

**Date of the event:**

On Wednesday 2nd June 2010  
From 01:00 PM to 2:00 PM

**Location:**

Luxembourg School of Finance  
University of Luxembourg  
4 Rue Albert Borschette  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Modigliani Miller Auditorium (E02-003)  
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**Registrations:**

- Free seminar (with lunch included)
- Registrations by email before May 30th, 2010
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## Does Asymmetric Information Affect SEOs and M&A? Evidence from Corporate Pension Plans

*By Joao Cocco*  
*London Business School*



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We present evidence of the impact of asymmetric information on firms' likelihood to issue equity and to be acquired. We argue that the existence of corporate sponsored defined benefit pension liabilities, and their magnitude, are a source of risk for buyers of the firm's shares. We show that firms that sponsor DB pension plans and have a large pension deficit relative to their market capitalization are less likely: (i) to raise equity through SEOs; (ii) to be the target in an acquisition and to be taken over; and (iii) to use stock when they acquire other companies or assets.

