Dissertation

Mergers and Acquisitions: Markets, Learning, and Strategy

Mergers and acquisitions are complex agreements between firms to trade either particular assets, whole divisions, or entire firms in exchange for cash, stock, stock options, or other forms of payment. Chapter 1 shows that standard event study methods are biased when samples are non-random. Guidelines are provided for best methodologies by sample characteristics. Chapter 2 investigates organizational learning through repeated M&A transactions, identifying significant differences between multiple acquirers and single acquirers. Learning is identified through behavior, rather than market results. Chapter 3 explores the causes and consequences of the choice of payment method in M&A deals.
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