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Quantess Seminar Invitation

Our new year seminar will take place on **February 8th**! Keywords: factor timing & study on child outcomes via econometrics.

Happy New Year everyone! Hope you all had a restful and festive holiday season. We are very excited to kick off our 2018 seminars with a wide-ranging line up. Please come join us in our evening seminars throughout the year and follow us on our social media page as we continue to host many fun and engaging talks, with a few relaxing social nights around the City added to your diary.

Our first seminar will take place on 8th February, kindly hosted in partnership with Macquarie. The evening will feature two talks, with networking over drinks and nibbles to conclude. We start with our main guest speaker, Dr. Katharina Schwaiger from BlackRock, on factor timing analysis. We also have the pleasure to welcome Janan Neirami from Greenhill & Co. to share her insights into child outcomes based on her recent dissertation paper: "Is there a trade-off between child quantity and quality? The effects of family size and birth order on child outcomes." You can find both speakers' biography below.

Please register for this event soon if you would like to reserve a space. On logistics, please arrive early at Macquarie (28 Ropemaker St) *from 6pm on 8th February*.
*NOTE: Admission will close at 6.30pm to ensure the event starts promptly.

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Dr. Katharina Schwaiger, PhD,
Director at BlackRock

Katharina is an investment researcher within the Factor Based Strategies Group at BlackRock. Her responsibilities include quantitative research for the team's existing factor strategies as well as developing new factor based strategies / custom mandates. She joined from BlackRock's European ETF and Index Investments Product Innovation Group, where she was responsible for developing index based strategies to be implemented across ETFs, mutual funds and segregated mandates across equity, fixed income and multi-asset. Dr. Schwaiger's service with the firm dates back to 2013 when she joined as a member of the Risk & Quantitative Analysis (RQA) group. At RQA she was responsible for the risk management and quantitative analysis of Fundamental Active Equity portfolios in EMEA.

Prior to joining BlackRock in 2013, she has worked as a Financial Engineer in the City of London, as a Quantitative Researcher at a London-based hedge fund and as a teacher in Operational Research at the London School of Economics (LSE). She's a regular contributor to academic and industry-led journals and editor of the Asset and Liability Management Handbook (Palgrave Macmillan). She earned a BSc degree in Financial Mathematics in 2005, and a PhD degree in Mathematics/Operational Research from Brunel University in 2009.

Janan Neirami, Greenhill & Co.

Janan Neirami is an investment banking analyst at Greenhill & Co, supporting buy-side and sell-side M&A and strategic advisory assignments. Prior to joining Greenhill, Janan interned at Monarch Alternative Capital and Goldman Sachs.

Janan holds a B.A. in Economics from Trinity College, Cambridge.

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