

## Biography

Geert Bekaert is the Leon G. Cooperman Professor of Finance and Economics at Columbia Business School and a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Before joining Columbia, Bekaert was a tenured Associate Professor of Finance at the Graduate School of Business, Stanford University. He received his Ph.D. in 1992 from Northwestern University's Economics Department. During his studies, a Sloan Dissertation Fellowship and an NBER Dissertation Support Award supported him. His thesis won the 1994 Zellner Thesis Award in Business and Economic Statistics. Before entering graduate school, he worked in the Research Department of the Kredietbank in Belgium (1986-1987).

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