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Field of Specialization

Empirical Financial Accounting

Education

- Sep 2017 – Sep 2020 **Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki, Finland**
Ph.D. Accounting
September 2017 – September 2020
Title of Dissertation: Essays on the role of social networks and social capital in accounting and finance.
<https://helda.helsinki.fi/dhanken/handle/10227/334617>
- Aug 2015 – Dec 2016 **Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, United States**
Master of Finance
Cumulative GPA: 3.72/4.00
- Aug 2011 – May 2014 **American University of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan**
Bachelor of Business Administration – Finance
Cumulative GPA: 3.95/4.00

Academic Positions

- Feb 2021 - Present **Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki, Finland**
Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)
Department of Accounting
- Jan 2023 – May 2023 **Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL, United States**
Visiting Scholar (Scheduled)
Madden Center for Value Creation
- Jul 2020 – Jan 2021 **Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki, Finland**
Postdoctoral Researcher
Department of Accounting

Non-Academic Positions

- Jan 2017 – Aug 2017 **Moore Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan**
Business Development Manager
- Jun 2014 – Jul 2015 **Nutrition and Education International, Kabul, Afghanistan**
Financial Analyst
- Mar 2012 – Mar 2014 **Afghan Management and Marketing Consultants, Kabul, Afghanistan**
Finance Officer

Published/Forthcoming Papers

- Afzali, M., Silvola, H., and Terjesen, S. (2022). Social capital and board gender diversity. *Corporate Governance: An International Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/corg.12418>
- Afzali, M., Colak, G., and Fu, M. (2021). Economic uncertainty and corruption: Evidence from public and private firms. *Journal of Financial Stability* 57. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jfs.2021.100936>
- Afzali, M., and Martikainen, M. (2021). Network centrality and value relevance of insider trading: Evidence from Europe. *The Financial Review* 56(4): 793-819. <https://doi.org/10.1111/fire.12277>

Papers Under Review

- Afzali, M., Colak, G., Hasan, I., and Martikainen, M. (2022). Social capital, corporate reporting culture, and accounting conservatism. (Under review: *Review of Accounting Studies*).
- Afzali, M., and Thor, T. (2022). Corporate culture and tax planning. (Under review: *British Journal of Management*).
- Afzali, M., Athanasakou, V., and Terjesen, S. (2022). Lead independent directors and internal information quality. (Under review: *Corporate Governance: An International Review*).
- Afzali, M. (2022). Corporate culture and financial statement comparability. (Revise and Resubmit: *Advances in Accounting*).
- Afzali, M., and Kettunen, J. (2022). Boardroom centrality and firm performance: Evidence from private firms. (Revise and Resubmit: *Nordic Journal of Business*).

Other Working Papers

- Afzali, M., Ittonen, K., and Jørgensen, B. N. (2022). Auditor gender and financial statement comparability.
- Afzali, M., Khan, U., and Rajgopal, S. (2022). Sharing the pain between workers and management: Evidence from COVID-19 and 9/11 attacks.
- Afzali, A., Afzali, M., and Ittonen, K. (2022). Distracted auditors and corporate reporting environment.
- Afzali, M., Colak, G., Mai, S. T., and Savor, P. (2022). Management earnings guidance and Euro Area monetary policy transmission.

Conference Participations

- May 2022 *Presenter*: Botnia Accounting and Auditing Seminar
- May 2022 *Speaker*: International PhD Colloquium on Machine Learning
- Nov 2021 *Presenter and Discussant*: Nordic Accounting Conference
- Oct 2021 *Presenter*: Young Scholars Webinar Series, Nordic Finance Network
- Oct 2021 *Discussant*: Financial Management Association (FMA) Annual Meeting 2021
- Nov 2020 *Presenter*: Young Scholars Finance Webinar Series, Nordic Finance Network
- Sep 2020 *Presenter*: SWAG Annual Conference, British Accounting and Finance Association
- Sep 2019 *Presenter*: 17th Finance, Risk and Accounting Perspectives Conference
- Aug 2019 *Presenter*: Finnish Accounting Tutorial
- Apr 2019 *Presenter*: Third Annual Scandinavian Accounting Research Conference
- Jun 2018 *Presenter*: 10th Nordic Corporate Governance Conference

Referee Work

Ad-hoc Reviewer: *Accounting Horizons*, *Corporate Governance: An International Review*, and *Economic Systems*.

Teaching Experience

- **21037 – Financial Accounting for Decision Makers**
Undergraduate Level (ECTS 8.0)
Since Spring 2020
Recent Student Evaluation: 4.80/5.00
- **21020 – Research Methods in Accounting**
Postgraduate Level (ECTS 5.0)
Since Spring 2021
Recent Student Evaluation: 4.76/5.00

Teaching Awards

- **Teaching Excellence Award**
Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki, Finland
December 2020
Course: Financial Accounting for Decision Makers

Doctoral Thesis Supervision

- **Hanken School of Economics, Department of Accounting**
Member of the PhD advisory committee of Timmy Thor

External Funding

- **OP Financial Group Research Foundation**
Project: Insider Trading around Environmental, Social, and Governance Scandals: Evidence from Corporate Litigations
Co-applicants: Gonul Colak and Niclas Meyer
Funding Type: Research grant
Funding Amount: EUR 24,475
Funding Date: 2022-03-31
- **OP Financial Group Research Foundation**
Project: Employee Retention During Economic Downturn: Evidence from Private and Public European Firms
Co-applicants: None
Funding Type: Travel Grant
Funding Amount: EUR 7,500
Funding Date: 2022-03-31

Professional Certifications

Aug 2012 – May 2014 **Legal Studies Certificate**
American University of Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan
Coursework included international law and contracts law

Honors

- **Fulbright Graduate Scholarship Recipient (2015 – 2016)**
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
United States Department of State

References

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- **Bjørn N. Jørgensen**
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- **Gonul Colak**
Professor of Accounting and Finance
University of Sussex Business School
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- **Urooj Khan**
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