

FRIC Highlights 2015

FRIC - CENTER FOR FINANCIAL FRICTIONS



FRIC members published in top journals

FRIC researchers had 3 papers accepted for publication in top finance journals in 2015: 1 in *Journal of Finance*, 1 in *Journal of Financial Economics* and 1 in *Review of Financial Studies*. In addition, we published 2 papers in other journals; one FRIC professor published a book; and one PhD student finished his dissertation. For 2016, we already have 8 publications forthcoming, 4 of which are forthcoming in top finance journals. Examples of research highlights are listed below under prizes and awards.

FRIC members as speakers

In 2015, FRIC members were invited to discuss their work at more than 50 universities, at the most prestigious finance conferences, at 13 central banks as well as a number of other financial institutions.

FRIC'15 featured Nobel Prize Laureate

The FRIC'15 conference featured a Nobel Prize Laureate Lars Peter Hansen, University of Chicago as one of the keynote speakers. He was joined by a long list of other extremely prominent speakers and discussants. FRIC'15 had 170 registered participants and we had a large number of international participants this year. The conference was also well-exposed in the media thanks to Lars Peter Hansen's generous acceptance of interview requests from Danish media.

AQR Top Finance Graduate Award 2015

In cooperation with the global investment management firm AQR, FRIC organized the annual AQR Top Finance Graduate Award at CBS for the 3rd time. The event featured research presentations by six of the most promising PhD graduates from the academic job market in 2015. The event was attended by 70 registered participants.

IF2015 Annual Conference in International Finance

FRIC also hosted The IF2015 Annual Conference in International Finance. Here, researchers were selected to present after a call for papers. FRIC's Lasse Heje Pedersen and H el ene Rey of London Business School delivered the keynote presentations. IF2015 had 121 registered participants and was co-sponsored by BlackRock.

FRIC researchers received grants

Lasse Heje Pedersen received the EliteForsk Grant for his research on Financial Economics. FRIC affiliate member Peter Norman S orensen, University of Copen-

hagen, received a Sapere Aude advanced grant to study the costs and benefits of financial transaction taxes.

Prizes and awards

The article 'Betting Against Beta' by Lasse Heje Pedersen and co-author was selected for the first prize of the *Fama-DFA Prizes for the Best Papers Published in the Journal of Financial Economics in the Areas of Capital Markets and Asset Pricing in 2014*.

FRIC affiliate member Annette Vissing-J orgensen and co-author received the *2015 Swiss Finance Institute Outstanding Paper Award* for their paper 'The Impact of Treasury Supply on Financial Sector Lending and Stability'.

Professor Christian Wagner and co-authors were awarded the *Jack Treynor Prize* for their paper 'Low Risk Anomalies?'

Lasse Heje Pedersen was listed in the ISI/Thomson Reuters' report on The World's Most Influential Scientific Minds 2015 and his book *Efficiently Inefficient: How Smart Money Invests and Market Prices Are Determined* was listed as one of the top financial reads of 2015 in Business News Networks.

FRIC PhD student Niels Joachim Gormsen was awarded a traveling scholarship from the Jorck Foundation for his research stay at Harvard University.

Searching for talent and placement

We hired 5 new student assistants, 1 assistant professor and 1 PhD in 2015. We implemented a new advertisement strategy to increase the visibility of our PhD positions and our recruiting efforts in general.

We placed two PhD candidates – one at a leading business school abroad and one at a leading Danish financial institution. FRIC PhD student Mamdouh Medhat went on the international job market and among several offers accepted an offer from Cass Business School in London. FRIC PhD student Mikael Reimer Jensen took up a position as Portfolio Manager in ATP.

Public outreach

In 2015, our public outreach efforts were centered on more media coverage of the core FRIC events and a more consistent news flow on our website.

We also intensified our teaching efforts related to the FRIC research agenda. Courses like Lasse Heje Pedersen's *Hedge fund strategies*, Jens Dick-Nielsen's *Credit Risk* and David Lando's *Financial Intermediation* are courses directly linked to the FRIC research agenda and important in our efforts to recruit the best students for thesis work and for careers in research.

About Center for Financial Frictions (FRIC)

FRIC focuses on how prices and markets are affected by financial frictions such as transactions costs, leverage constraints, counterparty credit risk, illiquidity and asymmetric information.

Currently, the CBS members of FRIC count 5 professors, 2 associate professors, 4 assistant professors/post docs and 11 PhD students. In addition, there are 4 external professors from four different universities associated with FRIC. The Center has 1 center coordinator and 6 student assistants.