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Socially Responsible Investing (Lloyd Kurtz)

Course description:

This class will review modern investment products, and explore how ESG (environmental, social, and governance) factors are measured and incorporated into investment strategies.

We will also consider academic work on ESG factors, including Caroline Flammer's study of long-term management incentives and work from the London School of Economics on climate risk. In addition, the course will consider commercial ESG products, such as the MSCI and Sustainalytics rating systems and Société Générale's CEO-focused ESG alpha strategy.

The course will include lectures, class discussions, and a team project. Project teams will evaluate responsible investment products from around the world and present their findings.

Lecturer:

Lloyd Kurtz is a visiting scholar from Northwestern University (Kellogg School of Management), where he leads work on the Moskowitz price, and sits on the steering committee for the Impact & Sustainable Finance Faculty Consortium. In his professional role he serves as Senior Portfolio Manager at Montecito Bank & Trust. Previously he was Head of Social Impact Investment for Wells Fargo Investment Institute. Before moving to Northwestern University in 2020, he taught classes in Finance, SRI and Corporate Governance for 15 years at the Haas School of Business (University of California, Berkeley) and the Leavey School of Business (Santa Clara University). From 2004-2016 he was Chief Investment Officer at Nelson Capital, a Palo Alto money management firm affiliated with Wells Fargo. Prior to joining Nelson, Lloyd spent nine years as a research analyst and Director of Quantitative Research at Harris Bretall Sullivan & Smith, a San Francisco-based money management firm; and before that was Senior Research Analyst at KLD Research & Analytics in Boston.



During his tenure at KLD, Lloyd did much of the initial quantitative work on the development of the Domini Social Index, the first broad-based social investment benchmark, and co-authored two chapters of the book *The Social Investment Almanac*. His quantitative analysis of Domini Social Index performance, co-authored with Dan DiBartolomeo, was later published in *The Journal of Investing*. He also authored the chapter on social investment in the 2008 *Oxford Handbook of Corporate Social Responsibility* and in 2011 he wrote a chapter on stakeholder analysis for the Kolb textbook, *Socially Responsible Finance and Investing*.

For many years Lloyd maintained an online annotated bibliography of studies of socially responsible investing at sristudies.org. In 1997, 2005 and 2020 he published reviews of this literature in *The Journal of Investing*. He holds an MBA from Babson College and a B.A. from Vassar College. In 1999 he received the SRI Service Award for his contributions to social investing.

General Information:

The class will be taught as a block course from June 30 to July 11, 2025. The class is planned to take place in person. The examination consists of an exam and a case study presentation (30 min). The class can be credited as “Ausgewählte Kapitel des Finance I/II”. We will admit up to 25 students to participate in this class.

Application Procedure:

To apply for the class “Socially Responsible Investing” you must send an email to Christoph.Domnick@wiwi.uni-muenster.de by May 1, 2025 at the latest. Please note that we will admit promising applicants to the class prior to the end of the deadline. Necessary documents for the application:

- Transcript of Records
- Motivation for the class (max. 200 words)
- CV