

### FRIC publications in top tier journals

During 2018, FRIC received final acceptance of no less than 8 publications in the top three finance journals: 3 in *Journal of Finance*, 4 in *Journal of Financial Economics* and 1 in *The Review of Financial Studies*. FRIC also had 6 papers appearing in print in 2018 in these top tier journals: 1 in *Journal of Finance*, 2 in *Journal of Financial Economics* and 3 in *The Review of Financial Studies*. This level of output is comparable to that of an entire leading business school. In addition, we have highly topical research appearing in solid field journals.

### International research presentations

In 2018, FRIC members were invited to present their work at 120 occasions at different institutions, and 7 of these were at central banks. We had 10 FRIC papers presented at the most prestigious finance conferences: 4 at the American Finance Association Meeting (AFA), 6 at the European Finance Association meeting (EFA), as well as 2 invitations to act as discussant at the Western Finance Association Meeting (WFA) in 2018.

### FRIC'18 Conference on Financial Frictions

The FRIC'18 Conference had as its theme 'asset pricing, liquidity and monetary policy' and keynote speakers were: Tim Bollerslev (Duke University), John Geanakoplos (Yale University), Maureen O'Hara (Cornell University) and Suresh Sundaresan (Columbia Business School). The *FRIC'18 Conference on Financial Frictions* had 115 registered participants.

### AQR Top Finance Graduate Award 2018

FRIC organized the annual *AQR Top Finance Graduate Award at CBS*, and 70 participants attended the event. The event is sponsored by the global investment management firm AQR and featured research presentations by seven of the most promising PhD graduates from the academic job market in 2018. Our own PhD student Niels Joachim Gormsen was selected as one of this year's winners by the independent selection committee, whose members are from Columbia, Chicago, Harvard, Stanford, Berkeley, London, Wharton and Yale.

### Other events

The FRIC/FI seminar series brought a number of high-profile speakers in Copenhagen again this year. In addition, FRIC co-organized the *Macroprudential policy conference* with Danmarks Nationalbank and the European Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), as

well as the first *Danish Finance Institute Annual Conference 2018*, where associate member Annette Vissing-Jørgensen, UC Berkeley was invited as the keynote speaker.

### Best paper awards and distinctions

Associate member Annette Vissing-Jørgensen was the recipient of the *2018 Rigmor and Carl Holst-Knudsen Award for Scientific Research*, awarded by the University of Aarhus. Assistant professors Paul Whelan and Ingomar Krohn received a research grant from The Canadian Derivatives Institute, and assistant professors Gyuri Venter and Paul Whelan received a DKK 1.53 mill. grant from The Danish Council for Independent Research.

Professor Lasse Heje Pedersen received the *Skania Thule Foundation 2018 Prize*. Lasse Heje Pedersen's paper 'Buffet's Alpha' won the Financial Analyst Journal's distinguished *Graham and Dodd Top Award 2018*. Lasse Heje Pedersen's paper 'Efficiently Inefficient Markets for Assets and Asset Management' won one of the two 'Distinguished paper prizes' from the *Brattle Group Prizes in Corporate Finance*. And finally, Lasse Heje Pedersen was again featured on the Highly Cited Researchers List for 2018 (as was also the case in 2015, 2016 and 2017).

Associate member, Peter Norman Sørensen, was decorated with the Order of Dannebrog, and our PhD student Niels Joachim Gormsen was selected as one of the award winners of the *AQR Top Finance Graduate Award at CBS 2018*.

### Recruiting and placements

In 2018, we hired 2 new assistant professors Fabrice Tourre and Thomas Geelen, as well as 2 new PhD students and 1 new student assistant. Ramona Westermann was appointed associate professor and five PhD candidates finished their dissertations with excellent academic placements: Niels Joachim Gormsen accepted an offer from the University of Chicago (Booth) - one of the few very best research environments in the world. He also had several other offers from the very best US schools (Harvard, Yale and Berkeley). Christian Skov Jensen accepted a position as assistant professor at the Bocconi University in Milan and Andreas Bang Nielsen joined Cornerstone Research in New York. Stine Louise Daetz and Pia Mølgaard both joined Danmarks Nationalbank. The PhD students who went on the international job market all received an impressive amount of interviews, fly-outs and offers from truly excellent international schools and institutions.

### About Center for Financial Frictions (FRIC)

FRIC focuses on how prices and markets are affected by financial frictions such as transactions costs, leverage constraints, counterparty credit risk, illiquidity and asymmetric information. Currently, the CBS members of FRIC count 4 professors, 3 associate professors, 5 assistant professors/post docs and 8 PhD students. In addition, there are 4 external professors from four different universities associated with FRIC. The Center has 1 center coordinator and 6 student assistants.