Call for Papers

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE FINANCIAL MARKETS AND INSTITUTIONS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP: 5th to 6th SEPTEMBER 2024

THEME: FRAGMENTING FINANCE: CHANGING CHANNELS AND TECHNOLOGY IN A RAPIDLY DEVELOPING INDUSTRY

The conference will be hosted by Leeds Business School at Leeds Beckett University. The Business School is conveniently located in the centre of Leeds in the Rose Bowl. The joint conference Chairs will be Professor John Ashton and Professor Mark Rhodes.

Important Dates

Deadline for Submission:	**12th July 2024**
Notification of Acceptance:	**2nd August 2024**
Registration Deadline accepted author:	**9th August 2024.**

Background

We are pleased to invite academics, researchers, PhD students and professionals to submit research papers for presentation at the conference of the ***BAFA Financial Markets and Institutions Special Interest Group***.

Established in 2007, the Financial Markets and Institutions Special Interest Group brings together academics with research and scholarly interests in financial markets and institutions, broadly defined. The group is inclusive by nature and open to contributions on financial markets and institutions from a range of disciplinary perspectives. We hope this forum can provide UK based opportunities to assist new and prospective academics together with more established scholars.

The purpose of the Conference will be to facilitate research through supportive debate discussion and the generation of ideas and of course, to provide an opportunity to network, catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Keynote Speaker

Keynote Speaker – Andrew Urquhart, Professor of Finance and Financial Technology and Head of the ICMA Centre, Henley Business School. University of Reading.

Andrew's main research interests are fintech, cryptocurrencies, corporate governance and high-frequency trading. He has published over 70 papers in over 20 leading international. His research has received considerable attention with over 6,000 citations and he regularly presents his work at leading international conferences as well as writing media pieces.

The Future of UK Academic Finance Roundtable.

We will be having a roundtable discussion as to the future of UK academic finance. This panel discussion will discuss and develop a wider dialogue as to many questions important for UK based academics. For instance, we are currently working through a period when much research produced by UK universities within the finance discipline considers issues distant from the UK. An increasing proportion of academic work has increasingly targeted US based journals which are so highly valued within the ABS list. Subsequently studies of UK institutions and markets are few and declining in number, limiting their utility to the considerable number of UK users of financial research. Many studies embrace techniques and concepts developed within other nations and deemed appropriate to many non-UK highly ranked journals, limiting how UK specific issues and debates are addressed, such as the declining number of theoretical and conceptual studies generated. Is injecting greater plurality and originality into this literature is essential to ensure the future relevance of UK finance. Alternatively, is this issue a parochial exercise ignoring the increasingly international scope of finance and the increasing irrelevance of national systems when research financial markets and institutions. The panel will conclude by considering how we, as academics should navigate the current research environment.

Scientific Committee

John Ashton	-	University of York.
Anup Chowdhury	-	Leeds Beckett University.
Ranadeva Jayasekera	-	Trinity College University of Dublin.
Mark Rhodes	-	Leeds Beckett University.
Moade Shubita	-	Leeds Beckett University.
Jon Williams	-	University of Surrey.

Submission Guidelines

Submission of full papers will be considered in areas of ***Finance, Accountancy, Actuarial Science, Banking and other cognate fields***. The conference is friendly and supportive in tenor and an early expression of interest is encouraged to avoid disappointment. We actively encourage new researchers and PhD students to present their work at the conference.

There are no strict style guidelines for the conference, but please ensure that all figures and tables are provided along with submissions in an accessible form and that work is fully referenced using one of the main accepted methods (e.g. Harvard, APA etc.)

Please forward all submissions for consideration to
m.j.rhodes@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

The deadline is 12th July 2024.

Other information

Conference Costs

At present, conference costs are being finalised but are expected to be in the region of ***£300 for academic and other participants and £150 for PhD students***. All delegates must be a member or willing to join the British Accounting and Finance Association. The conference fee is inclusive of buffet lunches and tea, coffee and refreshments. All accommodation is to be organised by the participants at their own cost.

Non-BAFA Members will need to join BAFA to attend the conference – the annual fees for this are below. Further details of the benefits of membership and where to join are available at [https://bafa.ac.uk/membership/.](https://bafa.ac.uk/membership/)

Travel and joining instructions will be available in due course. However, we would recommend considering traveling by train/public transport as car parking in Nottingham city centre is limited and expensive.

Accommodation.

Some of you may want to get ahead of the game and reserve accommodation. A quick google search will provide a comprehensive listing of the many accommodation options, but the following hotels may be of particular interest:

Leeds Business School is centrally located for Leeds, a 10 minute walk from the train station. There are a number of hotels that are centrally located. Parking may be restricted but there are a number of council operated car parks and private car parks available.

The Queens Hotel
Posh option, next to the railway station
Leeds Marriott Hotel
ibis Leeds Centre Marlborough Street

Premier Inn Leeds City Centre (Leeds Arena) hotel

Closest to the conference venue

Novotel Leeds Centre

Holiday Inn Express Leeds City Centre, an IHG Hotel (furthest out)

Host City

The place where Jelly Tots and Fizzy drinks were invented and (probably) sold in the first Marks and Spencer's, Leeds has a proud industrial and commercial history. Today Leeds is a large financial and legal centre with great shopping experiences, places to eat and things to do.

Enquiries

Should you require any further information or assistance please contact:

Conference email fmi2024@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

The local organiser

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We look forward to welcoming you to Leeds in September