



Exeter Sustainable Finance Conference Programme

Organiser: Exeter Sustainable Finance Centre, University of Exeter Business School

Date: 19th - 20th September 2024

Location: Reed Hall, University of Exeter

Day 1 – 19th September, 2024 (Thursday)

Room: Upper Lounge, Reed Hall

9.00 – 9.20 Coffee and Registration

9.20 – 9.30 Welcome by Chendi Zhang (Intro to ESF Centre)

9.30 – 10.15 Keynote: Rui Albuquerque (Boston College)

10.15 – 10.30 Coffee Break

Session 1: Sustainability Commitments

(20 min presentation + Q&A 10 min each)

10.30 – 11.00 *Corporate Green Pledges*

Authors: Michael Bauer (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco), Daniel Huber (Universitat Hamburg), Eric Offner (Universitat Hamburg), Marlene Renkel (Universitat Hamburg) and **Ole Wilms** (Universitat Hamburg and Tilburg University)

11.00 – 11.30 *Socially Responsible Investing and Multinationals' Pollution: Evidence from Global Remote Sensing Data*

Authors: Virginia Gianinazzi (Nova School of Business and Economics, Lisbon), Victoire Girard (Nova School of Business and Economics, Lisbon), Mehdi Lehlali (Nova School of Business and Economics, Lisbon)

Economics, Lisbon) and **Melissa Porras Prado** (Nova School of Business and Economics, Lisbon)

11.30 – 12.00 *Index Inclusion and Corporate Social Performance: Evidence from the MSCI Empowering Women Index*

Authors: Vikas Mehrotra (University of Alberta), Lukas Roth (University of Alberta), Yusuke Tsujimoto (Waseda University) and **Yupana Wiwattanakantang** (National University of Singapore)

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 13.45 Keynote: Marcin Kacperczyk (Imperial College London)

13.45 – 14.00 Coffee Break

Session 2: Financing the Green Transition

(20 min presentation + Q&A 10 min each)

14.00 – 14.30 *Climate Transition Risks of Banks*

Authors: **Felix Martini** (Frankfurt School of Finance and Management), Zacharias Sautner (University of Zurich), Sascha Steffen (Frankfurt School of Finance and Management) and Carola Theunisz (Frankfurt School of Finance and Management)

14.30 – 15.00 *Financing Green Transition: Bank-Nonbank Partnership*

Authors: Angela Gallo (Bayes Business School, City University of London) and **Min Park** (University of Bristol)

15.00 – 15.30 *Is ESG a Sideshow? ESG Perceptions, Investment, and Firms' Financing Decisions*

Authors: Roman Kraussl (Bayes Business School, City University of London), Joshua Rauh (Stanford University, Hoover Institution, and NBER) and **Denitsa Stefanova** (University of Luxemburg)

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee Break

15.45 – 16.30 Industry Panel: The Future of Sustainable Investment

Lewis Grant (Senior Portfolio Manager, Federated Hermes)
Andrew Parry (Head of Investments, JO Hambro Capital Management)

16.30 – 16:40 End of First Day remarks by Monika (Logistics to Exmouth)

17.00 Transportation to Exmouth from Campus

18.30 – 21.30 pm Conference Dinner

Day 2 – 20th September, 2024 (Friday)

Room: Woodbridge, Reed Hall

8.45 – 9.15 Welcome Coffee

Session 3: “S” and “G” in ESG

(20 min presentation + Q&A 10 min each)

9.15 – 9.45 *The Eco Gender Gap in Boardrooms*

Authors: Po-Hsuan Hsu (National Tsing Hua University), Kai Li (University of British Columbia) and **Yihui Pan** (University of Utah)

9.45 – 10.15 *Sustainability Preferences of Talented Employees*

Authors: **Ioannis Branikas** (University of Oregon), Briana Chang (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Harrison Hong (Columbia University and NBER) and Nan Li (University of Toronto)

10.15 – 10.45 *The Value of NGOs in ESG*

Authors: Janja Brendel (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Cai Chen (INSEAD), **Thomas Keusch** (INSEAD), and Zacharias Sautner (University of Zurich)

10.45 – 11.00 coffee break

Session 4: Current Research from Exeter Sustainable Finance (ESF) Centre

(15 min presentation + Q&A 5 min each)

11.00 – 11.20 *Corporate Environmental Governance: A Global Study of Internal Carbon Pricing*

Authors: **Chenyan Lyu** (University of Exeter), Pu Yang (University of Oxford) and Chendi Zhang (University of Exeter)

11.20 – 11.40 *Towards the Natural Environment Agency Theory (NEAT)*

Authors: Amama Shaukat (Brunel University London), Rajesh Tharyan (Newcastle Business School, Northumbria University) and **Grzegorz Trojanowski** (University of Exeter)

11.40 – 12.00 *The Role of Government in Corporate ESG Policies*

Authors: Nickolay Gantchev (University of Warwick), Jim Goldman (University of Warwick) and **Shu Zhang** (University of Exeter)

12.00 – 12.20 *Benchmarking with Sustainability Mandates*

Authors: **Jason Cen** (University of Exeter), Linqun Chen (University of Exeter) and Yao Chen (University of Exeter)

12.20 – 12.30 Closing remarks by Chendi and Monika (Plan to social event)

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 17.00 Afternoon: Social Event (optional/Historical Exeter walk)