

Spring 2015 Conference of the Multinational Finance Society

April 17-19, 2015, Larnaca, Cyprus

Submission Deadline: January 31, 2015
(Each paper will be allocated to a conference participant for discussion)

CALL FOR PAPERS IN SHIPPING FINANCE



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Yakov Amihud – Stern School of Business, New York University, USA

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

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

“The New Era in Financial Intermediation, Stability and Regulation”

This roundtable discussion aims to bring together some of the most influential academics, policymakers and business leaders to discuss top priority issues in the banking industry. The objective of the panel is to debate important issues in financial intermediation development as well as regulatory and governance reforms of the banking industry, in the context of the twin goals of building a sound banking system that can embrace savers with confidence and at the same time be effective in allocating capital to promote growth. The names of panelists will be announced in due course.

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OBJECTIVE OF THE SPECIAL SESSIONS ON SHIPPING FINANCE

The Multinational Finance Society in the context of its annual conference is organizing a special conference session on "Shipping Finance". The conference will offer an excellent platform for the dissemination of completed work or work in progress that requires high quality feedback.

MULTINATIONAL FINANCE JOURNAL - SPECIAL SECTION

The Multinational Finance Journal hosts a Special Section on "Shipping Finance" where papers are published regularly with each publication volume of the Journal. All papers should be rigorous methodologically and will be fully refereed by the conference organisers.

PAPER AWARDS

The best paper on 'Shipping Finance' will be awarded a prize of US\$1,000.00

REGISTRATION FEE

The early bird registration fee for presenting authors is €225 if registering by February 15, 2015. The standard registration fee is €275 for presenting authors registering by February 28, 2015. Late registration after February 28, 2015 is €350. For doctoral students, a discount of €125 applies*. 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.

Friends and family accompanying conference participants who wish to attend the social functions can do so for a fee of €100. Registered participants and accompanying persons can attend in all social functions, which include a welcome reception, a guided sightseeing tour, two lunches, coffee breaks and a gala dinner.

Faculty or practitioners who would like to attend the conference without presenting must register by April 10, 2015 for a fee of €125 for both days or for €75 for a single-day attendance.

Registrations for presenting authors are non-refundable after March 20, 2015. Prior to March 20, 2015, an administrative charge of €100 will be deducted from any refunded fees. Any other registration fee is 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

Original research papers are invited in the following topics covering the shipping, logistics and transportation sectors:

- Maritime and transport infrastructure investment and financing
- Capital structure of shipping and transport companies
- Valuation and asset pricing in maritime and transport sectors
- Managing firm value in maritime transport
- Initial public offerings in maritime transport
- Corporate governance and ownership structure in shipping and transport
- Maritime and transport mergers and acquisitions
- Financing, investment and privatization of transport related infrastructure
- Behavioral finance in relation to ship financing and management
- Financial performance and efficiency in maritime and transport sectors
- Risk-return characteristics of shipping investments
- Forecasting, volatility and shipping markets
- Risk management in shipping and transportation
- Accounting and maritime financial management

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 of each author. Each participant agrees to serve as a discussant of a paper of his/her own area of interest, if needed.

VENUE

House of Arts and Literature
Larnaca, Cyprus

FURTHER INFORMATION

Information regarding the conference, accommodations, feature speakers, travel arrangements, fees and other activities will be published on the MFS website as needed. Information about past conference can be found on the website as well.

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