



Essex Finance Centre (EFiC) 2023

Conference in Banking and Corporate Finance

Thursday 6 July and Friday 7 July 2023 | Gaeta, Italy

The Essex Finance Centre (EFiC) at Essex Business School and the Laboratory of Bank, Business, Finance and Ethics (BifeLab) are jointly organising the seventh edition of the EFiC Conference in Banking and Corporate Finance that will take place in person on 6-7 July 2023 in Gaeta, Italy.

The objective of the Conference is to bring together leading academics, practitioners and policymakers and give them the opportunity to present state-of-the-art research in the broad areas of banking and corporate finance. The Conference will feature a keynote speech and a 'Meet the Editors' session. It will also include a dedicated PhD session to give research students the opportunity to present their work and receive developmental feedback from expert PhD mentors.

We solicit papers in the following areas, in alphabetic order, but other related areas may also be considered:

- Alternative finance
- Banking and financial services
- Behavioural finance
- Big data applied to banking and finance
- Corporate finance
- Corporate governance
- Digital finance
- Diversity and women in finance
- Financial crisis and resolution
- Entrepreneurial finance
- Fintech and financial innovation
- Green finance
- International finance
- Monetary policy and central banking
- Political economy of central banking
- Portfolio and risk management
- Rethinking of financial regulation and supervision
- SMEs financing

Keynote speaker

Viral V. Acharya is the C.V. Starr Professor of Economics in the Department of Finance at New York University Stern School of Business (NYU-Stern). He was a Deputy Governor at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) during January 2017 to 23 July 2019 in charge of Monetary Policy, Financial Markets, Financial Stability, and Research. He is a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) in Corporate Finance, a Research Affiliate at the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), and Research Associate of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI). He has been an Academic Advisor to the Federal Reserve Banks of Chicago, Cleveland, New York and Philadelphia, and the Board of Governors, and provided Academic Expert service to the Bank for International Settlements, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank. He is a (conditional) member of the Climate-related Financial Risk Advisory Committee (CFRAC) of the Financial Stability Oversight Council. His primary research interest is in theoretical and empirical analysis of systemic risk of the financial sector, its regulation, and its genesis in government- and policy-induced distortions, an inquiry that cuts across several other strands of research – credit risk and liquidity risk, their interactions and agency-theoretic foundations, as well as their general equilibrium consequences, as well as climate-change related risks.



Special issues

The Conference will include special issues with the *Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development (JSBED)*, *Research in International Business and Finance (RIBAF)*, and the *Review of Corporate Finance (RCF)*.

The special issue of the *JSBED* will be themed "Digital Entrepreneurial Finance and New Approaches to Venture Financing". The special issue of *RIBAF* will be themed "Access to Finance and Fintech". The special issue of the *RCF* will be themed "International Corporate Finance and Governance".

Participation in the Conference will not be mandatory for submissions to the special issues. Further details will be provided in due course.

Venue

The Conference will take place at Castello Angioino in Gaeta, Italy. The airports closest to Gaeta are Rome Fiumicino, Rome Ciampino, and Naples International.

Accommodation for conference participants has been reserved at Hotel Gajeta, Hotel Mirasole International, Residence Punta Stendardo, and Villa Irlanda Grand Hotel – booking must be confirmed by Monday 15 May 2023 with accommodation allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Further details will be provided in due course.



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Paper submission

Interested authors should submit their paper by email to efic@essex.ac.uk by Monday 3 April 2023 using the following format for the file name: *EFiC_SubmittingAuthorSurname_PaperTitle.pdf*. PhD students should indicate if their submission is for the PhD session, otherwise it will be considered for the main session.

Authors interested in a special issue should indicate the Journal in their submission.

Early submissions are highly encouraged. Authors will be notified of the decision by Monday 24 April 2023.

Registration fees

Academics	€250
Business & Policymakers	€300
Students	€100
Conference dinner (Thursday 6 July 2023)	€50

Important dates

Submission deadline	Monday 3 April 2023
Acceptance notification	Monday 24 April 2023
Accommodation booking	Monday 15 May 2023
Registration deadline	Monday 12 June 2023
Conference dates	Thursday 6 July - Friday 7 July 2023



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