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#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER William N. Goetzmann - Yale School of Management

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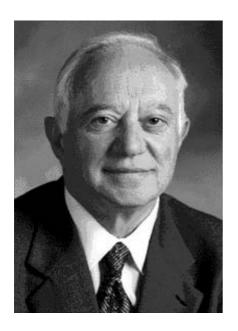
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# Happy Retirement to a Great Friend and Supporter of the Multinational Finance Society



Dr. Milton Leontiades joined the Rutgers-Camden faculty in 1974 as an associate professor of management, and was promoted to full professor in 1981. In 1985, he was promoted to Distinguished Professor, the highest academic rank at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Dr. Leontiades holds his doctorate in economics from American University and his master's and bachelor's degrees from Indiana University.

Dr. Leontiades has been the Dean of the Rutgers-Camden Business School since February 1989. In 1995, the Rutgers University School of Business at Camden became southern New Jersey's first institution to earn accreditation from the AACSB, the top international accrediting agency for business schools. Rutgers-Camden earned re-accreditation in 2003.

Highly regarded internationally for his expertise on such matters as the gaming industry, economic development, strategic planning, and mergers and acquisitions, Dr.

Leontiades is perhaps best known as the "Dean of South Jersey Business." Under his leadership, the Rutgers-Camden Business School has emerged as a prominent center for economic development, scholarly research, and business education and expanded in various locations of south New Jersey.

A pioneer in studying and working with Atlantic City's gaming industry, Dr. Leontiades helped to organize the first Atlantic City Gaming Symposium. He has authored numerous research studies examining gaming industry's trends. Dr. Leontiades is the author of five books and more than three dozen articles in prestigious scholarly journals. His books include "Mythmanagement" (Basil Blackwell, 1989), which examines the link between business education and practice, and "Managing the Unmanageable" (Addison-Wesley, 1986), which examines the diversification strategies of American corporations. The latter book has been translated into German, Italian, and Japanese.

Dr. Leontiades formerly served as a senior planner with General Electric and as a manager with Touche Ross. He also was director of fiscal analysis for the National Association of Manufacturers; a senior analyst with the New York Stock Exchange; and an economist with the U.S. Treasury Department.

Dr. Leontiades has been a founding member and great supporter of the Multinational Finance Society since its inception. Along with the former Provost of the Rutgers-Camden campus he was instrumental in securing a generous Rutgers University grant that helped our Society operate and grow over the past twelve years. Without his support, our Society had no chance of survival.

Dr. Leontiades resides in Voorhees with his wife, Susan. They have two children. Please join me to wish a farewell to both of them on the occasion of his retirement from Rutgers, but definitely not from the business profession.

On behalf of the Society's Executive Committee,

P. Theodossiou Executive Director & MFJ Editor-in-Chief

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Saturday, July 2	5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 3	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
	3:00 p.m. − 7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 4	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 5	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### SOCIAL AND RELATED FUNCTIONS

### Sunday, July 3

City tour of Athens with English-speaking guides	10:00  a.m. - 2:00  p.m.
Buses will leave the hotel at 9:45 a.m. (kids complementary)	
Boat Dinner	8:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Buses will leave the hotel at 7:45 p.m.	

# Monday, July 4

Board of Directors and Trustees Meeting (Socrates Room)	10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Welcoming Luncheon (Ballroom)	11:50 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Refreshments	4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Dinner ("The Old Stables", Paiania, Athens)	8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Buses will leave the hotel at 7:45 p.m.	

# Tuesday, July 5

Refreshments	10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Luncheon & Keynote Speech (Ballroom)	11:50 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Refreshments	4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Gala Dinner (Ballroom)	8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

# Wednesday, July 6

Refreshments	10:00 a.m. − 10:15 a.m.
Closing Luncheon (Ballroom)	11:50 a.m. – 1:45 a.m.

<sup>\*</sup> The conference functions are complimentary for the registered participants and registered accompanying persons, only. Additional details about the functions can be obtained from the MFS registration desk at the Athenaeum Inter-Continental Hotel.

