Robert Czech

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WORK EXPERIENCE

04/2019 - present

Bank of England, London, United Kingdom
Research Economist, Capital Markets Division.

05/2017 - 03/2019

Bank of England, London, United Kingdom
Consultant, Capital Markets Division.

- Launched a new autonomous research project on the impact of credit default swap positions on corporate bond trading.
- Took personal responsibility for the development of the research hypotheses and the collection of the relevant data.
- Pioneered the merge of two large transaction datasets to test hypotheses.

01/2017 - 04/2017

Bank of England, London, United Kingdom
PhD Intern, Capital Markets Division.

- Processed large, proprietary transaction dataset to decipher the investment behaviour in the secondary sterling corporate bond market.
- Created an exhaustive data cleaning algorithm for future users of the dataset.
- Presented my findings to senior management at various divisions across the bank and published a research paper in the BoE Staff Working Paper Series.

01/2013 - 03/2013

BASF South East Asia, Singapore
Intern, Management Consulting.

02/2012 - 03/2012

IKB Deutsche Industriebank, Frankfurt, Germany
Intern, Leveraged Finance Department.

07/2011 - 09/2011

E.ON Inhouse Consulting, Munich, Germany
Intern, Management Consulting.

EDUCATION

2014 - 2019

Imperial College Business School, London, United Kingdom
PhD in Finance, February 2019. Advisor: Marcin Kacperczyk.

Title of thesis: “Essays in Empirical Market Microstructure”.

Research interests:	Fixed Income, Corporate Bonds, Credit Default Swaps.
Graduate teaching:	Macroeconomics, Business Economics, Private Equity.
Core modules:	Asset Pricing, Corporate Finance, Econometrics (Time Series & Panel Data), Macro Finance, Microeconomics.

2011 - 2014

University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany
Double Degree: Master of Science in Business Administration (First Class) & CEMS Master’s in International Management. Finance Major.

Core modules:	Asset Management, Derivatives, Empirical Finance, Game Theory, Investments, Risk Management.

2008 - 2011

University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (First Class).
Finance & International Management Major.

WORKING PAPERS

2019	**"Which Investors Stabilise / Destabilise Sterling Bond Markets?"** with Dong Lou, Shiyang Huang and Tianyu Wang (work in progress).
2019	**"Credit Default Swaps and Corporate Bond Trading"** *Bank of England Staff Working Paper,* forthcoming.
2017	**"Investment Behaviour and Reaching for Yield: Evidence from the Sterling Corporate Bond Market"** with Matt Roberts-Sklar, *Financial Markets, Institutions and Instruments*, forthcoming.

HONOURS & ACHIEVEMENTS

2014 - 2019	**Brevan Howard Centre for Financial Analysis GTA scholarship**, Scholarship for high performing doctoral students.
2012	**German Federal Ministry of Education and Research scholarship**, Scholarship for the highest performing students in Germany.
2011 - 2013	**Schmalenbach Foundation scholarship**, Scholarship for committed and highly skilled students majoring in Business Sciences.

IT SKILLS

Scientific:	Matlab, Python, R, Stata, VBA.
Financial:	Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters Eikon, Debtwire, Mergermarket, S&P Capital IQ, LCD comps, LoanConnector.
Typographic:	LaTeX, Microsoft Office (incl. Excel, PowerPoint, Word).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English:	Fluent
German:	Native
French:	Advanced
Spanish:	Basic