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Courses

I have finished a full sequence of Microeconomics, Econometrics, and Asset Pricing. I also took courses in theoretic and empirical corporate finance, theory in market microstructure. Besides, I took courses from the Information department on machine learning and data analysis.
I joined Finance and Real Estate Group at Haas in 2017, majoring in finance.

Research interests

My research interests focus on innovation and entrepreneurship. I am working on two projects about start-ups. One project focuses on the gender gap in entrepreneurship and tries to identify the role of the network in contributing to the low female participation rate in the innovation sector. Evidence shows that male founders benefit more from connecting to investor networks, implying that investor networks are less favorable to female entrepreneurs. The other project studies the increasing use of debt in start-ups' early financing round, known as venture debt, which contradicts with the classic theory. We distinguish a signal channel that may explain the phenomenon. Firms with venture debt send out a positive signal to the follow-on investors, thus enjoy a higher probability of being funded in the future rounds, which greatly reduces debt's default risks and encourages banks to lend money to start-ups. I am supervised by Nancy Wallace and Amir Kermani.