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# Sunday, July 3

# CITY TOUR OF ATHENS With English-speaking Guides 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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# BOAT DINNER 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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# Monday, July 4

WELCOMING LUNCHEON 11:50 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Ballroom

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## Monday 2:45-4:15

SESSION 1 Room Omega

#### ASSET MARKETS I

Session Chair: Laurence Booth - University of Toronto, Canada

"Systematic Liquidity and Expected Returns: Evidence from London Stock Exchange"

Evangelos Giouvris - University of London, UK

Discussant: Taufiq Choudhry - University of Bradford, UK

"Short-Term Over-Reaction, Under-Reaction and Efficient Reaction: Evidence from London Stock Exchange"

Spyros Spyrou - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece Konstantinos Kassimatis - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece Emilios Galariotis - University of Durham, UK

Discussant: Evangelos Giouvris - University of London, UK

"Good News, Bad News and the Time-Varying Beta: Evidence from the UK Companies"

Taufiq Choudhry - University of Bradford, UK

Discussant: Emilios Galariotis - University of Durham, UK

SESSION 2 Room Lamda

#### **BANKING I**

Session Chair: Charles Corrado - Massey University, New Zealand

"An Examination of the Bank Incursion Into Insurance Business: the Case of Greece"

Sotiris K. Staikouras - Cass Business School, UK Gerry Dickinson - Cass Business School, UK

Discussant: Andre B. Dorsman - Nijenrode University, The Netherlands

"Managerial and Scale Efficiency in the MENA Banking: A Panel Study of the Jordanian Banking Sector"

Ihsan Isik - Rowan University, USA

Lokman Gundaz - Beykent University, Turkey

Mohammed Omran - Arab Academy for Science and Technology, Egypt

Discussant: Sotiris K. Staikouras - Cass Business School, UK

"Life Insurance Securitisation in Europe: An Overview on Effects of Alternative Capital Resources and its Relation to Regulator and IFRS Guidelines"

Andre B. Dorsman - Nijenrode University, The Netherlands

Pieter Walhof - European Financial Institution

Andre Thibeault - Nijenrode University, The Netherlands

Discussant: Lokman Gundaz - Beykent University, Turkey

## Monday 2:45-4:15

SESSION 3 Room V.I.P Lounge

#### IPO'S I

Session Chair: Doğan Tirtiroglu - University of Cambridge, UK & Concordia University, Canada

"Book-Building vs Fixed Offer Price Mechanism: Evidence from Athens Stock Exchange" Dimitrios Gounopoulos - University of Surrey, UK

Discussant: Christos Nounis - University of Athens, Greece

"The Market Performance of Initial Public Offerings in the Istanbul Stock Exchange"

Recep Bildik - Istanbul Stock Exchange, Turkey

Mustafa K. Yilmaz - Istanbul Stock Exchange, Turkey

Discussant: Dimitrios Gounopoulos - University of Surrey, UK

"The Greek IPO Return and the Price Cap Constraints: Evidence from the Athens Stock Exchange (1994-2003)"

Christos Nounis - University of Athens, Greece

Discussant: Mustafa K. Yilmaz - Marmara University, Turkey

SESSION 4 Room Theda

#### **EXCHANGE RATES I**

Session Chair: William Dimovski - Deakin University, Australia

"Measuring Misalignment of Chinese Yuan: The Fundamental Exchange Rate Approach"

Robin H. Luo - Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand

Discussant: Necmiddin Bagdadioglu - University of Hacettepe, Turkey

"Contagion Effects of the Argentinean Currency Crisis Within Latin America and Across Other Regions"

Javier Andres Avendano Goday - Macquarie University, Australia

Edward Watts - Macquarie University, Australia

Mehdi Sadeghi - Macquarie University, Australia

Discussant: Robin H. Luo - Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand

"On the Asymmetric Impact of Monetary Policy on Currency Markets"

Bento J. Lobo - University of Tennessee, USA

Ali F. Darret - Louisiana Tech University, USA

Sanjay Ramchander - Colorado State University, USA

Discussant: Mehdi Sadeghi - Macquarie University, Australia

# Monday 2:45-4:15

SESSION 5 Rooms Sigma & Delta

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE I

Session Chair: Nickolaos G. Travlos - ALBA, Greece

#### "Corporate Governance Reform in Australia: Is There Value in Ticking the Boxes?"

Darren Henry - La Trobe University, Australia

Discussant: Wi Saeng Kim - Hofstra University, USA

#### "Governance and Performance Changes Following Accusations of Corporate Fraud"

Dalia Marciukaityte - Louisiana Tech University, USA Samuel H. Szewczyk - Drexel University, USA Hatice Uzun - Long Island University, USA Raj Varma - University of Delaware, USA

Discussant: Darren Henry - La Trobe University, Australia

#### "Foreign Investors and Corporate Governance in Korea"

Suk Joon Byun - KAIST Graduate School of Management, Korea In Joon Kim - KAIST Graduate School of Management, Korea Ji Yeon Kim - KAIST Graduate School of Management, Korea Wi Saeng Kim - Hofstra University, USA

