

## **The EFA Annual Meeting 2022 in Barcelona, Spain, and the Ascension of New Topics from a European and a German View**

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### **I. Overview**

After two years of online meetings, the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Finance Association (EFA) was organized as an in-person meeting hosted at the IESE Business School in Barcelona, Spain, from 24<sup>th</sup> August until 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Professor Laura Veldkamp from Columbia University's Graduate School of Business, USA, could be won as the keynote speaker.

While the number of submissions dropped from 2,144 in 2021 to 1,908 in 2022, the number of papers accepted for presentation rose from 180 to 216, leading to an increase of the overall acceptance rate from 8.40% in 2021 to 11.32% in 2022. Table 1 describes the development since 2015 in detail.

A total of 623 scientists contributed to the 216 papers presented at the conference, with 43 authors – who participated in 25 papers – being from 14 universities and institutions based in Germany. The ratio of “German papers” of 25/216 = 11.57% is almost identical to that of 2021 and well above the previous average of 10.15% realized since 2009.

Measured by the number of downloads from the Social Science Research Network (SSRN; deadline: October, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022), the three most successful contributions with German participation were:

1. *Kwon*, S. P. (Harvard University)/*Ma*, Y. (University of Chicago Booth School of Business and NBER)/*Zimmermann*, K. (Leibniz Institute for Financial Research SAGE): 100 Years of Rising Corporate Concentration, 537 downloads, ranking position 33 based on total downloads.

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