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## Current Position

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**Imperial College, United Kingdom** Jan 2020 – Present  
Postdoctoral Research Associate

## Education

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**Technical University of Munich, Germany** 2020  
Ph.D. in Strategic Entrepreneurship

- Committee: Oliver Alexy, Gerard George (SMU), J.P. Eggers (NYU), Holger Patzelt (chair)
- Dissertation: *Firms as configurations: Embracing causal complexity in the study of organizational performance* (Summa cum laude)
- Winner of the Dissertation Award by the Bund der Freunde der TUM
- Selected for the TUM Research Excellence Program for outstanding PhD candidates

**New York University, USA** Jan 2019 – Aug 2019  
Visiting Ph.D. Scholar (invited by Prof. J.P. Eggers)

**The University of Oklahoma, USA** Apr 2018 – May 2018  
Visiting Ph.D. Scholar (invited by Prof. Jeremy Short)

**Singapore Management University, Singapore** Oct 2016 – Mar 2017  
Visiting Ph.D. Scholar (invited by Prof. Gerard George)

**Turku School of Economics, Finland** 2012  
M.Sc. and B.Sc. in Economics and Business Administration

**Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich, Germany** Oct 2007 – Jul 2008  
Exchange student (business studies at B.Sc. and M.Sc. level)

## Publications

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Haefner, N., Palmié, M. & **Leppänen, P.** Reconciling Incongruous Findings on Stakeholder Management, Innovation, and Firm Performance. *Forthcoming at Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*.

**Leppänen, P.**, McKenny, A. & Short, J. (2019). Qualitative Comparative Analysis in Entrepreneurship: Exploring the Approach and Noting Opportunities for the Future, in Brian Boyd, T. Russell Crook, Jane K. Lê, Anne D. Smith (ed.) *Standing on the Shoulders of Giants (Research Methodology in Strategy and Management, Volume 11)* Emerald Publishing Limited, pp.155–177.

## Work in Progress

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**Leppänen, P.**, George, G. & Alexy, O. Creating Value from Business Model Innovation. *Revise and Resubmit, 2<sup>nd</sup> round*, *Academy of Management Journal*.

- Finalist for the Best PhD Paper Prize at DRUID Conference in New York City, USA (2017)

Stuhler, I. & **Leppänen, P.** Top Management Team Configurations and New Venture IPO Performance. *Preparing for journal submission*.

**Leppänen, P.** & Eggers, J.P. Resource Configurations and Organizational Search in Dynamic Contexts.  
*Data analysis.*

**Leppänen, P.** & Reetz, D. Emergence of Platform Configurations.  
*Data analysis.*

Reid, S., **Leppänen, P.** & Short, J. Configurations of Corporate Social Responsibility in Family Firms.  
*Full draft – collecting additional data.*

## Research Interests (in alphabetical order)

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I am generally interested in organization-level research topics in innovation, strategy, and entrepreneurship. Keywords: business model innovation; configurations; disruptive innovation; organizational learning and adaptation; novelty; search; space exploration; technology; uncertainty; value creation and capture

## Conference & Seminar Presentations

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### **Creating Novel Value from Business Model Innovation**

Brownbag Seminar at Stern School of Business, New York University (2019)  
Strategy, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation (SEI) Doctoral Consortium in Bath, UK (2017)  
Academy of Management Annual Conference in Atlanta, USA (2017)  
DRUID Annual Conference in New York City, USA (2017)  
First Cut Seminar at Business School, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (2017)  
Brownbag Seminar at TUM Entrepreneurship Research Institute, Germany (2016)  
Strategic Management Society Annual Conference in Berlin, Germany (2016)

### **Resource Configurations and Organizational Search in Dynamic Contexts**

Strategic Management Society Annual Conference, virtual (2020)  
Academy of Management Conference, Symposium Presentation, virtual (2020)  
Advancing Management Theory with Sports Data, virtual (2020)

### **Top Management Team Configurations and New Venture IPO Performance**

Academy of Management Conference in Boston, USA (2019)  
East Coast Doctoral Consortium at Columbia University, USA (2019)  
Brownbag Seminar at TUM Entrepreneurship Research Institute, Germany (2018)  
International QCA Paper Development Workshop at ETH, Switzerland (2018)

### **Emergence of Platform Configurations**

Strategic Management Society Annual Conference in Houston, USA (2017)  
Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference in Bodo, Norway (2016)  
Brownbag Seminar at TUM Entrepreneurship Research Institute, Germany (2016)