Discussant: Samuel H. Szewczyk - Drexel University, USA

#### "The Importance of Being Indebted"

Stein Frydenberg - Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway

Discussant: In Joon Kim - KAIST Graduate School of Management, Korea

**Refreshments** 4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



# Monday 4:30-6:00

SESSION 6 Room Omega

#### **ASSET MARKETS II**

Session Chair: Lawrence Kryzanowski - Concordia University, Canada

#### "The Jarrow/Turnbull Default Risk Model-Evidence from German Market"

Manfred Frühwirth - Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, Austria Leopold Sogner - Technical University of Vienna, Austria

Discussant: Lakshman Alles - Curtin University of Technology, Australia

# "A Short-Run Versus Long-Run Performance of Canadian Bidder Firms: An Integrated Approach"

George Athanassakos - University of Western Ontario, Canada

Discussant: Wing Keung Wong - University of Singapore, Singapore

#### "The Effect of Investment Horizons on Risk, Return and End of the Period Wealth for Major Asset Classes in Canada"

Lakshman Alles - Curtin University of Technology, Australia George Athanassakos - University of Western Ontario, Canada

Discussant: Manfred Frühwirth - Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, Austria

SESSION 7 Room Lamda

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

Session Chair: George Papaioannou - Hofstra University, USA

#### "Capital Cash flows, APV and Valuation"

Laurence Booth - University of Toronto, Canada

Discussant: Doğan Tirtiroğlu - Concordia University, Canada

### "The Determinants of Capital Structure in Greece: Some Qualitative Data"

Dimitrios Vasiliou - Hellenic Open University, Greece

Nikolaos Daskalakis - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

Discussant: Laurence Booth - University of Toronto, Canada

#### "Capital Structure, Adjusted Present Value and Optimal Mortgage Choice"

Doğan Tirtiroğlu - Concordia University, Canada

Ercan Tirtiroğlu - University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, USA

Discussant: Nikolaos Daskalakis - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

## Monday 4:30-6:00

SESSION 8 Room V.I.P Lounge

#### MACRO ECONOMY I

Session Chair: Thomas C. Chiang - Drexel University, USA

#### "The Impact of IMF Announcement on Sector Returns"

Ali M. Kutan - Souther Illinois University, USA Gulnur Muradoglu - Cass Business School, UK

Discussant: Edgar Ortiz - Universidad National Autonoma de Mexico

#### "Towards the Optional Design of an Early Warning System for Sovereign Debt Crises"

Ana-Maria Fuertes - Cass Business School, UK Elena Kalotychou - Cass Business School, UK

Discussant: Nikiforos T. Laopodis - Fairfield University, USA

#### "Long Run Stock Performance and Economic Growth in Mexico"

Alejandra Cabello - Universidad National Autonoma de Mexico Raul de Jesus - Universidad National Autonoma de Mexico Edgar Ortiz - Universidad National Autonoma de Mexico

Discussant: Elena Kalotychou - Cass Business School, UK

SESSION 9 Room Theda

#### **OPTIONS MARKETS**

Session Chair: Manuel Jose da Rocha Armada - University of Minho, Portugal

## "Volatility Options: Hedging Effectiveness, Pricing and Model Error"

Dimitris Psychoyios - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece George Skiadopoulos - University of Piraeus, Greece

Discussant: Stylianos Perrakis - Concordia University, Canada

#### "Valuation and Hedging Strategies of Exchange Options on Nontraded Assets"

Mao-Wei Hung - National Taiwan University, Taiwan Leh-Chyan So - National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan

Discussant: Dimitris Psychoyios - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

#### "Market Incompleteness and Option Pricing: A Unifying Approach"

Ioan Mihai Oancea - Concordia University, Canada Stylianos Perrakis - Concordia University, Canada

Discussant: Leh-Chyan So - National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan

# Monday 4:30-6:00

SESSION 10 Rooms Sigma & Delta

#### ASSET MARKETS AND INSTITUTIONS I

Session Chair: Johan Knif - Swedish School of Economics and Business Administration, Finland

#### "The Speed of Limit Order Execution in the Spanish Stock Exchange"

Luana Gava - University Carlos III De Madrid, Spain

Discussant: Vasiliki Makropoulou - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

#### "On the Pricing of Market-Maker Seats"

Oliver Le Courtois - E. M. Lyon Graduate School of Management, France Francesco Maria Paris - University of Brescia, Italy

Discussant: Luana Gava - University Carlos III De Madrid, Spain

#### "The Competitive Margin of Bookmakers as a Call Option"

Raphael Markellos - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece Vasiliki Makropoulou - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

