



10th EFiC Conference in Banking and Corporate Finance

Thursday 25 June and Friday 26 June 2026 | Essex Business School

Following nine successful editions organised by the [Essex Finance Centre \(EFiC\)](#), we are delighted to announce the tenth edition of the [EFiC Conference in Banking and Corporate Finance](#), to be held in person on 25–26 June 2026 at [Essex Business School](#). 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.

In collaboration with [King's Business School](#), the 2026 Conference will feature a **special stream on climate finance**. The stream aims to focus on the operational challenges facing the banking and corporate sectors and move beyond high-level taxonomy debates to address questions of pricing, modelling, and regulating climate risk in a volatile macroeconomic environment. The Conference will include a **cooperative banks session** sponsored by [Federcasse](#) and a **macro-finance session** sponsored by the [Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis–Europe \(RCEA-Europe\)](#). It will also incorporate a PhD session to offer research students the opportunity to present their work and receive developmental feedback from expert PhD mentors.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of [Palgrave Macmillan](#).

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

- Banking and financial services
- Behavioural finance
- Climate finance (special stream)
- Corporate finance
- Corporate governance
- Digital finance
- Diversity and women in finance
- Financial regulation and supervision
- Fintech and financial innovation
- Macro-finance (special session)
- Monetary policy and central banking
- Mutual/cooperative banks (special session)
- Political economy of central banking
- SMEs financing

Keynote speakers

Cláudia Custódio is a Professor of Finance at Imperial College. She was awarded her PhD from the London School of Economics in 2010. Before joining Imperial College in 2016, Cláudia spent time in the US working within the Department of Finance at the W. P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University, and in her native Lisbon at NOVA School of Business and Economics. She is a research associate of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) and the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI).

Cláudia's research focuses on corporate finance, and her work has been published in academic journals such as the Journal of Finance, the Journal of Financial Economics and the Review of Financial Studies. She is also the author of a corporate finance textbook in Portuguese "Finanças da Empresa".



Iftekhar Hasan holds the title of University Professor at Fordham University. He is a scientific advisor at the Central Bank of Finland, a fractional faculty member at the University of Sydney, and a research fellow at the Wharton Financial Institutions Center and the IWH Institute in Halle, Germany. He is the editor of the Journal of Financial Stability.

Professor Hasan's research interests include financial institutions, corporate finance, capital markets, and emerging economies, focusing on interdisciplinary questions and public policy issues. He has more than 475 publications in print, including 16 books and edited volumes, and more than 365 peer-reviewed journal articles in influential academic outlets in finance (JFE, JFQA, RoF, JB, JMCB), accounting (JAR, RAST, CAR), economics (EJ, JME, JIE, JEG, JCE, EER), international business (JIBS), management (SMJ, JoM, HRM, RP, JBE), operation research (MS, EJOR), and information systems (JIMS, IEEE).



Publication opportunities

The Conference is pleased to announce the publication opportunities for selected high-quality papers through a solicitation process.

Journal of Financial Services Research (JFSR) - Paper solicitation

Author(s) must explicitly indicate their interest in the JFSR publication opportunity in their submission email. Papers must not be under review at the JFSR or another journal at the time of submission; papers previously rejected by the JFSR are not eligible. Following the Conference presentations, the organising committee, in coordination with the Editor, Haluk Unal, will invite a subset of high-quality papers for possible publication in the JFSR. Submission fees will be waived for the invited papers, which will undergo the Journal's standard peer-review process. If an invited paper is rejected, the author(s) may submit a revised or future version of the paper to the JFSR without prejudice. While a paper is under consideration by the Conference and the JFSR, it may not be submitted to another journal.

Oxford Economic Papers (OEP) - Paper solicitation

In collaboration with the Editors of *Oxford Economic Papers*, the Conference organisers will invite the authors of up to five selected high-quality papers that align with the Journal's scope and contribute to ongoing debates published in OEP to submit their manuscripts for potential publication. Invited submissions will be handled on an expedited basis while undergoing the Journal's standard double-blind peer-review process. Authors will submit their manuscripts via the Journal's online submission system, clearly referencing the Conference in their cover letter. Accepted papers will be considered for publication in a regular issue of the Journal. While a paper is under consideration following a conference invitation, it may not be submitted to another journal.

Further details will be provided in due course.

Organising committee

Claudia Girardone, Sotirios Kokas, Anna Sarkisyan (Essex Business School)

George Kapetanios, Alexia Ventouri (King's Business School)

Scientific committee

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Paper submission

Interested authors should submit their paper by email to efic@essex.ac.uk by Monday 30 March 2026 using the following format for the file name: *EFiC_SubmittingAuthorSurname_PaperTitle.pdf*. Submissions to the climate finance stream and cooperative banks and macro-finance sessions should be clearly indicated. PhD students should specify if their submission is for the PhD session, otherwise it will be considered for the main session. Authors interested in the *Journal of Financial Services Research* or *Oxford Economic Papers* publication opportunity, should explicitly state this in their submission email.

Authors will be notified of the final decision by Monday 13 April 2026. We strongly encourage early submissions. Periodic reviews of submissions will be conducted, therefore it is possible for authors to receive decision notifications prior to the final decision deadline.

Registration fees

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| Academics | £300 |
| Business & Policymakers | £350 |
| Students | £150 |
| Conference dinner (Thursday 25 June 2026)* | £75 |

* The number of guests at the conference dinner is capped, tickets allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Important dates

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| Submission deadline | Monday 30 March 2026 |
| Decision notification | Monday 13 April 2026 |
| Registration deadline | Monday 11 May 2026 |
| Conference dates | Thursday 25 June - Friday 26 June 2026 |

Corporate Governance and Misconduct EFiC Workshop

The EFiC will hold a Corporate Governance and Misconduct Workshop prior to the Conference on Wednesday 24 June 2026. The call for papers is available [here](#).



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