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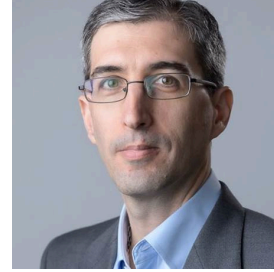
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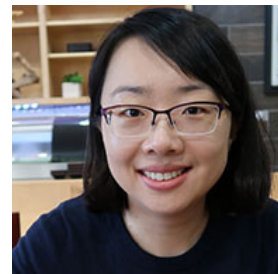
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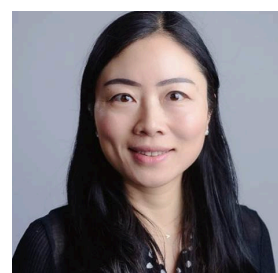
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Keynote Speaker



Xavier Giroud is the Stefan H. Robock Professor of Finance and Economics at Columbia Business School. He is also a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and a Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR).

Giroud's research interests are in the area of corporate finance and corporate governance. In particular, his work examines how companies allocate (and misallocate) resources across company units, the interplay between finance and labor, corporate taxation, corporate governance, and venture capital. His research has appeared in leading academic journals, including the *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, and *Review of Financial Studies*. He has received various research awards, including the Herman E. Krooss Award for the best doctoral dissertation across all disciplines at the Stern School of Business, New York University. Before joining Columbia, Giroud was the Ford International Career Development Professor of Finance and an Associate Professor of Finance at the MIT Sloan School of Management.

Giroud holds an MA in quantitative economics and finance from the University of St. Gallen as well as an MPhil in finance and a PhD in finance from the Stern School of Business, New York University.

Program Agenda

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

School of Business, Room 211

8:15 am - 8:40 am

Continental Breakfast

8:40 am - 8:50 am

Welcome

Yiming Qian

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8:50 am - 10:10 am

Session I. Chair: Yao Deng, University of Connecticut

Erasing Alpha

Authors: Carter Davis, Xiao Han, Stanislav Sokolinski, Andrea Tamoni

Presenter: Andrea Tamoni, University of Notre Dame

Discussant: Marco Sammon, Harvard University

Investment-based Costs of Equity

Authors: Andrei S. Gonçalves, Yichen Liu, Chen Xue, Lu Zhang

Presenter: Chen Xue, University of Cincinnati

Discussant: Xinwei Li, University of Texas - Dallas

10:10 am - 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am - 11:50 am

Session II. Chair: Xiang Zheng, University of Connecticut

Strategic Bankruptcy and Corporate Negligence

Authors: Samuel Antill, Xu Tian, Toni M. Whited

Presenter: Xu Tian, University of Georgia

Discussant: Kristoph Kleiner, Indiana University

The Liberal Tilt of Financial Regulators

Authors: Jason Chen, Joseph Kalmenovitz, Denis Sosyura

Presenter: Jason Chen, Auburn University

Discussant: Manish Jha, Georgia State University

11:50 am - 12:40 pm

Lunch - School of Business Lounge

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Tuesday, May 12, 2026

School of Business, Room 211

12:40 pm - 1:20 pm

Keynote Address

Xavier Giroud

Stefan H. Robock Professor of Finance and Economics
Columbia Business School

1:20 pm - 1:40 pm

Break

1:40 pm - 3:00 pm

Session III. Chair: Meng Gao, University of Connecticut

Corporate Horizons

Authors: Ian Appel, Christoph Herpfer

Presenter: Christoph Herpfer, University of Virginia

Discussant: Alejandro Lopez Lira, University of Florida

Visual Information and AI Divide:

Evidence from Corporate Executive Presentations

Authors: Sean Cao, Yichen Cheng, Meng Wang, Yusen Xia

Presenter: Meng Wang, University of South Florida

Discussant: Alan Zhang, Iowa State University

3:00 pm - 3:20 pm

Break

3:20 pm - 4:40 pm

Session IV. Chair: Fan Yang, University of Connecticut

Mimicking Finance

Authors: Lauren H. Cohen, Yiwen Lu, Quoc H. Nguyen

Presenter: Yiwen Lu, University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Jeong Ho (John) Kim, Florida State University

The Two-System View of Cognition and Investor Choice

Authors: Kai Li, Yang Song, Nianhang Xu, Chunyu Zu

Presenter: Chunyu Zu, Communication University of China

Discussant: Chukwuma Dim, George Washington University

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