Discussant: Francesco Maria Paris - University of Brescia, Italy

#### "Conservatism of VAR Methodologies Does it Provide Added Value in Credit Institutions?"

Lampros Kalyvas - Bank of Greece, Greece

Athanasios Sfetos -

Costas Siriopoulos - University of Patras, Greece

Discussant: Aydin Ulucan - University of Hacettepe, Turkey

# DINNER - "The Old Stables", Paiania, Athens 8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

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## Tuesday 8:30-10:00

SESSION 11 Room Omega

#### ASSET MARKETS AND INFORMATION EFFICIENCY II

Session Chair: Georgios Chortareas - University of Essex, UK

#### "The Cost of Trading In Competing Parallel Markets: SET vs Dealers in London"

Alfonso Dufour - University of Reading, UK

Dorian M. Noel - University of Reading, UK

Discussant: George Alexandridis - University of Durham, UK

#### "Dynamic Linkages Between Monetary Policy and the Stock Market"

Nikiforos T. Laopodis - Fairfield University, USA

Discussant: Dorian M. Noel - University of Reading, UK

#### "Belief Asymmetry and Post Event Performance: The case of Acquisition Returns"

George Alexandridis - University of Durham, UK Antonios Antoniou - University of Durham, UK Huainan Zhao - University of Durham, UK

Discussant: Gulnur Muradoglu - Cass Business School, UK

SESSION 12 Room Lamda

#### ASSET MARKETS AND INFORMATION EFFICIENCY I

Session Chair: George Athanassakos - University of Western Ontario, Canada

#### "R&D Reporting Biases and Their Consequences"

Baruch Lev - New York University, USA

Bharat Sarath - CUNY-Baruch, USA

Theodore Sougiannis - University of Illinois, USA and ALBA, Greece

Discussant: Dimitrios V. Kousenidis - Aristotle's University of Thessaloniki, Greece

#### "The Content of Reports on Italian Stocks: Do Evaluation Methods Matter?"

Giorgio Bertinetti - University of Vanice Ca' Foscari, Italy

Elisa Cavezzali - University of Vanice Ca' Foscari, Italy

Ugo Rigoni - University of Vanice Ca' Foscari, Italy

Discussant: Theodore Sougiannis - University of Illinois, USA and ALBA, Greece

# "Are Earnings More Informative than Cash Flows in Predicting Future Cash Flows? Some Empirical Evidence"

Christos I.. Negakis - Aristotle's University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Dimitrios V. Kousenidis - Aristotle's University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Anestis C. Ladas - Aristotle's University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Discussant: Giorgio Bertinetti - University of Vanice Ca' Foscari, Italy

# Tuesday 8:30-10:00

SESSION 13 Room V.I.P Lounge

#### ASSET MARKETS AND INSTITUTIONS II

Session Chair: Edgar Ortiz - Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico

#### "Convergence Trends Among International Stock Markets"

Dimitri Margaritis - AUT, New Zealand Gary Fang - AUT, New Zealand

Discussant: Michael D. McKenzie - RMIT, Australia

#### "Stock Market Crises and Portfolio Diversification in Central and Eastern Europe"

Nigokhos Kanaryan - Tsenov Academy of Economics, Bulgaria Plamen Patev - Tsenov Academy of Economics, Bulgaria

Discussant: Mehmet Baha Karan - Hacettepe University, Turkey

### "Conditional Autocorrelation and the Integration of Stock Markets"

Suk-Joong Kim - The University of New South Wales, Australia Michael D. McKenzie - RMIT, Australia

Discussant: Nigokhos Kanaryan - Tsenov Academy of Economics, Bulgaria

SESSION 14 Tuesday 8:30-10:00 Room Theda

# MUTUAL & HEDGE FUNDS

Session Chair: Nikolaos T. Milonas - University of Athens, Greece

#### "Expenses and the Performance of Danish Mutual Funds"

Ken L. Bechmann - Copenhagen Business School, Denmark Jesper Rangvid - Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

Discussant: Daniel Giamouridis - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

#### "Mutual Fund Performance Appraisal by Means of Data Envelopment Analysis: The Greek Case"

Panayotis Alexakis - University of Athens, Greece

Ioannis Tsolas - National Technical University of Athens, Greece

Discussant: Ken L. Bechmann - Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

#### "Hedge Funds Portfolio Construction: A Dynamic Approach"

Daniel Giamouridis - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece Ioannis D. Vrontos - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

Discussant: Ioannis Tsolas - National Technical University of Athens, Greece

Refreshments 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.



