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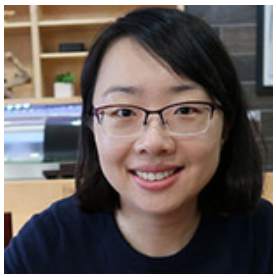
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Keynote Speaker



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.

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Program Agenda

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
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8:15 am - 8:40 am	Continental Breakfast
8:40 am - 8:50 am	**Welcome** Yiming Qian Finance Department Head Professor, Toscano Family Chair in Finance University of Connecticut
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 Cinncinati 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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12:40 pm - 1:20 pm	**Keynote Address: Firm's Internal Networks** 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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