

SPRING 2015 CONFERENCE OF THE MULTINATIONAL FINANCE SOCIETY

(As of April 16, 2015)

April 17-19, 2015

House of Arts and Literature

Vasilios Pavlou Square

6023 Larnaca

Cyprus

SESSION 1

Friday 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Scala

ASSET ALLOCATION

Session Chair: Ian Cooper - London Business School, UK

"Is Equity Home Bias Different from Foreign Bias?"

Ian Cooper - London Business School, UK

Piet Sercu - KU Leuven, Belgium

Rosanne Vanpée - KU Leuven, Belgium

Discussant: Paulo Maio - Hanken School of Economics, Finland

"Return Forecast Models and Out-of-Sample Portfolio Optimization: Evidence for Industry Portfolios"

Wolfgang Bessler - Justus-Liebig University Giessen, Germany

Dominik Wolff - Justus-Liebig-University Giessen, Germany

Discussant: Haim Kedar-Levy - Ben Gurion University, Israel

"Equity Allocation Without Estimation Risk"

Yufen Fu - Tunghai University, Taiwan

George Blazenko - Simon Fraser University, Canada

Discussant: Suzanne Lee - Georgia Institute of Technology, USA

SESSION 2

Friday 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Kition

CORPORATE RISK

Session Chair: Christodoulos Louca - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

"Managerial Utility-Adjusted Risk-Shifting Incentives, Asset Risk-Taking Incentives, and Debt-Taking Incentives"

Elisabeth Megally - University of Zurich, Switzerland

Discussant: Erkki Laitinen - University of Vaasa, Finland

"Do Risk-Taking Incentives Induce CEOs to Invest? Evidence from Acquisitions"

Ettore Croci - Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy

Dimitris Petmezas - University of Surrey, UK

Discussant: Arie Melnik - University of Haifa, Israel

"Corporate Liquidity and Dividend Policy under Uncertainty"

Nicos Koussis - Frederick University, Cyprus

Spiros Martzoukos - University of Cyprus, Cyprus

Lenos Trigeorgis - University of Cyprus, Cyprus

Discussant: Dennis Philip - Durham University, UK

SESSION 3

Friday 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Zenon

SMES & CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Session Chair: Olga Kandinskaia - CIIM, Cyprus

"Capital structure of UK mid-sized companies: Evidence of non-linear behaviour"

Demetris Markou - University of Central Lancashire, Cyprus

Panikkos Poutziouris - UCLAN - Cyprus, Cyprus

Discussant: Olga Kandinskaia - CIIM, Cyprus

"The Determinants of Cash Dynamics"

Argyro Panaretou - Lancaster University, UK

Grzegorz Pawlina - Lancaster University, UK

Qifan Zhai - Lancaster University, UK

Discussant: Tom Laehner - Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

"Choosing Financial Performance Measures for SMEs: Review of Approaches in Empirical Studies"

Olga Kandinskaia - CIIM, Cyprus

Discussant: Demetris Markou - University of Central Lancashire, Cyprus

Refreshments

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

SESSION 4

Friday 10:30-12:30 p.m.

Scala

ASSET PRICING

Session Chair: Paulo Maio - Hanken School of Economics, Finland

"Does Money Help to Rescue the Consumption-CAPM?"

Paulo Maio - Hanken School of Economics, Finland

Andre Silva - Nova School of Business and Economics, Portugal

Discussant: Ian Cooper - London Business School, UK

"A Dynamic Equilibrium Model of Bubbles"

Haim Kedar-Levy - Ben Gurion University, Israel

Discussant: Neophytos Lambertides - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

"Differences in Expectations and the Cross Section of Stock Returns"

Panayiotis Andreou - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

Anastasios Kagkadis - Lancaster University, UK

Dennis Philip - Durham University, UK

Ruslan Tuneshev - Durham University, UK

Discussant: Piet Sercu - KU Leuven, Belgium

SESSION 5

Friday 10:30-12:30 p.m.

Kition

BANKING ISSUES

Session Chair: Arthur Petit-Romec - ESCP Europe, France

"Short-Term Bank Capital and Bank Performance in the Crisis"

Alexandre Garel - ESCP Europe, France

Arthur Petit-Romec - ESCP Europe, France

Discussant: Natalja Von Westernhagen - Deutsche Bundesbank, Germany

"RoE as a Root of Excess in Banks: Evidence from Financial Crises"

Christophe Moussu - ESCP Europe, France

Arthur Petit-Romec - ESCP Europe, France

Discussant: Demetris Koursaros - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

"Supervising System Stress in Multiple Markets"

Mikhail Oet - Case Western Reserve University, USA

Dieter Gramlich - Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University, Germany

Stephen Ong - Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, USA

Discussant: Stefan Eichler - Leibniz University Hannover, Germany

SESSION 6

Friday 10:30-12:30 p.m.