## Tuesday 10:15-11:45

SESSION 15 Room Omega

#### IPO'S II

Session Chair: Mehmet Karan - Hacettepe University, Turkey

# "The Initial Public Offerings on EuroNMs: Why Was the Underpricing So High and So Different?"

Marc Goergen - University of Manchester, UK Arif Khurshed - University of Manchester, UK

Luc Renneboog - Tilburg University, The Netherlands

Discussant: Yacine Belghitar - University of Durham, UK

#### "What Influences the Time from Prospectus to Listings for Initial Public Offerings?"

William Dimovski - Deakin University, Australia

Robert Brooks - RMIT Business, Australia

Discussant: Arif Khurshed - University of Manchester, UK

#### "Abnormal Returns in Privatization Public Offerings: The Case of Portuguese Firms"

Carla Vieira - Universidade do Porto, Portugal

Ana Paula Serra - Universidade do Porto, Portugal

Discussant: William Dimovski - Deakin University, Australia

#### "Initial Public Offerings in the UK: An Examination of the Role of Venture Capital"

Yacine Belghitar - University of Durham, UK

Rob Dixon - University of Durham, UK

Discussant: Carla Vieira - Universidade do Porto, Portugal

SESSION 16 Room Lamda

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE II**

Session Chair: Samuel H. Szewczyk - Drexel University, USA

#### "The Cadbury Code Reforms and Corporate Performance"

Philip J. McKnight - Napier University, Scotland

Nikolaos T. Milonas - University of Athens, Greece

Nickolaos G. Travlos - ALBA, Greece

Charlie Weir - The Robert Gordan University, Scotland

Discussant: Assem Safieddine - American University of Beirut, Lebanon

#### "Lebanese Corporate Governance System: Prospects and Challenges"

Salim Chahine - American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Assem Safieddine - American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Discussant: Jan Bartholdy - Arthus School of Business, Denmark

# "Do Changes in Board Composition Affect Firm Performance? The Case of Day Report and Publicly Listed Canadian Firms"

Christine Panasian - Texas Tech University, USA

Andrew K. Prevost - Ohio University, USA

Harjeet S. Bhabra - Concordia University, Canada

Discussant: Nickolaos G. Travlos - ALBA, Greece

# **Tuesday 10:15-11:45**

#### "Agency Costs and Corporate Governance Mechanisms: Evidence for UK Firms"

Chrisostomos Florackis - University of York, UK

Aydin Ozkan - University of York, UK

Discussant: Christine Panasian - Texas Tech University, USA

SESSION 17 Tuesday 10:15-11:45 Room V.I.P Lounge

#### GREEK-TURKISH CAPITAL MARKETS (REGIONAL)

Session Chair: Stavros Thomadakis - University of Athens, Greece

# "Effectiveness of Mean Variance Model as a Portfolio Selection Instrument: Evidence from Istanbul and Athens Stock Exchanges"

Aydin Ulucan - University of Hacettepe, Turkey

Discussant: Alexandros Benos - University of Piraeus, Greece

# "Unifying Earning Yield, Market-to-book Ratio and Dividend Yield to Predict Return on Stock Market: Evidence from the Istanbul Stock Exchange"

Mustafa Kemal Yilmaz - Marmara University, Turkey Batu Tunay - Yildiz Technical University, Turkey

Discussant: Christos I. Negakis - Aristotle's University of Thessaloniki, Greece

#### "The Components of the Bid-Ask Spread: The Case of the Athens stock Exchange"

Timotheos Angelidis - University of Piraeus, Greece Alexandros Benos - University of Piraeus, Greece

Discussant: Mustafa Kemal Yilmaz - Marmara University, Turkey

## "Stock Price Manipulation in Istanbul Stock Exchange"

Ramanzan Aktas - University of Economics and Technology, Turkey

Mete Dogany - Cankaya University, Turkey

Discussant: George Leledakis - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

SESSION 18 Room Theda

#### FINANCIAL POLICY

Session Chair: George Tsetsekos - Drexel University, USA

#### "The Value Consequences of ADR Program: Cost of Capital or Operating Performance Effects?"

Cynthia J. Campbell - Iowa State University, USA

George J. Papaioannou - Hofstra University, USA

Anoop Rai - Hofstra University, USA

Discussant: Nikolaos Eriotis - University of Athens, Greece

#### "The Long-Run Performance of Firms Making Multiple Rights Issues in the UK"

Abdullah Iqbal - The University of Kent, UK

Discussant: George J. Papaioannou - Hofstra University, USA

# Tuesday 10:15-11:45

"Corporate Dividend Decisions: Some Greek Evidence"

Dimitrios Vasiliou - Hellenic Open University, Greece Nikolaos Eriotis - University of Athens, Greece Evangelos I. Poutos - Hellenic Open University, Greece

Discussant: Abdullah Iqbal - The University of Kent, UK

### KEYNOTE SPEECH LUNCHEON 11:50 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Ballroom

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#### **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

"The Origins of Value: Financial Innovations that Created Modern Capital Markets"

William N. Goetzmann
Edwin J. Beinecke Professor of Finance and Management
Director, International Center for Finance
Yale School of Management



