

Neue Assistenzprofessur: Prof. Dr. Zexi Wang

Empirical Corporate Finance, Liquidity in Financial Markets, Short Sale and Corporate Governance are the fields which captured Prof. Wang's interest. His research focuses on empirical research skills and the techniques needed for those respective research fields. Time to find out more about him, his interests and the classes he is teaching. *By Astrid Kotlinski and Prof. Dr. Zexi Wang*



Welcome to the University of Bern. Please tell us about your background, professional career up to date and your main research focus.

Thanks! My name is Jesse, Zexi Wang. Now I am an assistant professor in the Institute of Financial Management at the University of Bern. Before I joined the University of Bern, I studied for my PhD and worked as a Postdoc at the University of Zürich. My research focus includes empirical studies in corporate finance and financial markets. For example, how and why the corporate cash holdings interact with the factors in the stock market.

Wherein lies your principal motivation in accepting an assistant professor position here in Bern?

Switzerland has several high-quality universities, and the University of Bern is one of them. I am proud of being a faculty member of our university. The colleagues here are very kind and supportive. As a young scholar, the main part of my career is teaching and research. The current position provides quite good balance between them.

What is the title of the lecture; what is the main content; what are the main insights you would like to convey to your students?

In fall 2015, I will teach a master level course «Empirical Corporate Finance». The main target is to train students to have deeper understanding on topics in corporate finance, and accumulate empirical research skills and techniques in the relevant fields. The course encourages and helps students to generate research ideas for their master thesis.

In spring 2015, I taught the bachelor level course «International Finance». The main purpose of this course is to help students have a global view of today's business, and get some basic knowledge and skills on multinational corporate financial management, e.g. how to deal with the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates in the international environment, and how to evaluate an international business project. The course will be provided again in the spring next year.

What expectations do you have towards your students?

I like teaching and hope my students benefit from my courses. I expect my students to think actively in the lecture, and be open-minded to the relevant topics. Questions and discussions are encouraged during the class.

What would you recommend a student in order to prepare for an exam in your class?

An exam may be the last step in the learning process of the courses. Be calm and go through what you have been taught in the class, the key points in the lecture notes, and questions in the Exercise Sheets. Then, be confident.

In your opinion, what are special traits and benefits to the studies in business administration in Bern?

Students have comprehensive resources in different fields of business administration, such as financial management, marketing, accounting, quantitative methods, and so on. It will be very helpful to students' future education and career.

Which kind of extracurricular interest and leisure activities do you like to spend time on?

Jogging and playing guitar. Jogging makes me healthier and full of energy in daily work and life. I also like to play guitar in my spare time, it makes me relax.