Zenon

SHIPPING FINANCE

Session Chair: Roar Adland - Norwegian School of Economics, Norway

"Private shipping company performance and ownership structure: Evidence from the United Kingdom & Ireland"

Photis Panayides - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

Konstantinos Melas - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

Discussant: Henning Schröder - University of Hamburg, Germany

"Capital Structure Decisions of Shipbuilding Companies"

Roar Adland - Norwegian School of Economics, Norway
Rikke Iversen - Norwegian School of Economics, Norway
Joakim Noraas - Norwegian School of Economics, Norway

Discussant: Henry Seidel - University of Hamburg, Germany

"Hedging Capesize ship price risks using Forward Freight Agreements (FFAs)"

Michael Herbener - Universität Hamburg, Germany

Discussant: Roar Adland - Norwegian School of Economics, Norway

LUNCHEON

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Sun Hall Hotel

SESSION 7

Friday 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Scala

EXPECTED RETURNS

Session Chair: Alireza Tourani-Rad - Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand

"Institutional Trading and Asset Pricing"

Bart Frijns - Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand
Thanh Huynh - Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand
Alireza Tourani-Rad - Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand
Joakim Westerholm - University of Sydney, Australia

Discussant: Marios Panayides - University of Pittsburgh, USA

"Related Stock Market Anomalies: Growth, Distress and Skewness"

Lenos Trigeorgis - University of Cyprus, Cyprus
Neophytos Lambertides - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus
Luca Del Viva - ESADE Business School, Spain

Discussant: Yuan Wu - University of Southampton, UK

"Do Stock Return Factors Outperform other Risk Factors? Evidence from a Large Cross-Section of Anomalies"

Paulo Maio - Hanken School of Economics, Finland

Discussant: Fotini Economou - Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE), Greece

"Idiosyncratic Volatility, Conditional Liquidity and Stock Returns"

Juliana Malagon - University of Durham, UK
David Moreno - Universidad Carlos III, Spain
Rosa Rodriguez - Universidad Carlos III, Spain

Discussant: Konrad Adler - Toulouse School of Economics, France

SESSION 8

Friday 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Kition

BANKING ISSUES

Session Chair: Stefan Eichler - Leibniz University Hannover, Germany

"Do Exposures to Sagging Real Estate, Subprime or Conduits Abroad Lead to Contraction and Flight to Quality in Bank Lending at Home?"

Steven Ongena - University of Zurich, Switzerland

Gunseli Tumer-Alkan - VU Amsterdam University, Netherlands

Natalja Von Westernhagen - Deutsche Bundesbank, Germany

Discussant: Michael Wosser - Maynooth University, Ireland

"How Do Political Factors Shape the Bank Risk-Sovereign Risk Nexus in Emerging Markets?"

Stefan Eichler - Leibniz University Hannover, Germany

Discussant: Alexandre Garel - ESCP Europe, France

"An Analysis of Fiscal and Expectations Multipliers across the Euro Area"

Nektarios Michail - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

Christos Savva - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

Discussant: Alex Cukierman - Tel-Aviv University and Interdisciplinary Center, Israel

"Euro Area and us Banks Behavior, and Ecb Fed Monetary Policies During the Global Financial Crisis: A Comparison"

Alex Cukierman - Tel-Aviv University and Interdisciplinary Center, Israel

Discussant: Arthur Petit-Romec - ESCP Europe, France

SESSION 9

Friday 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Zenon

RISK MANAGEMENT

Session Chair: Jeffrey Callen - University of Toronto, Canada

"Optimal Hedging in Carbon Emission Markets Using Markov Regime Switching Models"

Dennis Philip - Durham University, UK

Yukun Shi - Middlesex University, UK

Discussant: Aktham Maghayereh - United Arab Emirates University, United Arab Emirates

"Financial Distress Prediction in an International Context: Moderating Effects of Hofstede's Cultural Dimensions"