## Tuesday 2:45-4:15

SESSION 19 Room Omega

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE III

Session Chair: Jose C. Guedes - Universidade Catolica Portuguesa, Portugal

#### "The Value of Investor Protection: Firm Evidence from Cross-Border Mergers"

Arturo Bris - Yale University, USA

Christos Cabolis - Yale University, USA & ALBA, Greece

Discussant: Dimitris Petmezas - University of Durham, UK

#### "Do European Stocks Price the Expropriation of Minority Shareholders?"

Jose C. Guedes - Universidade Catolica Portuguesa, Portugal Gilberto Loureiro - Universidade do Minho, Portugal

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#### "Shareholders' Wealth Effects of Acquiring Firms Involved in Many Acquisitions"

Dimitris Petmezas - University of Durham, UK Antonios Antoniou - University of Durham, UK Huainan Zhao - University of Durham, UK

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#### FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTITUTIONS II

Session Chair: Andre B. Dorsman - Nijenrode University, The Netherlands

#### "Risk Management for an Internationally Diversified Portfolio"

Francesco Menoncin - University of Brescia, Italy

Discussant: Sotiris K. Staikouras - Cass Business School, UK

# "The Effect of Banking Relationships on the Financing of SMEs: Empirical Evidence from the Spanish Credit Market"

Clara Cardone - Carlos III University, Spain Maria-José Casasola - University of Salamanca, Spain Margarita Samartín - Carlos III University, Spain

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#### "The Stock Return Predictability of the European Banking Sector"

George Leledakis - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece Christos Staikouras - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

Discussant: Maria-José Casasola - University of Salamanca, Spain

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#### MACRO ECONOMY II

Session Chair: Theodore Sougiannis - University of Illinois, USA and ALBA, Greece

# "The "Twin Deficits" Are They Really Twin? An Empirical Investigation in the Case of a Small Developing Economy"

Ajili Wissem - University of Paris Dauphine, France

Discussant: Meher Manzur - Curtin Business School, Australia

#### "How Puzzling Is the PPP Puzzle? An Alternative Half-Life Measure of Convergence to PPP"

Georgios Chortareas - University of Essex, UK George Kapetanios - University of London, UK

Discussant: Ajili Wissem - University of Paris Dauphine, France

#### "Does Purchasing Power Parity Hold for Countries with Closer Economic Relations?"

Erik Clausen - Curtin Business School, Australia Meher Manzur - Curtin Business School, Australia

Discussant: Georgios Chortareas - University of Essex, UK

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# VOLATILITY

Session Chair: Kate Phylaktis - Cass Business School, UK

# "Forecasting Stock Index Volatility: The Incremental Information in the Intra Day High-Low Price Range"

Charles Corrado - Massey University, New Zealand Cameron Truong - University of Auckland, New Zealand

Discussant: Doğan Tirtiroğlu - University of Cambridge, UK & Concordia University, Canada

# "Relations Between Various Categories of Traders: Analysis of the Herding Behaviour and of the Impacts on the Volatility of the Price of the Futures Contracts in the Portuguese Market"

Manuel Jose da Rocha Armada - University of Minho, Portugal Sandra Isabel D. M. Gomes - University of Porto, Portugal

Discussant: Charles Corrado - Massey University, New Zealand

# "Extreme Volatility Since the '87 Crash: Less Frequent and More Often Related to Extraordinary News Items"

Walter Dolde - University of Connecticut, USA

Rita Saad - Concordia University, Canada

Doğan Tirtiroglu - University of Cambridge, UK & Concordia University, Canada

Discussant: Manuel Jose da Rocha Armada - University of Minho, Portugal

#### **Refreshments** 4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



## Tuesday 4:30-6:00

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#### **SME'S FINANCING**

Session Chair: Manolis Xanthakis - University of Athens, Greece

#### "The Determinants of Capital Structure of SME's: Evidence from Greek and French Firms"

Nikolaos Daskalakis - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece Maria Psillaki - University of Nice-Sophia, France

Discussant: Khaled Soufani - Concordia University, Canada

#### "Debt and Taxes: Evidence from Bank Financed Small and Medium Sized Firms"

Jan Bartholdy - Aarhus School of Business, Denmark Cesario Mateus - Arthur School of Business, Denmark

Discussant: Maria Psillaki - University of Nice-Sophia, France

#### "Short Term Financial Management of Working Capital in Small Medium Sized Enterprises"

Panikkos Poutziouris - Cyprus International Institute of Management, Cyprus

Nicos Michaelas - Lefkoniko Investment Group, Cyprus

Khaled Soufani - Concordia University, Canada

Discussant: Cesario Mateus - Arthur School of Business, Denmark

SESSION 24 Room Lamda

#### INTERNATIONAL STOCK MARKETS I

Session Chair: Darren Henry - La Trobe University, Australia

# "An Empirical Analysis of Dynamic Conditional Correlation: Evidence from Chinese Stock Market"

Thomas C. Chiang - Drexel University, USA Lin Tan - Drexel University, USA

Discussant: Shuh-Chyi Doong - National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan

