Ethics and Sustainability in Banking and Finance
6th Transatlantic Conference on
The Ethics of Business, Trade, & Global Governance

Conference programme
Location: Parliament Hall, St Andrews

Thursday 23rd November 2023

11.30-12.20 Registrations and Welcome lunch
12.20-12:30 Welcome – Maria Chiara Iannino
12.30-13.20 Keynote speaker
   Barbara Casu (Bayes Business School) Exploring Misconduct, Fraud, and the Governance of Banks

13:30-15:00 Session 1 – Chair: Sapnoti Eswar
   Thomas Gehrig (University of Vienna) How did banks’ ESG conduct affect financial performance and lending during COVID-19? (with Ö. Dursun and A. Schandlbauer)
   Leonidas Barbopoulos (University of Edinburgh) The Real Effects of Dark Trading (with T. Putnins, K. Rzayev)
   Jaber Al Islam (University of Edinburgh) Does banks’ environmental engagement impact funding costs? (with F. Moreira, M. Douch)

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-16:45 Session 2 – Chair - Joao Rafael Cunha
   Edward David (University of Oxford) Moral role models in UK finance
   Violet Victoria (St Anselm College) and
   Nikko Osaka (Uni. of North Carolina at Charlotte) A Bootstrapping Problem for Web3 Adoption
   Annabel Beerel (Center for Ethics in Society) Where has all the courage gone? Can we revert to valuing virtue rather than corruption?

18:00-21:00 Conference Dinner (The Bothy, St Andrews)
Friday 24th November 2023

09:30-10:00 Welcome coffee
10:00-10:50 Keynote speaker
   Afshin Mehrpouya (University of Edinburgh) Material matters in ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) Measurement

11:00-12:30 Session 3 – Chair: Raffaella Calabrese
   Raffaella Calabrese (University of Edinburgh) A climate scenario analysis for the European SME lending market based on the NGFS projections
   Nicholas Wilson (Leeds University Business School) The Unintended Consequences of Expanding the Lender Pool on Covid-19 Loan Guarantee Schemes (with M. Kacer, M. Cowling)

12:30-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-15:00 Session 4 – Chair: Thomas Gehrig
   Atreya Dey (University of Edinburgh) Volatile Temperatures and their Effects on Equity Returns and Firm Performance (with L. Bortolan, L. Taschini)
   Kevin Pirazzi (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore) Unsustainable soil loss, firm performance, and financing structure: An empirical investigation of Italian firms (with E. Beccalli)
   Florian Stöckler (Universität Graz) Institutional investors and the incentive to greenwash in social media communications (with A. Schertler)

15:00:15:15 Coffee break

15:15-16:45 Session 5 – Dimitris Chronopoulos
   John B Holland (University of Glasgow) How can large international financial firms ‘go green’ and ‘walk the talk’
   Fiona Rasanga (University of Edinburgh) Understanding Vulnerability to the Poverty Premium: An Analysis of Factors Influencing Use of High-Cost Credit Among Low-Income Individuals (with T. Harrison, R. Calabrese)
   Shiqi Fang (University of Edinburgh) Algorithmic Unfairness in SME Access to Finance (with R. Calabrese, Z. Chen, J. Ansell)

16:45-17:00 Concluding remarks

More details and the registration form can be found at the following link: https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/economics-finance/news/title-188162-en.php.