

2020 Financial Markets and Corporate Governance (FMCG) Conference

Conference: 16 to 17 April 2020 and **PhD Symposium: 15** April 2020

Conference - Six Best Paper Awards (\$1000 each)

PhD Symposium - Six Best Paper Awards (\$500 each)

After successful 9th and 10th annual conferences in 2018 and 2019 in Melbourne and Sydney, respectively, with over 30 PhD students at the PhD symposiums and 120 academics at the conferences, the La Trobe Business School (LBS) is hosting the 11th Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference in April 2020 in Melbourne, in conjunction with Macquarie University, Monash University, Queensland University of Technology, the University of Queensland, and the Victoria University of Wellington. We invite academics and PhD students to submit papers for consideration of presentation at the 11th Financial Markets and Corporate Governance Conference and PhD symposium (FMCG 2020). The conference and PhD symposium will be held at the City Campus (CBD) of La Trobe University - 360 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia.

Conference Theme: *Capital Markets, Governance, and Digital Finance*

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Avaniidhar Subrahmanyam

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

Professor Robert Faff

(UQ Business School, University of Queensland).

Professor Stephen Taylor

(University of Technology, Sydney)

Professor Tom Smith

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

DEADLINES:

- Paper submission for the conference academic sessions: 15 December 2019
- Research proposal (abstract) submission for the PhD Symposium: 15 December 2019

AWARDS:

- Conference - Six Best Paper Awards (\$1000 each)
- PhD Symposium - Six Best Paper Awards (\$500 each)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FMCG:

- Two-Day Conference: 16 & 17 April 2020
- One-Day PhD Symposium: 15 April 2020
- PhD Research Workshop: 15 April 2020
- Practitioners' Sessions: 16 April 2020
- Conference Special Issue - Pacific Basin Finance Journal

Six Conference Best Paper Awards (\$1000 each)

A total of six papers, one from each category below, will be selected for the conference best paper awards

1. Accounting Information, Disclosure, and Earnings Quality
2. Asset Pricing, Market Microstructure, and Financial Markets
3. Corporate Finance and Financial Intermediations
4. Corporate Governance
5. Funds Management and Investment: Pension Funds, Mutual Funds, and Superannuation
6. Behavioral Finance, Digital Finance, and Risk Management

Six PhD Symposium Awards (\$500 each)

A total of six best research proposals/papers, one from each of the category below, will be selected for the PhD Symposium research proposal/paper awards.

1. Accounting Information, Disclosures, and Earnings Quality
2. Asset Pricing, Market Microstructure, and Financial Markets
3. Corporate Finance and Financial Intermediations
4. Corporate Governance
5. Funds Management and Investment: Pension Funds, Mutual Funds, and Superannuation
6. Behavioral Finance, Digital Finance, and Risk Management

CONFERENCE ACADEMIC SESSIONS - PAPER SUBMISSIONS

The Conference Committee welcome papers related to the following areas:

- Asset Pricing
- Banking and Financial Intermediation
- Behavioural Finance
- Corporate Finance
- Crowd Funding
- Corporate Governance
- Digital Finance
- Derivatives: Options, Futures, and Swaps
- Disclosure Practices

- Earnings Quality and Accounting Information
- Emission Trading and Pricing Climate Risk
- Emerging Market
- Equity Issuance
- Financial Economics
- Financial Crisis
- Financial Markets
- Fintech Start-ups
- Investments and Fund Management
- Institutional Lending and Real Economy
- Market Microstructure
- Payout Policy
- Quantitative Finance
- Regulations in Financial Markets
- Risk Management

Submission: Academic Sessions - Conference

The conference will only consider completed papers. Authors are required to submit two copies of the completed paper in pdf format; one with authors' details and the other without authors' details. **Ideally, each author will present one paper at the conference.** 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.

Authors of the accepted papers are expected to act as a discussant in their chosen field of expertise. Please select at least two areas of expertise when you submit your papers. If your paper is accepted and if you do not select your areas of expertise, the conference chair, at his discretion, will assign you papers to serve as a discussant.

Optional inclusion in conference proceedings - preference must be specified during the online submission process.

Conference Submission link: The online portal for submission will open on 31 October 2019 at the following website:

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/2020-financial-markets-and-corporate-governance-fmccg-conference>

or

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/2020FMCCG>

Selection Process of Conference Awards - Academic Sessions

2-Stage Blind Review

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.** For each category, a panel of

three experts from the program committee will assess the papers to finalize the decision for the conference best paper award. Authors should submit the final (blind) version of their paper on or before **15 Feb 2020** with the registration fees for the assessment of the award.

Conference Academic Sessions – Important Dates

- Submission must follow the procedure outlined on the website.
- The deadline for submitting papers and consideration for the awards is **15 December 2019**.
- Acceptance of papers will be notified on **15 January 2020**.

PhD SYMPOSIUM

The PhD Symposium will provide PhD students with an opportunity to present their proposal or working papers and receive expert feedback on their work. The Symposium will also enable students to interact and network with eminent researchers from universities across the globe.

PhD Research Proposal Submission

- Submission of Abstract (Maximum 500 words) of the PhD research proposal in pdf format **MUST** be submitted through the conference website by **15 December 2019**.
- Acceptance of PhD proposal will be notified around **15 January 2020**.
- A full proposal or research paper is to be submitted on or before **15 February 2020** with their registration fees for the assessment of the award.
- Each paper or PhD proposal of PhD students will be discussed by a senior academic at the PhD symposium.
- Only complete proposals or research papers are considered for an award.

Eligibility

- PhD Students who have successfully passed their PhD confirmation.
- Ideally, students will have a 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

- Only complete research papers submitted by **15 February 2020** are considered for an award. Submission must follow the submission procedure outlined on the website. Members of the PhD symposium committee will assess all research proposals on the basis of their rigor, relevance and potential contribution to the literature.

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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 and PhD symposium 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.

Guest Editors:

Prof Balasingham Balachandran (La Trobe University)

Dr Lily Nguyen (University of Queensland)

FEES AND REGISTRATION

- Early Bird Registration closes on 15 February 2020
- Final Registration closes on 15 March 2020.

Early Bird Fee (payment received before 15 February 2020)				
	<u>PhD Students</u>	<u>Academic Staff</u>	<u>Practitioners</u>	<u>Member of PhD Symposium Committee</u>
Conference including PhD symposium	A\$550	A\$770	A\$880	A\$660
Conference excluding PhD symposium	A\$440	A\$660	A\$770	NA
PhD symposium only	A\$110			NA
Full Fee (payment received after 15 February 2020)				
Conference including PhD symposium	A\$660	A\$880	A\$990	A\$770
Conference excluding PhD symposium	A\$550	A\$770	A\$880	N/A
PhD symposium only	A\$165			N/A

Conference gala dinner for a partner (spouse) is \$165.

FMCG 2020 conference dinner will be held on 16 April 2020



CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Conference Chair - Prof. Balasingham Balachandran (La Trobe University)

PhD Symposium Chair – Dr Van Vu (La Trobe University)

Prof. Paul Mather (La Trobe University)

A/Prof. Jing Zhao (La Trobe University)

A/Prof. Jahangir Ali (La Trobe University)

Dr Md Al Mamun (La Trobe University)

Dr Mary Ma (La Trobe University)

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Dr Md Safiullah (La Trobe University)

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