

## P r e s s   R e l e a s e

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### **UniCredit supports young economists**

UniCredit Bank, in collaboration with Faculty of Economics University of Belgrade and UniCredit and Universities Foundation, organized two-day „Young economists conference“. The conference was established in 2011 with the aim to support PhD students and young researchers in their further development.

During the conference participants, from all over the world had a chance to present their papers and to receive valuable feedbacks and advices from prominent experts and professors, who operate within the fields of economy and finance, in order to improve their papers for publishing them in some of renowned international scientific journals. For the conference totally 65 papers were submitted and the best 12 PhD students received the honor to present them publicly.

On the second day of the conference, the Program board, in according with the presentations, have chosen the best paper „Contingent Capital Structure“, whose author, Jing Zeng, PhD student from London School of Economists, while UniCredit and Universities Foundation provided award in the amount of EUR 1,500. In addition, this foundation ensured travel grants for 7 participants.

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