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September 28 - 30, 2007

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Schedule of Sessions

Friday, September 28, 2007

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration (Willard Foyer)

6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception (Willard), sponsored by Schulich School of Business, York University

Saturday, September 29, 2007

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Publishers' Exhibits (Willard Foyer)

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., Breakfast (Willard Foyer), sponsored by Stock-Trak Inc.

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Concurrent Sessions
   Asset Pricing I, Room: The Portman
   Volatility and Option Pricing, Room: The Barclay 2
   Governance and Liquidity, Room: The Boardroom
   Corporate Investment, Room: The Barclay 1
   Capital Structure and Dividends, Room: The Mayfair
   Banking Regulation, Room: The Britannia

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., Coffee Break (Willard Foyer), sponsored by AGF Funds Inc.

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m., Concurrent Sessions
   Derivatives I, Room: The Barclay 2
   Momentum Strategies, Room: The Barclay 1
   International Finance, Room: The Boardroom
   Credit Risk, Room: The Mayfair
   Syndicated Loans, Room: The Britannia
   Going Private and SEOs, Room: The Portman

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch (Willard), sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Business Valuators; Keynote Speaker: Anthony Saunders, New York University, Are Banks Still Special?
1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- Asset Pricing II, Room: The Barclay 1
- Term Structure of Interest Rates, Room: The Mayfair
- Portfolio Choice I, Room: The Portman
- Stock Index/Exchange Issues, Room: The Barclay 2
- Family Ownership and Venture Capital, Room: The Britannia
- Analyst Coverage, Room: The Boardroom

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3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
- Derivatives II, Room: The Barclay 2
- Individual Investors, Room: The Britannia
- Portfolio Choice II, Room: The Portman
- Financial Institutions and Markets, Room: The Boardroom
- Capital Markets, Room: The Barclay 1
- Debt and Financial Distress, Room: The Mayfair

5:15 p.m. Reception (Willard), co-sponsored by CPP Investment Board and McGraw-Hill Ryerson; Best Paper Award

5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Stephen Ross, MIT, A Neoclassical Look at Behavioral Finance, sponsored by McGraw-Hill Ryerson

Sunday, September 30, 2007

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Publishers’ Exhibits (Willard Foyer)

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast (Willard Foyer), sponsored by the Individual Finance and Insurance Decision (IFID) Centre, Fields Institute

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
- Personal Wealth Management, Room: The Britannia
- Institutional Investors, Room: The Barclay 1
- Executive Compensation II, Room: The Barclay 2
- IPOs II, Room: The Portman
- Small and Family Business, Room: The Mayfair
- Corporate Social Responsibility, Room: The Boardroom
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break (*Willard Foyer*), sponsored by Dynamic Funds

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
   - Information and Trading, *Room: The Britannia*
   - Trading Strategies and Portfolio Management, *Room: The Mayfair*
   - Corporate Finance and Governance, *Room: The Boardroom*
   - Corporate Finance, *Room: The Barclay 1*
   - Executive Compensation I, *Room: The Barclay 2*
   - IPOs I, *Room: The Portman*
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Concurrent Sessions

Asset Pricing I, Room: The Portman
Chair: Kevin Wang, University of Toronto

**Cross-sectional tests of CAPM and Fama-French three-factor model**
Robert R. Grauer, Simon Fraser University*
Johannus A. Janmaat, Acadia University
*Discussant: Xiaolu Wang, University of Toronto

**Liquidity and Investment Styles**
Jeff Brown, Highstreet Asset Management Inc.
Doug Crocker, Highstreet Asset Management Inc.
Stephen Foerster, University of Western Ontario*
*Discussant: Lukasz Pomorski, University of Toronto

**Model Comparison Using the Hansen-Jagannathan Distance**
Raymond Kan, University of Toronto*
Cesare Robotti, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
*Discussant: Fousseni Chabi-Yo, Bank of Canada

Volatility and Option Pricing, Room: The Barclay 2
Chair: Peter Klein, Simon Fraser University

**Implied Volatility Anomaly, Illiquidity, and Options Market Misreaction**
George Jiang, University of Arizona
Yisong Tian, York University*
*Discussant: Jason Wei, University of Toronto

**Option Pricing using Realized Volatility: An Empirical Investigation**
Lars Stentoft, HEC Montréal*
*Discussant: Timothy Simin, Pennsylvania State University
Jump and Volatility Risk Premiums Implied by VIX
Jin-Chuan Duan, National University of Singapore and University of Toronto*
Chung-Ying Yeh, National Taiwan University
Discussant: Wulin Suo, Queen’s University

Governance and Liquidity, Room: The Boardroom
Chair: Thomas Chemmanur, Boston College

Concentrated Control: A Comparative Analysis of Single and Dual Class Structures on Corporate Value
Ben Amoako-Adu, Wilfrid Laurier University
Brian F. Smith, Wilfrid Laurier University
Madhu Kalimipalli, Bloomberg and Wilfrid Laurier University*
Discussant: David McLean, University of Alberta

Liquidity Risk and Limited Arbitrage: Why Banks Lend to Opaque Hedge Funds
Evan Gatev, Boston College*
Discussant: Puneet Prakash, Virginia Commonwealth University

Do Voting Rights Affect Institutional Investment Decisions? Evidence from Dual-Class Firms
Kai Li, University of British Columbia
Hernan Ortiz-Molina, University of British Columbia
Xinlei Zhao, Kent State University*
Discussant: Karthik Krishnan, Boston College

