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CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Accounting at the Department of Business Administration at Carlos III University (since September 2010)
Deputy Director of the Master in Management program at Carlos III University (since September 2013)
Member, Editorial Review Board, *Corporate Governance - An International Review*, Blackwell (2011 -)

VISITING POSITIONS

2013 (July- December) Visiting Researcher at the Vernon K. Zimmerman Center for International Education and Research in Accounting, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, US.
2011 (July) Visiting Researcher at the Bangor Business School, Bangor University, UK.
2009 (January-July) Visiting Researcher at the Vernon K. Zimmerman Center for International Education and Research in Accounting, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, US.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2008 - 2010 Contracted Researcher at the Business Economics Department of the Autonomous University of Barcelona
2003 - 2005 Researcher at the Catholic University of Louvain on the PricewaterhouseCoopers chair: "Value and Risk".
2003 - 2004 Researcher at the Belgian Chamber of Representatives (public finance).

PUBLICATIONS

Desender, K., Aguilera, R. V., LopezPuertas-Lamy, M., and Crespi-Cladera, R. (2016) "A Clash of Governance Logics: Foreign Ownership and Board Monitoring" *Strategic Management Journal* 37(2): 349–369
Aguilera, R., Desender, K., Bednar, M., Lee, J. (forthcoming). Connecting the Dots: Bringing External Corporate Governance into the Corporate Governance Puzzle. *Academy of Management Annals* 9(1): 483-573.
Desender, K., Aguilera, R. V., Crespi-Cladera, R., and Garcia Cestona, M.A. (2013) "When Does Ownership Matter? Board Characteristics and Behavior." *Strategic Management Journal* 34(7): 823–842.
Desender K, Castro E, Escamilla de Leon S. 2011. Earnings Management and Culture" *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, Vol. 70(3), pp. 639-670.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Aguilera RV, Desender, K. 2015. Gobierno Corporativo: Mapa Actual y Nuevas Tendencias. Capítulo 8 del Informe Situación Social de España 2015.

- Aguilera RV, Desender, K. 2012. Methodological challenges in comparative corporate governance and strategic issues. In Wang CL, Ketchen D, Bergh D. (ed.) *Research Methodology in Strategy and Management*, Emerald Group Publishing Limited.
- Aguilera RV, Desender K, Kabbach de Castro L. 2011. A Configurational Perspective on Comparative Corporate Governanc. In Clarke, T. and Branson, D. (Ed.), *SAGE Handbook of Corporate Governance*. London: Sage Publications.
- Desender K, Lafuente E. 2011. The Relationship Between Enterprise Risk Management and External Audit Fees: Are They Complements or Substitutes? in Abolhassan, J. (ed.) *Risk Management and Corporate Governance*, Routledge.
- Desender K. 2010. The influence of the board composition on enterprise risk management. in Nansi, S. and Silvius, G. (ed.) 2010, "Handbook of Research on Enterprise IT Governance, Business Value and Performance Measurement", IGI Global, Hershey, Pennsylvania, United States

WORKING PAPERS

- "Is managerial entrenchment always bad? a CSR approach"
Joint with Ruth Aguilera (UIUC), Jordi Surroca (UC3M) and Josep Tribo (UC3M)
- "Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Performance: The Influence of Boards, Ownership and Institutions"
Joint with Mircea Epure (UPF)
- "The dark side of foreign ownership: A study of earnings management in Japan"
Joint with Ruth Aguilera (UIUC), Monica Lopez-Puertas Lamy (UC3M) and Jun Ho Lee (UIUC)
- "Competition and Bank Earnings Smoothing"
Joint with Monica Lopez-Puertas Lamy (UC3M) and Juana Aledo (UC3M)

BOOKS AND REPORTS

- "Corporate governance at the crossroads" by Marleen Willekens and Piet Sercu; with editorial assistance by Kurt Desender. Antwerp : Intersentia
- "Observatorio de Gobierno Corporativo y transparencia informativa de la sociedades cotizadas en el mercado continuo español (2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009)" - Research collaboration

AWARDS

- 2014 Teaching Excellence award; Department of Business Economics, University Carlos III
- 2013 IM Division CGIO Best Paper in International Corporate Governance at the 2013 Academy of Management, Orlando.
- 2013 Douglas Nigh Award Finalist, International Management Division at the 2013 Academy of Management, Orlando.
- 2011 Best Reviewer Awards for Corporate Governance: An International Review (2011)
- 2011 Innovative Paper Award at the 12th Workshop on Corporate Governance and Investment, Leipzig.