Erkki Laitinen - University of Vaasa, Finland

Arto Suvas - University of Vaasa, Finland

Discussant: Nicos Koussis - Frederick University, Cyprus

"Sukuk Co-Movement and Contribution to Global Capital Market Diversification"

Basel Awartani - University of Plymouth, UK

Aktham Maghayereh - United Arab Emirates University, United Arab Emirates

Discussant: Elisabeth Megally - University of Zurich, Switzerland

"Estimation of Economic-Capital Structures in Financial Trading Books under Adverse Market Perspectives"

Mazin A. M. Al Janabi - United Arab Emirates University, United Arab Emirates

Discussant: Wolfgang Bessler - Justus-Liebig University Giessen, Germany

"Testing the Transparency Implications of Mandatory IFRS Adoption: The Spread/Maturity Relation of Credit Default Swaps"

Gauri Bhat - Southern Methodist University, USA

Jeffrey Callen - University of Toronto, Canada

Dan Segal - Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, Israel

Discussant: Carl Brousseau - Université Laval, Canada

KEYNOTE SPEECH

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

House of Arts and Literature

Yakov Amihud

Stern School of Business, New York University, USA

"The Pricing of the Illiquidity Factor's Systematic Risk"

WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Sun Hall Hotel - Aqua Sol Cafe

SESSION 10

Saturday 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Scala

BANKING ISSUES

Session Chair: Alon Raviv - Bar Ilan University, Israel

"Optimal Regulation, Executive Compensation and Risk Taking by Financial Institutions"

Jens Hilscher - Brandeis University, USA

Yoram Landskroner - Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Alon Raviv - Bar Ilan University, Israel

Discussant: Ravel Jabbour - Deloitte, UK

"US Banks' Behavior since Lehman's Collapse, Bailout Uncertainty and the Timing of Exit Strategies"

Alex Cukierman - Tel-Aviv University and Interdisciplinary Center, Israel

Discussant: Alon Raviv - Bar Ilan University, Israel

"The Determinants of Systemic Banking Crises A Regulatory Perspective"

Michael Wosser - Maynooth University, Ireland

Discussant: Nektarios Michail - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

"Capital Ratios and Stress Testing: The In-Comprehensive SSM-ent"

Ravel Jabbour - Deloitte, UK

Discussant: Mikhail Oet - Case Western Reserve University, USA

SESSION 11

Saturday 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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MARKET MICROSTRUCTURE

Session Chair: Ruslan Goyenko - McGill University, Canada

"Was There Informed Trading in LIBOR Referenced Interest Rate Futures?"

Pongsutti Phuensane - Durham University, UK

Julian Williams - Durham University, UK

Discussant: Ioannis Papantonis - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

"The Informative Value of Auditors' Going-Concern Emphasis of Matter: Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment"

Jean Bédard - Université Laval, Canada

Carl Brousseau - Université Laval, Canada

Ann Vanstraelen - Maastricht University, Netherlands

Discussant: Grzegorz Pawlina - Lancaster University, UK

"Trading Cost Dynamics of Market Making in Equity Options"

Ruslan Goyenko - McGill University, Canada

Chayawat Ornthanalai - University of Toronto, Canada

Shengzhe Tang - University of Toronto, Canada

Discussant: Arto Suvas - University of Vaasa, Finland

"Competition, Short Constraints and Insider Trading: Theory and Evidence"

Shmuel Baruch - University of Utah, USA

Marios Panayides - University of Pittsburgh, USA

Kumar Venkataraman - Southern Methodist University, USA

Discussant: Alireza Tourani-Rad - Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand

"The effects of intraday news flow on Dealers' Quotes, Stock Market Liquidity and Volatility"

Arzé Karam - Durham University Business School, UK

Discussant: Yukun Shi - Middlesex University, UK

SESSION 12

Saturday 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Zenon

BEHAVIORAL ISSUES

Session Chair: Photis Panayides - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

"The Impact of "Fear" on Herding Estimations"

Fotini Economou - Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE), Greece

Christis Hassapis - University of Cyprus, Cyprus

Nikolaos Philippas - Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE) & University of Piraeus, Greece

Discussant: Mazin A. M. Al Janabi - United Arab Emirates University, United Arab Emirates

"Investor Mood, Herding and the Ramadan Effect"

Konstantinos Gavrilidis - University of Stirling, UK

Vasileios Kallinterakis - University of Liverpool, UK

Ioannis Tsalavoutas - University of Glasgow, UK

Discussant: Basel Awartani - University of Plymouth, UK

"Information Uncertainty and Momentum Phenomenon Amid Market Swings--Evidence from the Chinese Class A Share Market"

Yuan Wu - University of Southampton, UK

Discussant: Juliana Malagon - University of Durham, UK

"Inconsistent Voting Behavior in the FOMC"

Tom Laehner - Leibniz University Hanover, Germany

Discussant: George Blazenko - Simon Fraser University, Canada

Refreshments

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

SESSION 13

Saturday 11:30-1:00 p.m.

