

2018 Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference

Conference: 5 to 7 April 2018 & **PhD Symposium:** 4 April 2018

Deadline - Paper submission for conference academic sessions: 15 Jan 2018

Deadline - Research proposal (abstract) submission for PhD Symposium: 15 Jan 2018

Conference - Five Best paper awards (\$1000 each)

PhD Symposium - Five best Research Proposal / Paper awards (\$500 each)

The La Trobe Business School in conjunction with Monash University, the University of Queensland and, the Victoria University of Wellington invite academics and PhD students to submit papers for consideration of presentation at the 9th Financial Markets and Corporate Governance and PhD symposium (FMCG 2018). The conference and PhD symposium will be held at the City Campus (CBD) of La Trobe University.

Theme of the Conference: Governance, Information and Financial Markets

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Avaniidhar Subrahmanyam

(Anderson School of Management, University of California Los Angeles)

Professor Ron Masulis

(Australian School of Business, University of New South Wales)

Professor Robert Faff

(UQ Business School, University of Queensland).

Professor Tom Smith

(Department of Applied Finance Centre & Actuarial Studies, Macquarie University; and UQ Business School, University of Queensland)

HIGHLIGHT OF THE FMCG:

- **Three day Conference: 5 to 7 April 2018**
- **One day PhD Symposium: 4 April 2018**
- **PhD and Early/Mid-Career researchers' workshop: 5 April 2018**
- **Two Practitioners' Sessions: 6 April 2018**

- **Special Conference Issue - Pacific Basin Finance Journal**
- **Recognition of Professor Stephen Brown's significant contribution to the research in Finance**
- **Recognition of Professor Ferdinand Gul's contribution to the research in Auditing and Assurance.**

CONFERENCE ACADEMIC SESSIONS - PAPER SUBMISSIONS

The Conference Committee welcome papers related to the following areas.

- Asset Pricing
- Banking
- Behavioural Finance
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Derivatives
- Disclosure Practices
- Dividend Policy
- Earnings Quality and Accounting Information
- Emerging Markets
- Equity Issuance
- Financial Economics
- Financial Markets
- Financial Regulations
- Funds Management
- Investments
- Market Microstructure
- Quantitative Finance
- Risk Management

Five Conference Best Paper awards (\$1000 each)

One best paper award will be presented under each of the following categories

- Accounting Information/ Disclosure Practices/Earnings Quality
- Asset Pricing/Emerging Markets /Financial Markets/Market Microstructure
- Banking/Behavioural Finance/Corporate Finance/Financial Economics
- Corporate Governance/Social Responsibility
- Funds Management/Risk Management/Quantitative Finance

All submissions for the **Conference Academic Sessions** MUST be submitted via this link only:

<https://hq.ssrn.com/conference=2018-Fin-Corp-Gov-Conf>

You will need to submit two copies of your paper in pdf format; one with authors' information provided and the other without this information. Please indicate at the time of submission if you would like your paper to be considered for one of the awards. **You can choose only one Award category.**

The conference will only consider completed papers. If your paper is accepted, you are expected to act as a discussant in your field of research. SSRN will create conference proceedings for this

conference. You should select at least two areas of expertise when you submit papers. If your paper is accepted and if you do not select your areas of expertise, you will be assigned to serve as a discussant at the discretion of the conference chair.

Optional inclusion in conference proceedings - preference must be specified during the online paper submission process. Only one presentation may be made per person. If you have submitted more than one paper and multiple papers are accepted by the selection committee for presentation, please ensure that a co-author is available and willing to present the other paper(s) at the conference.

Selection Process of Conference Awards - Academic Sessions – Blind review 2 stages

Stage 1:

Papers will be shortlisted at the initial stage by **31 January 2018** and outcomes will be notified to contact author(s).

Stage 2:

Authors of shortlisted papers should submit their final (blind) version of the paper on or before **28 February 2018** with their registration fees. The panel of three experts from the program committee will assess shortlisted papers to finalize the award for each category.

DEADLINES - CONFERENCE ACADEMIC SESSIONS - SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for submitting papers and consideration for awards is **15 January 2018**. Contributors must follow the submission procedure outlined on the website. **Authors who wish to be considered for prizes must specify so upon initial submission in accordance with instructions on the conference website.** Acceptance of papers will be notified around **31 January 2018**.

