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EDUCATION

- *October 2002 – July 2006* PhD in Finance – XFI Centre for Finance and Investment, University of Exeter, UK.
- *October 2001 – September 2002* MBA in Finance – University of Exeter, AMBA accredited.
- *September 1995 – July 1999* Diploma in Finance – University of Tirana.
- *September 2006 – September 2007* Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Teaching - Queen's University Belfast.
- *March – April 2005* ESRC Advanced Training in Financial Econometrics Programme
- *January – February 2003* Teaching Programme for GTAs – University of Exeter.
- *March – May 1999* Diploma in International Finance – Institute of Foreign Commerce (ICE), Rome.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- *September 2008 – Present* Lecturer in Finance – University of Bristol. Teaching Financial Econometrics, Asset Pricing.
- *September 2005 – August 2008* Lecturer in Finance – Queen's University Belfast. Taught Quantitative Finance, Corporate Finance.
- *October 2002 – August 2005* Research and Teaching Assistant – University of Exeter. Taught Investment Analysis, Corporate Finance.
- *July 1999 – September 2001* Underwriting Specialist – World Bank Group. Responsible for Financial modelling, Financial Statement and credit risk analysis.

PUBLICATIONS

- Stoja, E. (2006) 'The Capital Structure Decision', in *Management Accounting and Business Finance*, (Eds.) Hyndman, N. and McKillop, D.G, ICAI, 135-140.
- Harris, R.D.F. Stoja, E. and Tucker, J. (2007) 'A Simplified Approach to Modelling the Comovement of Asset Returns' - *Journal of Futures Markets*; Vol. 27(6), 575-598.
- Harris, Stoja and Yilmaz, (2009) 'Day-of-the-Month Effects in the Performance of Momentum Trading Strategies in the Foreign Exchange Market', *Journal of Trading*, Vol. 4 (1), 48-55.
- Harris, R.D.F. Shen, J. and Stoja, E. (2009) 'The Limits to Minimum Variance Hedging' – *Journal of Business, Finance and Accounting*, forthcoming.
- Polanski, A. and Stoja, E. (2009) 'Incorporating Higher Moments into Value-at-Risk Forecasting' – *Journal of Forecasting*, forthcoming.

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- Tucker, J. and Stoja, E. (2009) 'Long and Short-Run Capital Structure Dynamics in the UK; An Industry Level Study' – to be submitted to *British Accounting Review*.
- Cao, Harris and Stoja, 'Why Does Minimum-Variance Hedging Lead to Higher Kurtosis?' – *work in progress*.
- Harris, Stoja and Yilmaz, 'Long-Term Volatility Forecasting' – *work in progress*.
- Polanski and Stoja, 'Modelling the Joint Density of Asset Returns via the Method of Moments' – *work in progress*.
- Polanski and Stoja, 'An Empirical Investigation of Copula Functions in Finance' - *work in progress*.

AWARDS

- 2007 Queen's University Promising Researchers' Fellowship.
- 2002 – 2005 University of Exeter Graduate Research Grant.
- 2001 – 2002 Foreign and Commonwealth Office UK Chevening Scholarship.
- 1999 Italian Institute of Foreign Commerce Scholarship.

SERVICE

- Visiting Scholar – Economics Department, Georgetown University, USA.
- Associate Member – XFI Centre for Finance and Investment, University of Exeter, UK.
- Visiting Assistant Professor – Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China.
- Referee – *Journal of Applied Econometrics*; *International Journal of Forecasting*; *European Journal of Finance*, *British Accounting Review*.
- Member of the Association of MBAs.

SKILLS

- Fluent in English, Italian, French and Albanian.
- Applied Econometrics, Volatility Modelling, Monte-Carlo Simulations, Mean-Variance Optimisations.
- Experienced user of DataStream, Bloomberg, RATS, PCGive, SPSS and MS Office packages.