### **Qualitative Comparative Analysis in Strategy and Entrepreneurship**

Invited seminar talk at WHU, virtual (2020)  
Strategic Management Society Annual Conference in Paris, France (2018)

## Symposia

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### **New Empirical Research Directions in Organizational Search**

Co-Organizer (with J.P. Eggers) of a Presenter Symposium  
Academy of Management Conference, virtual (2020)

## Other Invited Presentations

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### **Post-Covid-19 Global Entrepreneurship Scenarios**

Invited by the Entrepreneurship Cell at SIMS (India), virtual (2020)

## Awards and Scholarships

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Bund der Freunde der TUM – Dissertation Award (EUR 1,500 in 2020)

TUM Research Excellence Program (EUR 2,500 yearly for 2018-2020)

DAAD grant for AOM Annual Conference in Boston, USA (EUR 1,709 in 2019)

DAAD grant for SMS Annual Conference in Houston, USA (EUR 2,317 in 2017)

Nominated for the best PhD paper award at DRUID17 in New York City, USA (2017)

TUM STIBET Scholarship for Teaching Assistantship (2014)

Awarded for best master thesis in the major of International Business (2011)

Awarded for best bachelor thesis of a group in International Business (2009)

ERASMUS Scholarship for an internship abroad (2008)

ERASMUS Scholarship for studies abroad (2007)

## Doctoral Consortia

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Academy of Management Conference in Chicago, USA

Attendance in the Doctoral Consortium of the OMT Division (2018)

Academy of Management Conference in Atlanta, USA

Attendance in the Doctoral Consortium of the BPS (now STR) Division (2017)

Academy of Management Conference in Anaheim, USA

Attendance in the Doctoral Consortium of the TIM Division (2016)

## Teaching and Supervision

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### **Instructor** (Technical University of Munich)

*Case Study Seminar in Managing Business Models, Growth, and Disruption*, MSc in Management & Technology, Teaching evaluation 4.2/5.0 (2019-2020, Co-Instructor with Oliver Alexy)

*Advanced Research Seminar in Strategic Entrepreneurship*, MSc in Management & Technology, Average teaching evaluation 4.6/5.0 (7x in 2015-2019, Main Instructor mostly)

*Developing Entrepreneurial Thinking*, Interdisciplinary PhD students, Teaching evaluation 4.4/5.0 (2018, Co-Instructor)

### **Teaching Assistant** (Imperial College)

*Entrepreneurship*, Global Online MBA Module (2020 & 2021, Lead Instructor: Bart Clarysse)

*Corporate Innovation*, Global Online MBA Module (2020 & 2021, Lead Instructors: Paola Criscuolo, Markus Perkmann, Anu Wadhwa)

*Entrepreneurial Journey*, Full time MBA Module (2021, Lead Instructor: Markus Perkmann)

### **Other Teaching** (Technical University of Munich)

*Thesis Development Workshop*, EMBA (2016, Mentor)

*Advanced Business Plan Seminar*, Interdisciplinary MSc & BSc students (3x in 2015-2016, Guest Lecturer and Mentor)

*E-Camp – Entrepreneurial Workshop for Academics*, Interdisciplinary PhD students (2x in 2015-2016, Mentor)

*Supervisor* of 40+ BSc, MSc, and MBA theses as well as Interdisciplinary Projects (informatics students) and Project Studies (business students) in 2015-2020

## Academic Service

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### Ad-Hoc Reviewer

*Journals:* Journal of Management, Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal, Academy of Management Discoveries, Long Range Planning

*Conferences:* Academy of Management Annual Conference (STR, TIM, ENT, OMT divisions)

## Professional Experience

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**Imperial College, United Kingdom** Jan 2020 – Present  
Postdoctoral Research Associate

**Technical University of Munich, Germany** Jun 2014 – Jan 2020  
Research Assistant

**UnternehmerTUM Center for Innovation and Business Creation, Germany** May 2015 – Oct 2016  
Knowledge Management Specialist

**Fontin & Company Management Consulting, Germany/Switzerland** Jul 2011 – May 2014  
Associate Consultant

**Research Institute for Project-Based Industry, Finland** May 2010 – Dec 2010  
Graduate Student Researcher

## Military Service

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**The Finnish Defense Forces, Pori Brigade / Reserve Officer School** Jan 2005 – Jan 2006  
Second Lieutenant of the Reserve

## Language Skills

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Finnish	Native speaker
English	Full professional proficiency
German	Full professional proficiency
Swedish	Limited working proficiency
Spanish	Basics
Italian	Basics
Mandarin	Basics

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