

# Welcome to the MRes/PhD in Accounting Information Session

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We will start in a few moments

This session will be recorded

# Introductions

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# Outline

- What is an MRes/PhD?
- Why a PhD in Accounting?
- Programme Structure
- Research Areas
- Application Process
- Funding a PhD
- Q&A

# What is an MRes/PhD?

- It's hard work!
- You attend taught courses, research seminars, workshops; you give seminar presentations and work-in-progress seminars – all from your first year!
- It requires full-time commitment – 5 years of your life
- But ... it is rewarding for those who have a passion for research and want a career in academia

# Why a PhD in Accounting?

- Excellent research environment for PhD students
- Top-ranked researchers in Accounting
- Faculty at the cutting edge of their disciplines – working on relevant, topical and interesting problems
- Opportunity to interact with well-known senior faculty as well as up-and-coming younger researchers

# Why a PhD in Accounting?

- An opportunity to carry out research on fundamental and challenging problems and questions in a broad range of accounting and accounting-related subject areas
- Links with Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR)
- Access to research seminars and workshops

# Why a PhD in Accounting?

- Research facilities:
  - Individual desks
  - In shared office
  - Computer facilities
  - Support for conference attendance
  - Data support

# MRes/PhD Accounting

## Programme Structure

- Five year programme, available on a full-time basis only
- MRes → Two years, taking taught courses to the value of six units
- PhD → Three years, focussing on your thesis
- Progression criteria apply for each year
- Offered in two tracks
  - **AOI Track:** Accounting, Organisations and Institutions
  - **EoA Track:** Economics of Accounting

## Accounting, Organisations and Institutions (AOI Track)

- Management accounting systems
- Historical studies of accounting
- Accounting systems in the private and public sector
- Performance measurement and social consequences of quantification
- Transformations of auditing and risk regulation regimes
- Broader contributions to social theory

... to study the societal, institutional and organisational roles of accounting broadly conceived

## Economics of Accounting (EoA Track)

- Financial reporting and capital markets
- Design and choices between alternative accounting methods
- Use of accounting numbers in economic decision making
- Assessment of financial reporting quality
- Economic consequences of financial reporting
- Interactions between financial reporting, legal and economic institutions, and corporate governance

... mainly empirical archival analysis, but theoretical analysis and field research can be relevant in some cases

# Outline of MRes: AOI Track

## Year 1:

- AC502 Foundations of Accounting, Organisations and Institutions
- AC500 Topics in Accounting Research (AOI) (examined in Year 2)
- Methodology courses (e.g. MY500, MY521, MY551)
- Other elective courses (e.g. SO470 The Sociology of Markets)

## Year 2:

- Research Paper in Accounting (between 6,000 and 8,000 words)
- AC504 Topics in Accounting Research (AOI)
- Other elective courses

  

- Plus attendance of research seminars and workshops.

# Outline of MRes: EoA Track

## Year 1:

- EC400 Introductory Course in Mathematics and Statistics (pre-sessional)
- AC506 Topics in Accounting Research (EoA) (examined in Year 2)
- EC411 Microeconomics
- EC402 Econometrics
- FM436 Financial Economics

## Year 2:

- Research Paper in Accounting (between 6,000 and 8,000 words)
- AC501 Topics in Accounting Research (EoA)
- Other elective courses (e.g. FM502 Corporate Finance for Research Students)

  

- Plus attendance of research seminars and workshops.

# Graduates Destinations

These include:

- Copenhagen Business School
- Harvard Business School
- Imperial College London
- INSEAD
- Ivey Business School
- King's College London
- Lancaster University
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- University of Mannheim
- Monash University
- Oxford University
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of New South Wales

# Recent Theses and Placement Highlights: AOI

**Dmitrii Zhikharevich (2020) European University at St Petersburg**

*Heuristics of capital: A historical sociology of U.S. venture capitalism, 1946-1968*

**Brett Considine (2019) Monash University**

*Auditor professional scepticism: A qualitative exploration of its development and operation in the United Kingdom*

**Nadine de Gannes (2018) Ivey Business School**

*The emergence and work processes of executive remuneration consultants*

**Robert Charnock (2016) University of Birmingham**

*Accounting and climate change: The two degrees target and financing the transition to a low-carbon economy*

**Dorothy Toh (2016) King's College London**

*The changing constellations of audit quality*

# Recent Theses and Placement Highlights: EoA

**Felix Vetter (2020) University of Mannheim**

*Essays on financial gatekeeper regulation*

**Yang Wang (2019) Lancaster University**

*Essays on financial analysts and broker-hosted conferences*

**Daphne Hart (2019) University of Illinois at Chicago**

*Essays on the relation between accounting and employment, risk and valuation*

**Rodney Brown (2018) University of New South Wales**

*Essays at the intersection of taxation and financial accounting*

**Hami Amiraslani (2017) INSEAD**

*Essays on debt contracting*

# Application Process

- Look at the research interests of faculty members
- Have an idea of the general direction you want your research to take and articulate this in your application
- Apply for each track separately
- Know why you are applying, and articulate it!
- Apply through the Graduate Admissions online system
- When the initial evaluation is favourable, you will be invited to interview to present your proposal

# PhD Funding

- LSE Studentships and ESRC
- Departmental funding
  - Fees + bursary
  - Supplemented with Class Teaching
- **Successful applicants are normally fully funded**

# Application deadline

- **Application deadline: 27 May 2022**
- But: the selection process for ESRC and LSE Studentships takes place earlier.
- **The Department strongly encourages early applications.**
- Please note the **funding deadlines**:
  - **14 January for ESRC funding**
  - **14 January & 28 April 2022** for LSE PhD Studentships
- Selection for funding is based on receipt of a complete application – *including all ancillary documents, references etc.*

# Q&A

- **Further discussion in breakout rooms with faculty and current students from both research areas**
- **Please select the room of interest to you**

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Thank you for joining us!

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch after the meeting:

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