#### "Limited Liability in Business Groups"

Eva Ropero - Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

Discussant: Thomas C. Chiang - Drexel University, USA

#### "Response Asymmetries in Asian Stock Market"

Shuh-Chyi Doong - National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan Sheng-Yung Yang - National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan

Discussant: Eva Ropero - Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

# Tuesday 4:30-6:00

**SESSION 25** Room V.I.P Lounge

#### **EXCHANGE RATES II**

Session Chair: Costas Siriopoulos - University of Patras, Greece

#### "Market Conditions and Risk Weight up Fundamental and Technical Information in the US Dollar Market"

Stephanos Papadamou - University of Thessaly, Greece Costas Siriopoulos - University of Patras, Greece

Discussant: Francisca Benito - University of Alicante, Spain

### "Are Forward Exchange Rates Rationale Forecast of Future Spot Rates? An Improved **Econometric Analysis for the Major Currencies'**

Raj Aggarwal - Kent State University, USA Winston T. Lin - State University of New York at Buffalo, USA

Sunil K. Mohanty - University of St. Thomas, USA

Discussant: Stephanos Papadamou - University of Thessaly, Greece

#### "Modeling EONIA Interest Rate"

Francisca Benito - University of Alicante, Spain Angel Leon - University of Alicante, Spain Juan M. Nave - University of Castilla, Spain

Discussant: Sunil K. Mohanty - University of St. Thomas, USA

**SESSION 26** Room Theda

#### **MICROSTRUCTURE**

Session Chair: Panayiotis Theodossiou - Rutgers University, USA

#### "Specialist Trading and Price Discovery Process of NYSE-Listed non US-Stocks"

Kate Phylaktis - Cass Business School, UK Piotr Korczak - University of Bristol, UK

Discussant: Nikolaos T. Milonas - University of Athens, Greece

#### "The Determinants of Interest Rate Hedging Practices of UK Firms"

Ephraim Clark - Middlesex University, UK Amrit Judge - Middlesex University, UK

Discussant: Kate Phylaktis - Cass Business School, UK

### "Determinants and Effect of Listing Choice in Japan: The Case of Moving from JASDAQ to TSE"

Chandrasekhar Krishnamurti - Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Julia Sawicki - Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Discussant: Amrit Judge - Middlesex University, UK

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#### TURKISH ECONOMY

Session Chair: Gulnur Muradoglu - Cass Business School, UK

#### "Leverage and Maturity Structure of Corporate Debt: The Case of Turkey"

Ozgur Arslan - Hacettepe University, Turkey Mehmet Karan - Hacettepe University, Turkey

Discussant: Dimitri Margaritis - AUT, New Zealand

#### "Financial Efficiency of Turkish Textile Industry Before the 2005 Trade Liberalization"

Necmiddin Bagdadioglu - University of Hacettepe, Turkey Aydin Ulucan - University of Hacettepe, Turkey

Discussant: Bento J. Lobo - University of Tennessee, USA

# "Financial Risk Perception of Investor and the Finance Specialist in the Beginning of Stabilization Period of Turkey"

Leyla Senturk Ozer - Hacettepe University, Turkey Azize Ergeneli - Hacettepe University, Turkey Mehmet Baha Karan - Hacettepe University, Turkey

Discussant: Ephraim Clark - Middlesex University, UK

SESSION 28 Room Lamda

#### INTERNATIONAL STOCK MARKETS II

Session Chair: Gikas Hardouvelis - University of Piraeus, Greece

### "Testing the Oil Price Sensitivity of Stock Market Return in South Asia: The Effect of Intervaling"

Mohan Nandha - Monash University, Australia Robert Faff - Monash University, Australia

Discussant: Edgar Ortiz - Universidad National Autonoma de Mexico

#### "The Cross Section of Expected Returns and Amortized Spreads"

Lawrence Kryzanowski - Concordia University, Canada

Zhonghi He - Brock University, Canada

Discussant: Mohan Nandha - Monash University, Australia

#### "NAFTA Capital Market and Dynamic Multifactor Asset Pricing Model"

Edgar Ortiz - Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico

Francisco Lopez-Herrera - Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico

Discussant: Lawrence Kryzanowski - Concordia University, Canada

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#### **ASSET MARKETS III**

Session Chair: Ken L. Bechmann - Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

