Spring 2016 Conference of the Multinational Finance Society

April 22-24, 2016, Lemesos, Cyprus

Submission Deadline: December 15, 2015

(Each paper will be allocated to a conference participant for discussion)



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Turan G. Bali – Georgetown University, USA Raghavendra Rau – University of Cambridge, UK

SPECIAL PANEL DISCUSSION - "Meet the Editors"

Raghavendra Rau - Editor of Financial Management

Geoffrey Wood - Editor-in-Chief of the British Journal of Management & Editor of the ABS Journal Ranking list Panayiotis Theodossiou - Editor-in-Chief of the Multinational Finance Journal

The Editors would share their views on the merits and perils of journal rankings in the evaluation of an academic journal's impact and quality, especially those that are based upon peer review, editorial and expert judgements compared to those based purely on some individual metrics coming from statistical information. They would also share their advice with early career researchers on how to best capture the interest of editors and reviewers, to confront challenges on how to structure a paper, ways to communicate effectively its idea, how to deal and respond with awkward referee feedback, whether authors should always bother revising and resubmitting, if it necessary to write a cover letter and many other valuable tips.

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Panayiotis C. Andreou – Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus & Durham University, UK Panayiotis Theodossiou – Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

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MFJ SPECIAL ISSUE

A special issue of the Multinational Finance Journal on "Recent Developments in Corporate Governance" (Guest Editor: David Yermack) will be devoted to relevant papers presented at conference and submitted for publication.

CALL FOR CASE METHODS

The Multinational Finance Society is inviting cases in all areas of Finance, Banking, Accounting and Economics to be submitted for the newly introduced session "Case Methods".

PAPER AWARDS

Best Paper Award

The prize is 750 USD plus complimentary entry of the award-winning paper to the Annual Conference Program. This award is open to all papers to be presented at the conference.

Best Doctoral Paper Award (Finance)

The prize is 500 USD plus complimentary entry of the award-winning paper to the Annual Conference Program. This award is open to all doctoral finance related papers to be presented at the conference.

Best Doctoral Paper Award (Shipping)

The prize is 500 USD plus complimentary entry of the award-winning paper to the Annual Conference Program. This award is open to all doctoral shipping related papers to be presented at the conference.

REGISTRATION FEE

The early bird registration fee for presenting authors is €275 if registered by February 15, 2016. Standard registration fee is €375. For doctoral students, a discount of €75 applies*. Late registration after March 15, 2016 includes as surcharge of 20% on the standard registration fee.

Registered participants automatically become members of the Society for one year, which allows them to submit papers to the Multinational Finance Journal at a reduced submission fee.

The social functions include a welcome reception, a guided sightseeing tour, two lunches, coffee breaks and a gala dinner. These functions are complimentary to all registered participants and accompanying persons. Accompanying persons, not appearing on the conference program as co-authors, can registered for the social functions at the time of main registration for an additional fee of ≤ 90 .

Faculty or practitioners who would like to attend the conference without presenting must register by April 10, 2016 for a fee of €150.

Registrations for presenting authors are non-refundable after March 15, 2016. Prior to March 15, 2016, an administrative charge of €100 will be deducted from any refunded fees. Other registration fees are not refundable.

* Discount will apply only when the student submits a letter showing evidence confirming his/her status as a doctoral student. The letter should be printed on official letterhead and signed by the head/chair of the School.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Papers in all areas of Finance, Banking, Accounting and Economics dealing with developed and developing countries are welcome. Specific topics include, but are not limited to: Asset Pricing; International Asset Market Structures; Financial Derivatives; Corporate Ownership; Governance and Compensation and Firm Performance; Issues of Governance and Management Control; Cost of Bankruptcy and Financial Distress; Capital Structure Issues for Firms; Capital Structures in the Post Crisis Era; Financial Accounting; Banking in Crisis; CDS; Commodities; Contagion in Financial Markets; Initial and Seasoned Public Offerings and Equity Restructuring; Investment Banking and Issuing of Corporate Securities; FX Arbitrage; Financial Reporting; Mergers; Acquisitions; Corporate Restructuring and Takeover Defences; Behavioral Finance; Microstructure of Developed and Emerging Markets; Portfolio Management and Pricing Models; International Corporate Pension Fund Policies; Institutions; Public Sector Financial Constraints in Times of Austerity; Management Traits and Decision Making; The Role of Social Media in the Dissemination of Information; The Management of Restraints in Sources of Finance.

Policy-oriented papers from researchers in government and industry are particularly welcome. Suggestions for the organization of panel sessions on topics of general interest will also be considered.

DOCTORAL STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

The Multinational Finance Society will provide financial support for a limited number of registered doctoral students not sponsored by their institutions.

PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please visit our website at http://www.mfsociety.org to submit a copy of a completed or nearly completed paper.

The cover page should include the affiliation, address, phone and email address of each author. Each participant agrees to serve as a discussant of a paper in his/her own area of interest, if needed.

VENUE

Cyprus University of Technology Lemesos, Cyprus

FURTHER INFORMATION

Information regarding the conference, accommodation, keynote speakers, travel arrangements, registration fees and other activities will be published on the MFS website in due course. Information about past conferences can be found on the website as well.

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