PHD SYMPOSIUM

The PhD Symposium will provide PhD students with the opportunity to present their proposal or a working paper and receive expert feedback on their academic work. Students may submit working papers in the same subject areas as those covered by the conference. It will also enable students to interact and network with eminent researchers from universities across the globe. Four eminent researchers will run workshop/seminars for PhD students at the symposium.

Five best research proposal / paper awards (\$500 each) at the PhD Symposium.

One best research proposal / paper award will be presented under each of the following categories

- a. Accounting Information/ Disclosure Practices/Earnings Quality
- b. Asset Pricing/Emerging Markets /Financial Markets/Market Microstructure
- c. Banking/Behavioural Finance/Corporate Finance/Financial Economics
- d. Corporate Governance/Social Responsibility
- e. Funds Management/Risk Management/Quantitative Finance

PHD RESEARCH PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Abstract of the PhD proposal in pdf format MUST be sent by email to FMCG@latrobe.edu.au on or before **15 January 2018**. **Students will be notified around 31 January 2018 of acceptance of their proposal.**

PhD students who want to be considered for the BEST PROPOSAL AWARD should submit the final (complete) version of their proposal on or before **28 February 2018** by email to FMCG2018@latrobe.edu.au and register for the PhD symposium (Link for registration will be provided later). The deadline for submission of the final (complete) version of their proposal and registration for those students not aiming for the award is **15 March 2018**.

DEADLINES – PhD SYMPOSIUM – SUBMISSIONS by email to FMCG@latrobe.edu.au

Submission of Abstract (Maximum 300 words) 15 January 2018

Acceptance of PhD proposal will be notified around 31 January 2018

Submission of Research Proposal (for consideration of award) 28 February 2018

(Maximum 5000 words)

ELIGIBILITY

Mid-term PhD Students who are post confirmation i.e. have completed their first year in a relevant PhD program. Ideally, students will have a polished draft of their first/core empirical chapter and a clear plan for their yet to be completed dissertation. Limited places are available for those who have not yet completed one year in their program, but are well advanced in developing their research ideas.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR PhD SYMPOSIUM AWARDS

Members of the PhD symposium committee will assess all research proposals on the basis of their rigour, relevance and potential contribution to the literature.

PHD AND EARLY/MID-CAREER RESEARCHERS' WORKSHOP

FOUR 90 minutes workshops for PhD and Early/Mid-Career Researchers on 5 April 2018

Behavioral Finance: Past, Present and Future, By Avaniidhar Subrahmanyam

Corporate Governance: Past, Present and Future, By Ron Masulis

Liquidity: Past, Present and Future, By Avaniidhar Subrahmanyam

Endogeneity, By Tom Smith

SPECIAL CONFERENCE ISSUE - PACIFIC BASIN FINANCE JOURNAL

Pacific Basin Finance Journal will run a special conference issue of the journal and all presenters at the conference are invited to consider submitting their papers for publication. *Pacific Basin Finance Journal*, published by Elsevier, provides a specialized forum for the publication of academic research on capital markets.

FEES AND REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration closes on 28 February 2018

Final Registration closes on Wednesday, 15 March 2018.

| Early Bird Fee (payment received before 28 Feb 2018) | | | | |
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| | PhD Students | Academic Staff | Practitioners | Member of PhD Symposium Committee |
| Conference including PhD symposium | A\$550 | A\$880 | A\$990 | A\$770 |
| Conference excluding PhD symposium | A\$440 | A\$770 | A\$880 | NA |
| PhD symposium only | A\$110 | | | NA |
| Full Fee (payment received after 28 Feb 2018) | | | | |
| Conference including PhD symposium | A\$660 | A\$990 | A\$1100 | A\$880 |
| Conference excluding PhD symposium | A\$550 | A\$880 | A\$990 | N/A |
| PhD symposium only | A\$165 | | | N/A |

FMCG 2018 conference dinner will be held on 5 April 2018 at Melbourne Sea life Aquarium:

<https://www.melbourneaquarium.com.au>

Conference Chair

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