, Imperial College Business School, London, UK
2013 - 2014	Visiting Researcher, Imperial College Business School, London, UK
2013	Intern, Allianz Investment Management, Munich, Germany

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