

SMIF|talk

Autumn Term 2026

SMIF|talk is a free online seminar series bringing together the international Student-Managed Investment Fund (SMIF) community to share ideas, experience and best practice throughout the academic year.

Featuring investment professionals, academics, professional bodies, alumni and student analysts, the series explores topics ranging from investment and fund management to financial education and the practical challenges of running a SMIF. Each session provides an informal forum for discussion, questions and knowledge exchange.

Sessions are normally held online at **6.30 pm UK time on the first Tuesday of the month** during teaching periods.

Registration: Participants who wish to attend the talk are kindly requested to register in advance using the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLLBzNSwzyd9mmWC4Gpj1oRhrFOy8Zk3CATHVl0rvrKSy2GQ/viewform>

The Zoom link will be shared with all registered participants prior to the session.

Start time: 6.30 pm UK time

Tuesday 6 October 2026



Dr Sze Nie Ung

Lecturer in Accounting and Finance, Alliance Manchester Business School

Topic: Return Predictability of Investor Sentiment: A Day and Night Analysis

About the talk: This paper investigates return predictability of market- and survey-based investor sentiment measures during different time periods within trading days. We reveal that the market-based measure widely shows stronger return predictability, particularly for total and intraday returns, while the survey-based measure demonstrates out-of-sample superiority in predicting overnight returns, offering a potential approach to further improve the return predictability of investor sentiment measures

About the speaker: Dr Sze Nie Ung is currently a Lecturer in Accounting and Finance at Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS). Her research interests lie in the areas of behavioural finance with a focus on investor sentiment, equity premium forecasting, and empirical asset pricing.



Shamiso Chandiwana

Chief Finance Officer, Griff Investment Fund

Topic: Women in Finance and SMIFs

About the speaker: Shamiso is a second-year Economics and Econometrics student at the University of York with an interest in investment and asset management. She is the Chief Finance Officer of the Griff Investment Fund and a researcher in the York Trading Society. She has gained practical experience through her summer advisory internship at Crowe Zimbabwe, alongside her experience in equity research. Having attended an all-girls school herself, she is passionate about encouraging young women to explore careers in finance and making the industry feel more accessible.

Join the 6 October session at 6:30 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 915 8998 7538, Passcode: 700067

Tuesday 3 November 2026



Dr Christopher Godfrey

Senior Lecturer in Finance at Alliance Manchester Business School

Topic: The Shade Tree Project: A New SMIF Dedicated to Very Long-Term Investment

About the talk: The Shade Tree Project is a new student investment fund at the University of Manchester with a very long-term focus. Student teams research candidate equities or ETFs, and present to an experienced panel taking place in the spring every year. Approved investments are then funded by a generous donor, and may not be sold or traded for the subsequent 25 years, with all dividends being reinvested. Accumulated funds after 25 years will be used for student bursaries. This forces our student teams to imagine a world very different from today, and to focus on sustainability, macro-economic trends, emerging technologies and evolving global challenges, rather than short-range earnings forecasts and relative valuations.

About the speaker: Among other things, Chris Godfrey teaches Behavioural Finance at AMBS. His research interests include corporate tax and Behavioural Finance approaches to momentum trading. He also conducts pedagogical research on the factors predicting student performance and engagement.



Harry Bhagania

Chief Business Development Officer, Griff Investment Fund

Topic: Behind the Conference: Running SMIF|UK from the Inside

About the speaker: Harry is a final-year Economics student at the University of York and Chief Business Development Officer at the Griff Investment Fund. He previously held a role as a Green Tech and Related Systems Analyst and recently completed an internship at the Financial Times in FP&A. He is interested in investment and business strategy, and is helping organise this year's SMIF|Talks programme.

Tuesday 1 December 2026

Professor Patricia Perlman-Dee

Topic to be announced

Dave Meckin

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Topic: What makes a good CEO?

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