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Biography

Hannes Wagner is an Associate Professor of Finance at Università Bocconi, a Fellow at the IGER Institute for Economic Research and an appointed member of the ECGI, the European Corporate Governance Institute.

He has been a Visiting Professor at London Business School and INSEAD. At SDA Bocconi, Hannes currently teaches in the MBA program. Hannes conducts prize-winning research focusing on corporate finance, investor activism, corporate social responsibility, institutional investors and corporate misconduct. His recent research on asset management was sponsored by the Government Pension Fund of Norway. He is the recipient of several awards, including the 2020 Michael J. Brennan Runner Up Award for best paper published in the Review of Financial Studies on secret offshore vehicles uncovered in the Panama Papers, the inaugural 2015 AAM CAMRI Prize in Asset Management for his research on hedge fund activism, the 2012 European Finance Association Award for best conference paper for his research on family firm performance during the financial crisis, and the 2014 award for Best Paper in Corporate Finance at the Southwestern Finance Association for his research on outside director compensation.

Hannes has won multiple teaching awards while teaching executives and non-executives at Bocconi, Rotterdam School of Management, the University of Oxford, the Duisenberg School of Finance and the University of Munich.

Born in Germany, Hannes earned his doctoral degree at the Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich. A keen rower, he is married with two children.

Teaching domains

Financial Management

Capital Budgeting

Corporate Sustainability

Financial Markets & Instruments

Sustainable Accounting & Finance

ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

DYCK A., LINS K. V., ROTH L., TOWNER M., WAGNER H.

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Family Firms and Labor Market Regulation

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The Life Cycle of Family Ownership: International Evidence

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Where Do Firms Incorporate? Deregulation and the Cost of Entry

Journal of Corporate Finance, 2008, vol.14, no. 3, pp.241-256

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The Origins of the German Corporation – Finance, Ownership and Control*

Review of Finance, 2006, vol.10, no. 4, pp.537-585

CONTRIBUTION TO CHAPTERS, BOOKS OR RESEARCH MONOGRAPHS

WAGNER H., ZEUME S.

Data leaks and tax havens in *Research Handbook on the Economics of Tax Havens*

Arjan Lejour, Dirk Schindler (Eds), Edward Elgar Publishing, chap. 3, pp.40-61, 2024

OTHER

WAGNER H.

Renewable governance: Is it good for the environment? - Governance rinnovabile: fa bene all'ambiente?

2023, SDA Bocconi Insight, Milano, Italy

Grants & Honors

Excellence in Research Award - Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi , 2023

Teaching Award - Undergraduate School - Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi , 2021

Runner-up, Michael J. Brennan Award for Best Paper published in The Review of Financial Studies - Society for Financial Studies , 2020

Winner, Best Paper Award, FMA Global Conference in Latin America, Bogotá , 2019

Winner, WRDS Best Conference Paper Award, 12th Annual Corporate Governance Conference, Drexel University , 2019

Winner, Best Unpublished Research Honorable Mention Award - Family Firm Institute , 2018

Innovation in Teaching Award - Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi , 2017

Runner-up, Investment for Impact Research Prize, Center for Responsible Business - Haas School of Business, University of California Berkeley , 2017