EDUCATION

- 2010 Ph.D. in Business Economics, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Dissertation title: Essays on ownership structure, corporate governance and strategy
Date of completion: June 18, 2010
Advisors: prof. Miguel Ángel García-Cestona and prof. Rafel Crespi-Cladera
- 2008 Research Proficiency (DEA) in the area of Business Organization (Business Economics Department, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

- 2005 - 2007 M.Sc. in Economics, Management and Organizations, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.
- 1999 - 2003 Licentiate (M.Sc.) in Applied Economics, KU Louvain, Belgium.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Instructor, Máster UC3M-Deloitte en Business Consulting
Course: Dirección Estratégica
- 2012 - 2016 Instructor, MBA program, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Course: Strategic Management
- 2012 - 2016 Instructor, Master in Management, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Course: Strategy
- 2010 - 2016 Instructor, Department of Business Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Courses: Auditing, Introductory Accounting, Business Strategy
- 2009 - 2012 Instructor, ESEC business school, Barcelona
Course: Venture Capital
- 2009 - 2010 Instructor, Department of Economics, Pompeu Fabra University
Courses: Business Economics; Organizational Economics and Markets
- 2009 - 2010 Instructor, Programa Universitat-Empresa at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Course: Corporate Governance
- 2007 - 2010 Teaching Assistant, Business Economics Department, Autonomous University of Barcelona
Courses: Economics, Organization and Management; Industrial Economics
- 2003 - 2005 Teaching Assistant, Business Economics Department, Catholic University Louvain
Courses: Seminars on Financial Accounting; Advanced Auditing

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2009 Grant for the Course on Management Research at the Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard University, Grant offered by Fundación Rafael del Pino
- 2009 Grant for research stays outside Catalonia (at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) Grant offered by "Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca"
- 2007 - 2010 Research Grant from Business Economics Department, Autonomous University of Barcelona (AGAUR FI), supported by "Generalitat de Catalunya" through "Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca" and the European Social Funds
- 2006 Collaboration grant offered by the Autonomous University of Barcelona
- 2006 Collaboration grant offered by the University of Illes Balears
- 2004 -2005 Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship at the Catholic University Louvain
- 2002 Erasmus Scholarship at the University of Barcelona

PRESENTATIONS IN CONFERENCES

- 18th Information Resource Management Association Annual Conference, Vancouver (2007)
- 2007 Academy of Marketing Annual Conference, London (2007)
- 6th Accounting Research Network Netherlands Conference, Louvain (2007)
- 2008 Annual Meeting Mid-Atlantic Region American Accounting Association, Philadelphia
- 31st European Accounting Association Annual Congress, Rotterdam (2008)
- 2008 Academy of Marketing Annual Conference, Aberdeen (2008)
- 9th Workshop on Corporate Governance and Investment, Sabanci University Istanbul (2008)
- 2009 Annual Meeting Mid-Atlantic Region American Accounting Association, Long Branch, NJ (2009)
- 5th International Business Economics Workshop, Palma de Mallorca (2009)
- 5th European Auditing Research Network Symposium, Valencia (2009)

10th Workshop on Corporate Governance and Investment, Copenhagen Business School (2009)
 34th Symposium of the Spanish Economic Association, Valencia (2009)
 XXV Jornadas de Economía Industrial. Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (2010)
 2010 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management, Montréal (2010)
 VIII Workshop on Empirical Research in Financial Accounting, Sevilla (2011)
 12th Workshop on Corporate Governance and Investment, Leipzig (2011)
 Conference on Board Diversity and Economic Performance, Copenhagen Business School (2012)
 2012 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management, Boston (2012)
 VIII International Accounting Research Symposium, Madrid (2012)
 32nd Annual Strategic Management Society Conference, Prague (2012)
 2013 Annual Meeting of the Academy of International Business, Istanbul, Turkey (2013)
 2013 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management, Orlando (2013)
 2014 Madrid Strategic Group Workshop, Instituto de Empresa.
 2014 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management, Philadelphia (2014)

PRESENTATIONS IN SEMINARS

Autonomous University of Barcelona (April 2007, June 2007, December 2007, June 2008)
 Catholic University Louvain - Business Economics Department (September 2007)
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - European Union Center (January 2009)
 Universidad Carlos III de Madrid – Business Economics Department (January 2010)
 Universidad Autonoma de Madrid – Accounting Department (November 2011)
 ESADE (January 2013)
 University of Bologna (November 2013)
 University of Illinois at urbana-Champaign (April 2014)

ADDITIONAL COURSES AND TUTORIALS

2009 Course on Management Research, Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard University, Boston
 2004 Limperg Ph.D. course Advanced Financial Accounting by Peter Easton, Tilburg University
 2004 Limperg Ph.D. course Advanced Auditing by Dan Simunic and Robert W. Knechel, Tilburg University

REFEREEING

Strategic Management Journal, Journal of Management Studies, Organization Studies, Corporate Governance: an International Review, International Business Review, International Journal Accounting, Auditing: A Journal of Theory and Practice

PC OPERATING SKILLS (selection)

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access) – advanced knowledge
 STATA, SPSS, EVIEWS – advanced knowledge

LANGUAGES (1 – poor skills, 3 – average skills, 5 – advanced skills):

Language	Reading skills	Verbal skills	Writing skills
Dutch (native)	5	5	5
English	5	5	5
Spanish	5	5	5
French	4	3	4
German	3	2	2