MBA PROFESSORS TO LOOK OUT FOR—2018

With the academic year just starting, we tracked down the hottest new professors on MBA campuses around the world who should be on your radar

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We all know a business school is nothing without its faculty of dedicated professors.

Research from QS suggests that almost half of all global MBA applicants consider a school’s reputation as a top reason for choosing one institution over another. With MBA faculty sitting on the frontline of research and innovation, it’s no surprise that business schools hire only the best for their MBA programs. So, who are the rising stars in the MBA world this year?

Negin Golrezaei, MIT Sloan School of Management

Negin’s background is in electrical engineering, and she was previously a postdoctoral fellow at Google before joining Sloan this year.
As to the question of why she decided to go into teaching, she says that it was always in her blood—”I always wanted to become a professor. From an early age, I used to tutor my younger siblings.”

Negin is currently serving as an assistant professor in operations management at Sloan, and her research covers machine learning and mechanism design, specifically within applications to online marketplaces.

Her work has already been published in some of the world’s top journals, and she says that working at Sloan is the perfect place to put her research into practice.

“Ironically, I developed a passion for research while interning at Google during my PhD studies. It was there that I could see the immediate impact of my expertise and research. I learned firsthand that research can be a very powerful tool in advancing new technology by providing practical insights.”

As to her future at Sloan—what would she like to achieve there? Negin says she’d love to make an impact on the number of women going into technological industries.

“Many technical fields including operations management suffer from the lack of female faculties. Reflecting upon this, I have been motivated to serve as a mentor for other female students—by sharing my passion and achievements in my career, I would like to motivate them to pursue high-impact research in this area.”