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Biography

Francesco Perrini is currently Associate Dean for Sustainability at SDA Bocconi School of Management, he is also responsible for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and Innovation and Corporate Entrepreneurship (ICE). Full Professor of Management at the “Management & Technology” Department at Bocconi University.

At SDA he is Professor of Corporate Finance and Real Estate Finance, Scientific Director of the Sustainability Lab and co-director of the eSG Lab – excellence in Sustainability and Governance for SMEs – at the CDR – “Claudio Demattè” Corporate & Financial Institutions Research. In addition to his research activities, he teaches both master programs and executive training courses (custom and open) and is actively involved in executive development for a large variety of companies. He also manages sustainability workshops for top management teams and senior executives and is often a speaker at corporate and sectoral events.

At Bocconi University he is the creator and Director of the Master's Degree - MSc in Transformative Sustainability, a joint degree program with the Politecnico di Milano and he teaches in the courses of “Economia aziendale e gestione delle imprese”, “Finanza strategica”, “Analisi strategiche, ESG e Valutazioni finanziarie”, “Crisi d'impresa e ristrutturazioni”, “Business ethics & CSR”, “Corporate Sustainability Strategy”.

Previously, he was: delegate of the Rector to the Presidency of the Sustainability Committee (2012-2022) and previously (since 2002) delegate for the “development of CSR”; member of the Action Council on “Sustainability & Global Emergencies” of the B20 / G20 Italy 2021; director of CRESV - Center for Research on Sustainability and Value (ex SPACE – Security and Protection Against Crime and Emergencies Research Centre), of the M&A Observatory Findustria and of the Crisis and Business Recovery Observatory of Bocconi University and of the Bachelor Degree in Business Administration and Management (CLEAM); he held the “SIF Chair of Social Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy Management” (2007-2016); taught at CEMS “Social Entrepreneurship & Impact Investing” (2009-2019); for a decade Head of CSR Unit – “Business Ethics and Social Issue in Management” of the Department of Management and Technology; former founder and board director of FINETICA – “Osservatorio su etica ed economia”, partnership Pontificia Università Lateranense and SDA Bocconi (2001-2007); former founder and director of MASEM - Master in Sustainability and Energy Management (since 2015 EDUUniversal World Rank #1).

His areas of expertise focus on strategic finance, corporate valuation, strategic management, ESG, corporate governance and sustainability, CSR & SMEs. Author of over two hundred publications including books, articles and working papers, published in important international journals (Academy of Management, Journal of Business Ethics, California Management Review, Corporate Governance: An International Review, Financial Times, European Management Journal, Harvard Deusto Business Review, Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative WP Kennedy School of Government Harvard University, ...). He is considered one of the leading Sustainability / ESG / CSR scholars and one of those who innovated and first studied CSR and SMEs. He has more than 12,000 citations on Google Scholar, H-index 41 (71).

Accountant and auditor, he has worked in various financial companies. In 2000, he founded ECPI Srl, the first independent Italian company of “Ethical Investment Advisory” (SRI, ESG Rating and Indices), then sold, and more recently an advisory company today part of the international network “Clearwater International” (with of M&A, Private Equity, Venture Capital, IPO, Real Estate and Restructuring, also as Extraordinary Commissioner). He has been an independent member of numerous boards of directors and supervisory boards of manufacturing companies in various sectors, banks, asset management companies, funds and, as a volunteer, in social enterprises.

Francesco Perrini earned a degree in Business Administration from Bocconi University. ITP at the Stern School of Business, New York University. Visiting at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and Campus Abroad Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Teaching domains

Corporate Sustainability
Sustainable Accounting & Finance
Circular Economy

Latest publications

RAMUS T., CASTELLANETA F., GIORDANO F., PERRINI F.
When Social Innovations Foster Integral Human Development: Evidence from the Impact of Theatrical Activities on Prison Inmates' Social Skills
Journal of Business Ethics, 2025, vol.197, pp.465–487

PERRINI F., GIORDANO F.
Impatto Sociale: Interventi di Inclusione e Strumenti per la Misurazione
Egea, Milano, Italy, 2024

POGUTZ S., PERRINI F., DE SILVIO M., PACHNER J., MAGNI G., FUMAGALLI F., COZZI A.
La Ocean Disclosure Initiative. Una nuova piattaforma per cambiare insieme
Economia & Management, 2024, no. 1, pp.30-35

POGUTZ S., PERRINI F., PACHNER J., SARDÀ R., FUMAGALLI F.
Una nuova sfida per tutti. Proteggere gli oceani per un pianeta sostenibile
Economia & Management, 2024, no. 1, pp.7-14

PERRINI F.
Management. Economia Aziendale e Gestione delle Imprese - IV Edizione
Egea, Milano, Italy, 2023

PERRINI F., PISANI R.
Gestione strategica della tecnologia e dell'innovazione in *Management. Economia Aziendale e Gestione delle Imprese - IV Ed.*
F. Perrini (Eds), Egea, pp.407-434, 2023

Grants & Honors

Bocconi Teaching Award for the academic year 2023-2024 - “Student Engagement” - Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi , 2025

2019 CDR-Claudio Demattè Research Division Award - SDA Bocconi School of Management , 2019

2017 CDR-Claudio Demattè Research Division Award - SDA Bocconi School of Management , 2017

Best Paper Award - EURAM 2014, with the paper 'Succession and post-succession performance in social enterprises', (Co-Authors F.Giordano, C.Vurro) - EURAM - European Academy of Management , 2014

Excellence in Research Award - Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi , 2012

Excellence in Research Award - Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi , 2011

Best Paper Award, with the paper: "Going beyond a long-lasting debate: What is behind the relationship between corporate social and financial performance?", (Co-Authors A. Russo, A. Tencati, C. Vurro) - The Network for Business Sustainability (NBS) , 2010

Excellence in Research Award - Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi , 2010

Best Management Case Award - EFMD European Foundation for Management Development , 2009

Best Research Paper Award, with the paper "Learning dynamics of corporate sustainability integration: A process based view", (Co-Authors C. Vurro, S. Brusoni) Network Ethics Conference 2009, Catholic University , 2009

Excellence in Research Award - Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi , 2009

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