The PRI Academic Network Week (September 13-17, 2021) – Preliminary Program & Save the Dates!

The PRI Academic Network will be hosting a virtual 5-day PRI Academic Network Week. Please save the dates!

The program planning is under way and we look forward to sharing the latest ESG research. Please find below the preliminary program. We will provide more information in the coming weeks.

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<th>Monday September 13 (2-5pm BST):</th>
<th>&quot;Climate Finance&quot;</th>
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**Session Chair:** Caroline Flammer (Boston University)

**Paper 1: Welfare Consequences of Sustainable Finance**

*Authors:* Harrison Hong (Columbia University)  
Neng Wang (Columbia University)  
Jinqiang Yang (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)

*Academic Discussant:* TBA  
*Practitioner Discussant:* TBA

**Paper 2: Outsourcing Climate Change**

*Authors:* Rui Dai (University of Pennsylvania)  
Rui Duan (WU Vienna University of Economics and Business)  
Hao Liang (Singapore Management University)  
Lilian Ng (York University)

*Academic Discussant:* TBA  
*Practitioner Discussant:* TBA

**Paper 3: Collateral, Lender Monitoring and Environmental Risks**

*Authors:* Aymeric Bellon (University of Pennsylvania)

*Academic Discussant:* TBA  
*Practitioner Discussant:* TBA
Session Chair: Pedro Matos (University of Virginia)

Paper 4: Firm Commitments

Authors: Patrick Bolton (Columbia University, Imperial College)  
          Marcin Kacperczyk (Imperial College)

Academic Discussant: TBA  
Practitioner Discussant: TBA

Paper 5: Green and Brown Lobby: Who Shapes the Climate Policy in the European Union?

Authors: Hanna Niczyporuk (New York University)

Academic Discussant: TBA  
Practitioner Discussant: TBA

Paper 6: Partisan Residential Sorting on Climate Change Risk

Authors: Asaf Bernstein (University of Colorado at Boulder)  
         Stephen B. Billings (University of Colorado at Boulder)  
         Matthew T. Gustafson (Penn State University)  
         Ryan Lewis (University of Colorado at Boulder)

Academic Discussant: TBA  
Practitioner Discussant: TBA
Wednesday September 15 (2-5pm BST): "Corporate Governance"

Session Chair: Laura Starks (University of Texas at Austin)

Paper 7: CEO Compensation: Evidence From the Field

Authors: Alex Edmans (London Business School)
Tom Gosling (London Business School)
Dirk Jenter (London School of Economics)

Academic Discussant: TBA
Practitioner Discussant: TBA

Paper 8: For Whom Corporate Leaders Bargain

Authors: Lucian A. Bebchuk (Harvard University)
Kobi Kastiel (Tel Aviv University)
Roberto Tallarita (Harvard University)

Academic Discussant: TBA
Practitioner Discussant: TBA

Paper 9: The Benefits of Access: Evidence from Private Meetings with Portfolio Firms

Authors: Marco Becht (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
Julian Franks (London Business School)
Hannes F. Wagner (Bocconi University)

Academic Discussant: TBA
Practitioner Discussant: TBA
Thursday September 16 (2-5pm BST): "ESG and Impact Investing"

Session Chair: Pedro Matos (University of Virginia)


Authors: Jędrzej Białkowski (University of Canterbury)
Laura Starks (University of Texas at Austin)
Moritz Wagner (University of Canterbury)

Academic Discussant: TBA
Practitioner Discussant: TBA

Paper 11: On ESG Investing: Heterogeneous Preferences, Information, and Asset Prices

Authors: Itay Goldstein (University of Pennsylvania)
Alexandr Kopytov (University of Hong Kong)
Lin Shen (INSEAD)
Haotian Xiang (Peking University)

Academic Discussant: TBA
Practitioner Discussant: TBA

Paper 12: The Risk and Return of Impact Investing Funds

Authors: Jessica Jeffers (University of Chicago)
Tianshu Lyu (Yale University)
Kelly Posenau (University of Chicago)

Academic Discussant: TBA
Practitioner Discussant: TBA
Friday September 17 (2-5pm BST):  "ESG Ratings and Investing"

Session Chair: Caroline Flammer (Boston University)

Paper 13: Stock Price Reactions to ESG News: The Role of ESG Ratings and Disagreement

Authors: George Serafeim (Harvard University) 
          Aaron Yoon (Northwestern University)

Academic Discussant: TBA
Practitioner Discussant: TBA

Paper 14: Rewriting History II: The (Un)predictable Past of ESG Ratings

Authors: Florian Berg (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) 
          Kornelia Fabisik (Frankfurt School of Finance & Management) 
          Zacharias Sautner (Frankfurt School of Finance & Management)

Academic Discussant: TBA
Practitioner Discussant: TBA

Paper 15: Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Factors and Municipal Bond Yields

Authors: Christopher C. Bruno (University of Pennsylvania) 
          Witold J. Henisz (University of Pennsylvania)

Academic Discussant: TBA
Practitioner Discussant: TBA

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Conference Committee

- Caroline Flامر (Boston University, conference chair)
- Pedro Matos (University of Virginia)
- Laura Starks (University of Texas at Austin)