# "Firm-Specific News, Extended Hours Trading, and Variances over Trading and Nontrading Periods"

Vladimir Zdorovtsov - Advanced Research Center, USA

Discussant: Johan Knif - Swedish School of Economics and Business Administration, Finland

#### "The Reaction of Stock Prices of Rating Changes"

Nadia Linciano - Division of Markets and Economic Research, Italy

Discussant: Vladimir Zdorovtsov - Advanced Research Center, USA

#### "Exchange Rate Exposure: Evidence From Finnish Stock Returns"

Gregory Koutmos - Fairfield University, USA

Johan Knif - Swedish School of Economics and Business Administration, Finland

Discussant: Nadia Linciano - Division of Markets and Economic Research, Italy

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# CORPORATE FINANCE TOPICS

Session Chair: Michael D. McKenzie - RMIT, Australia

#### "Corporate Governance and Takeovers in The Shipping Industry"

Theodore Syriopoulos - University of Aegean, Greece Ioannis Theotokas - University of the Aegean, Greece

Discussant: Ercan Balaban - University of Edinburgh, UK

# "UK Executive Stock Option Valuation: A Conditional Model"

Konstantinos Stathopoulos - University of Manchester, UK Konstantinos Vonatsos - University of Manchester, UK Edward Lee - University of Manchester, UK

Discussant: Theodore Syriopoulos - University of Aegean, Greece

# "Volatility Clustering and Event-Induced Volatility: Evidence from the UK Mergers and Acquisitions"

Ercan Balaban - University of Edinburgh, UK

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Discussant: Konstantinos Stathopoulos - University of Manchester, UK

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#### INTERNATIONAL STOCK MARKETS III

Session Chair: Jan Bartholdy - Aarhus School of Business, Denmark

# "The Effectiveness of Price Limits and Stock Characteristics: Evidence from the Shanghai and the Shezhen Stock Exchanges"

Steven S. Wang - The Hongkong Polytechnic University, China Gong-Meng Chen - Hongkong Polytechnic University, China Oliver Meng Rui - Chinese University of Hongkong, China

Discussant: Evangelos I. Poutos - Hellenic Open University, Greece

# "The Impact of Scandinavian Foreign Cross-Listing on Symmetric Information Spillovers Between European Markets"

Athanasios Koulakiotis - University of Macedonia, Greece Apostolos Dasilas - University of Macedonia, Greece Dimitrios Angelides - University of Macedonia, Greece

Discussant: Steven S. Wang - The Hongkong Polytechnic University, China

# "The Effect of Infrequent Trading on Market Efficiency: The Case of Middle East Stock Market" Bashar Abuzarour - University of Patras, Greece

Discussant: Apostolos Dasilas - University of Macedonia, Greece

SESSION 32 Room Lamda

#### **DERIVATIVES**

Session Chair: Assem Safieddine - American University of Beirut, Lebanon

# "The Predictability of Non-Overlapping Forecasts: Evidence from the Derivatives Market in Greece"

Manolis G. Kavussanos - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece Ilias D. Visvikis - Hellenic Open University, Greece

Discussant: Ghulam Sorwar - Cardiff University, UK

# "Optimal Hedge Ratio and Model Specification: Evidence for the S&P 500 Stock Index Futures Contract"

Dimitris F. Kenourgios - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece Aristeidis G. Samitas - University of the Aegean, Greece Panagiotis Drosos - University of Sheffield, UK

Discussant: Ilias D. Visvikis - Hellenic Open University, Greece

#### "Valuation of Common Two-Factor Interest Rate Contingent Claims"

Ghulam Sorwar - Cardiff University, UK

Discussant: Dimitris F. Kenourgios - Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

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#### **RISK ISSUES**

Session Chair: Ephraim Clark - Middlesex University, UK

"Stochastic Dominance and Behaviour Towards Risk: The Market for Internet Stocks"

Wai Mun Fong - University of Singapore, Singapore Hooi Hooi Lean - University of Singapore, Singapore Wing Keung Wong - University of Singapore, Singapore

Discussant: Timotheos Angelidis - University of Piraeus, Greece

"A New Technique to Detect Serial Return Dependency: Conditional on Market Direction"

Daniel Djupsjobacka - Swedish School of Economics Business Administration, Finland

Discussant: Wing Keung Wong - University of Singapore, Singapore

"Idiosyncratic Risk In Greece: Properties and Portfolio Implications"

Timotheos Angelidis - University of Piraeus, Greece Nicholas Tessaromatis - ALBA, Greece

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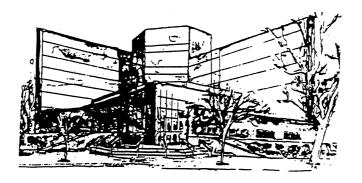
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