

# 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)

## CALL FOR PAPERS IN SHIPPING FINANCE



### 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.

### PROGRAM AND ORGANIZING CHAIRS

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

### SPECIAL SESSION ON SHIPPING FINANCE - INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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Christos Negakis – University of Macedonia, Greece  
Steven Ongena – University of Zurich, Switzerland  
Edgar Ortiz – Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico  
Leszek Preisner – AGH, Poland  
Wendy Rotenberg – University of Toronto, Canada  
George Skiadopoulos – Queen Mary University of London, UK & University of Piraeus, Greece  
Frank Skinner – Brunel University, UK  
Theodore Sougiannis – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA  
Julian Williams – Durham University, UK  
Avi Wohl – Tel Aviv University, Israel  
David Yermack – New York University, USA  
Ania Zalewska – University of Bath, UK

#### **LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

Neophytos Lambertides – Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus  
Christodoulos Louca – Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus  
Photis Panayides – Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus  
Andreas Petrou – Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus  
Panikkos Poutziouris – University of Central Lancashire, Cyprus  
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George Theocharides – CIIM, Cyprus

#### **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”.

#### **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**

##### **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 a 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 register 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**

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**

Cyprus University of Technology  
Lemesos, 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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