Scala

CORPORATE FINANCE

Session Chair: Nihat Aktas - WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management, Germany

"Executive Compensation and Deployment of Corporate Resources: Evidence from Working Capital"

Nihat Aktas - WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management, Germany

Ettore Croci - Universita' Cattolica del Sacro, Italy

Oguzhan Ozbas - Koç University, Turkey
Dimitris Petmezas - University of Surrey, UK

Discussant: Ioannis Tsalavoutas - University of Glasgow, UK

"The Accounting Costs in Mergers and Acquisitions Transactions"

Rebel Cole - DePaul University, USA
Kenneth Ferris - Arizona State University, USA
Arie Melnik - University of Haifa, Israel

Discussant: Dimitris Petmezas - University of Surrey, UK

"CEO Duality, Corporate Activity and Performance"

Panayiotis Andreou - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus
Isabella Karasamani - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus
Dennis Philip - Durham University, UK

Discussant: Nihat Aktas - WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management, Germany

SESSION 14

Saturday 11:30-1:00 p.m.

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OPTION AND EXCHANGE MARKETS

Session Chair: Suzanne Lee - Georgia Institute of Technology, USA

"GARCH Option Pricing Models: Evidence from Joint Likelihood Estimations"

Ioannis Papantonis - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Discussant: Christos Savva - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

"Tales of Tails: Jumps in Currency Markets"

Suzanne Lee - Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
Minho Wang - Georgia Institute of Technology, USA

Discussant: Ruslan Goyenko - McGill University, Canada

"Real exchange rates and fundamentals: robustness across alternative model specifications"

Christian Grisse - Swiss National Bank, Switzerland
Konrad Adler - Toulouse School of Economics, France

Discussant: Pongsutti Phuensane - Durham University, UK

SESSION 15

Saturday 11:30-1:00 p.m.

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SHIPPING FINANCE

Session Chair: Roar Adland - Norwegian School of Economics, Norway

"The shipping crisis starting in 2008: Could it have been avoided?"

Sebastian Opitz - University of Hamburg, Germany

Henry Seidel - University of Hamburg, Germany

Alexander Szimayer - University of Hamburg, Germany

Discussant: André Küster Simic - HSBA Hamburg School of Business Administration, Germany

"Systematic Risk Behavior in Cyclical Industries: The Case of Shipping"

Wolfgang Drobetz - University of Hamburg, Germany

Christina Menzel - University of Hamburg, Germany

Henning Schröder - University of Hamburg, Germany

Discussant: Konstantinos Melas - Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

"Information Processing in Freight and Freight Forward Markets: An Event Study on OPEC Announcements"

Philipp Lauenstein - Hamburg School of Business Administration, Germany

André Küster Simic - HSBA Hamburg School of Business Administration, Germany

Discussant: Michael Herbener - Universität Hamburg, Germany

LUNCHEON

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Sun Hall Hotel

GROUP PHOTO

3:00 - 3:10 p.m. in front of Apothiki 79

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Apothiki 79

**Andreas Charitou
University of Cyprus**

**Nicholas Hadjiyiannis
Chairman of Cooperative Central Bank**

**Costas Mavrides
Member of the European Parliament**

**Nikolaos Philippas
University of Piraeus & Chairman of Centre of Planning and Economic Research**

**Panayiotis Theodossiou
Cyprus University of Technology & Member of National Economic Council**

"The New Era in Financial Intermediation, Stability and Regulation"

KEYNOTE SPEECH

7:30 - 8:15 p.m. Apothiki 79

Gikas Hardouvelis

**Minister of Finance of the Hellenic Republic and Professor of Finance and Economics,
Department of Banking and Financial Management, University of Piraeus, Greece**

"Economic Distress Inside the Monetary Union"

AWARDS CEREMONY

8:15 - 8:30 p.m. Apothiki 79

GALA DINNER

8:30 - 11:30 p.m. Apothiki 79