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Executive Profile

Dr Ashenafi Beyene Fanta is a Senior Lecturer of Development Finance at the University of Stellenbosch Business School. Prior to joining Stellenbosch University, Dr Fanta worked as Data Analysis and Segmentation Expert at FinMark Trust where he was involved in developing segmentation models and wrote policy research papers on topics including financial inclusion of women, financial literacy, mobile money, over-indebtedness and SME financing.

Dr Fanta has published widely in a number of scholarly journals and delivered papers at international conferences. Recently, he received the Best Paper Award from Taylor & Francis at International Academy of African Business and Development (IAABD) Conference held in Atlanta for his paper published in the Journal of African Business. His research interests include financial development, SME finance, financial inclusion and corporate governance of financial institutions. Dr. Fanta holds a doctoral degree in Social and Economic Sciences (Corporate Finance) from Johannes Kepler University of Linz in Austria and Master's degree in Accounting and Finance from Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. Dr Fanta is multilingual and fluent in English, Amharic and Wolaitigna.

Education

Year	Degree	Field of study	University	Country
2010	PhD	Corporate Finance	Johannes Kepler University of Linz	Austria
2005	MSc	Accounting & Finance	Addis Ababa University	Ethiopia
1998	BA	Accounting	Addis Ababa University	Ethiopia

Academic and Professional Experience

Commencement date	End date	Position	Institution	Country
July 2017	To date	Senior Lecturer of Development Finance	University of Stellenbosch Business School	South Africa
Apr 2016	Jun 2017	Data analysis and Segmentation Expert	FinMark Trust	South Africa
Feb 2014	Jan 2016	Postdoctoral Fellow	UNISA	South Africa

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Jan 2011	Jan 2014	Assistant Professor	ECSU	Ethiopia
Feb 2005	Jun 2007	Lecturer	Addis Ababa University	Ethiopia
Dec 2002	Feb 2005	Lecturer and Head of Accounting Department	ECSU	Ethiopia
Oct 1998	Nov 2002	Assistant Lecturer	Jimma University	Ethiopia

Academic honours and awards

Year	Honour/Award	Description	Country
2017	Best paper award	Taylor & Francis best paper award for a paper titled "Complementarity between relationship lending and collateral in SME access to bank credit: evidence from Ethiopia" published in the Journal of African Business.	USA
2007	North-South Dialogue Scholarship	Received a grant to pursue a doctoral degree program at Johannes Kepler University of Linz under North-South Dialogue Scholarship that covered full living costs and included full tuition waiver.	Austria

Membership of professional and scientific organizations

Organisation

Accounting and Finance Society of Ethiopia

Ethiopian Economic Association

Research

Title	Authors	Publication	Type of output	Publication date
Equity, Bonds, Institutional Debt and Economic Growth: Evidence from South Africa	Fanta, A. & Makina, D.	South African Journal of Economics	Journal article	2017
Complementarity between relationship and collateral in SME access to bank credit: evidence from survey of manufacturing firms in Ethiopia	Fanta, A.	Journal of African Business	Journal article	2016
Bond markets, Stock markets, Banks and growth: a system GMM analysis	Fanta, A.	Global Business and Economics Review	Journal article	2016

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The Finance Growth Link: Comparative analysis of two Eastern African countries	Fanta, A. & Makina, D.	Comparative Economic Research	Journal article	2016
The role of mobile money on financial inclusion in the SADC region: evidence from FinScope survey	Fanta, A.	Mobile money Wallet Conference, South Africa	Conference paper	2016
The finance-growth nexus: evidence from emerging markets	Fanta, A.	Journal of Economics and Behavioral Studies	Journal article	2015
Demand side constraints to SME access to bank credit: evidence from survey of manufacturing firms in Ethiopia	Fanta, A.	Journal of Accounting and Management	Journal article	2015
Informal finance as alternative route to SME access to finance: evidence from Ethiopia	Fanta, A.	Journal of Governance and Regulation	Journal article	2015
Technology and financial inclusion: a cross sectional evidence	Fanta, A. & Makina, D.	International Conference on Financial Services, South Africa	Conference paper	2015
The Finance Growth Link: Evidence from Ethiopia and Kenya Using GMM	Fanta, A. & Makina, D.	World Finance Conference, Argentina	Conference paper	2015
Export trade incentives and export growth nexus: evidence from Ethiopia	Fanta, A. & Benalfew, G.	British Journal of Economics, Management & Trade	Journal article	2014
Corporate governance and impact on bank performance	Fanta, A., Srmolo K. & Kassa, Y.	Journal of Finance and Accounting	Journal article	2013
Banking reform and SME financing in Ethiopia: Evidence from the manufacturing sector	Fanta, A.	African Journal of Business Management	Journal article	2012
Banking reform and SME financing in Ethiopia	Fanta, A.	8th International conference on the Ethiopian Economy, Ethiopia	Conference paper	2010