



# APPROACHES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ANALYSIS

THURSDAY, 04 FEBRUARY 2016

REGISTRATION: 16:45 – 17:00

SEMINAR TIME: 17:00 – 20:15

VENUE

INTERCONTINENTAL MALTA, ST GEORGE'S BAY – ST JULIANS

SPEAKER

SIMEON SPITERI

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The need of financial analysis is increasing in the business environment especially in light of the recent corporate bankruptcies that shocked the entire western capital market. A description of the salient techniques used in financial analysis will be considered. Attention will be devoted to vertical analysis and horizontal analysis, which utilise the financial statements as the main source of information for their preparation. Times series analysis and cross-sectional analysis will also be considered in order to further amplify the image that these methods can portray on the financial health of the organisation in its industry. These techniques will be illustrated by applying the previously mentioned methods on an organisation.

Recent literature has portrayed considerable criticism on the aforementioned techniques. Scholars and practitioners started questioning the utility of financial statement analysis techniques. Some individuals have also taken a drastic approach in stating that these methods are useless, being unable to provide a clear picture of the firm's financial health. Such criticisms will be considered and discussed, entwining these arguments with other methods, like the Balance Scorecard in order to pinpoint effective methods of company's analysis.

## THE SPEAKER



**SIMEON SPITERI** is a Doctoral Student of the School of Education at the University of Southampton. His main area of research encompasses the development of a non-traditional approach towards the management of post 16 education to promote entrepreneurship as a lifelong learning skill in Malta. Apart from his studies, Simeon is actively engaged in financial analysis of corporate organisations. Over the years numerous financial examinations have been conducted, which aided in developing effective methods on such area.

Prior to such formal studies, Simeon also worked as a Chartered Public Accountant in the Maltese Industry and as an auditor with one of the big four audit firms. The experience gathered during such time frame provides a better understanding of the financial statements, which encompasses a key element for financial analysis.

Presently Simeon is also an active member of The Centre for Higher Education Management and Policy at Southampton (CHEMPaS), which is primarily engaged in Research on Higher Education and Management. Such Centre comprises a number of doctoral students, professors lecturing and researching at the University of Southampton, visiting professors and entrepreneurs that are often invited to the centre to share their experiences and know-how. CHEMPaS is also enriched with the vast number of international students that come from different cultures and hold differing views on Higher Education and Management. Indeed discussions between doctoral students, professors and visiting entrepreneurs are frequent with the aim of enhancing the flow of knowledge that will result in better studies.

## CPE ACCREDITATION

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Attendance certificates will be distributed at the end of the seminar.



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## PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY, 04 FEBRUARY 2016

16:45	Registration
17:00	Approaches to Financial Statements Analysis
18:30	Coffee Break
18:45	Approaches to Financial Statements Analysis
20:05	Question Time
20:15	Close of Seminar

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