Corporate Investment, Room: The Barclay 1
Chair: George Georgopoulos, York University

Stock Market Misvaluation and Corporate Investment
Ming Dong, York University*
David Hirshleifer, University of California
Siew Hong Teoh, University of California
Discussant: Jung-Wook Kim, University of Alberta
Leaders, Followers, and Risk Dynamics in Industry Equilibrium
Murray Carlson, University of British Columbia
Engelbert J. Dockner, University of Vienna
Adlai Fisher, University of British Columbia
Ron Giammarino, University of British Columbia*
Discussant: Yonggan Zhao, Dalhousie University

Equilibrium Investment Decisions in A Real-Options Sequential Bargaining Game with Network Effects
Yuanshun Li, University of Calgary*
Gordon Sick, University of Calgary
Discussant: Anna Dodonova, University of Ottawa

Capital Structure and Dividends, Room: The Mayfair
Chair: Marie-Claude Beaulieu, Université Laval

Do Firms Adjust Toward a Target Leverage Level
Zhaoxia Xu, University of Toronto*
Discussant : Iwan Meier, HEC Montreal

What Can We Learn from Empirical Tests of the Pecking Order Theory?
Iwan Meier, HEC Montreal*
Vefa Tarhan, Loyola University, Chicago
Discussant : Marie-Hélène Gagnon, Université Laval

Rethinking Lintner: An Alternative Dynamic Model of Dividends
Larry Bauer, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Nalinaksha Bhattacharyya, University of Alaska Anchorage
Presented by Alex Faseruk, Memorial University of Newfoundland*
Discussant: William Sodjahin, Université Laval

Banking Regulation, Room: The Britannia
Chair: Nadia Massoud, York University

International Regulatory Policy Coordination: Microeconomics versus Macroeconomics
John C. Pattison, CIBC*
Discussant: Barry Scholnick, University of Alberta
Do Banks Overstate Their Value-at-Risk?
Christophe Perignon, Simon Fraser University*
Zi Ying Deng, Simon Fraser University
Zhi Jun Wang, Simon Fraser University
Discussant: Saif Ullah, University of Alberta

Evidence of Differences in the Effectiveness of Safety-Net Management in European Union Countries
Santiago Carbo-Valverde*, University of Granada and FUNCAS*
Edward J. Kane, Boston College
Francisco Rodriguez-Fernandez, University of Granada and FUNCAS
Discussant: Andras Marosi, University of Alberta

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m., Concurrent Sessions

Derivatives I, Room: The Barclay 2
Chair: Melanie Cao, York University

Scarcity and Risk Premiums in Commodity Futures
Saqib Khan, University of Western Ontario*
Zeigham Khokher, University of Western Ontario
Timothy Simin, The Pennsylvania State University
Discussant: Liuren Wu, Baruch College

Pricing Vulnerable American Options
Peter Klein, Simon Fraser University*
Jun Yang, Bank of Canada
Discussant: Nabil Tahani, York University

Credit Default Swap Spreads and Systematic Risk
Yun Li, University of Toronto*
Discussant: Melanie Cao, York University
Momentum Strategies, Room: The Barclay 1
Chair: Ming Dong, York University

**Market Dynamics and Momentum Profits**
Ebeneezer Asem, University of Lethbridge*
Gloria Y. Tian, University of New South Wales, Sydney
*Discussant: Ming Dong, York University

**Mean-Reversion and Momentum**
Kevin Q. Wang, University of Toronto*
*Discussant: Adlai Fisher, University of British Columbia

**Conditional Risk, Overconditioning, and the Performance of Momentum Strategies**
Oliver Boguth, University of British Columbia
Murray Carlson, University of British Columbia
Adlai Fisher, University of British Columbia*
Mikhail Simutin, University of British Columbia
*Discussant: Kevin Q. Wang, University of Toronto

International Finance, Room: The Boardroom
Chair: Kai Li, University of British Columbia

**Do Foreigners Facilitate Information Transmission?**
Kee-Hong Bae, Queen’s University*
Arzu Ozoguz, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Hongping Tan, University of Northern British Columbia.
*Discussant: Charles Gaa, University of British Columbia

**Float, Speculation, and Stock Prices: Evidence from the Share Structure Reform in China**
Chuan-Yang Hwang, Nanyang Technological University
Shaojun Zhang, Nanyang Technological University
Yanjian Zhu, Nanyang Technological University*
*Discussant: Feng Zhang, University of British Columbia

**Dispersion, Equity Returns Correlations and Market Integration**
Esther Eiling, University of Toronto*
Bruno Gerard, Mellon Capital Management
*Discussant: David Ng, Cornell University
Credit Risk, Room: The Mayfair  
Chair: Jason Wei, University of Toronto

**Portfolio Credit Risk Valuation: An Empirical Analysis Using a Parametric Implied Hazard Rate Density**  
Bill Bobey, University of Toronto*  
*Discussant: Lars Stentoft, HEC Montreal

**Default Risk in the U.S. Mortgage Market**  
Toby Daglish, Victoria University of Wellington*  
Jon Garfinkel, University of Iowa  
Jarjis Sa-Aadu, University of Iowa  
*Discussant: Xiaofei Li, York University

**Time Varying Default Risk Premia in Corporate Bond Markets**  
Redouane Elkamhi, McGill University*  
Jan Ericsson, McGill University and SIFR  
*Discussant: Jun Yang, Bank of Canada

Syndicated Loans, Room: The Britannia  
Chair: Allen Goss, Ryerson University

**Do Internationally Cross-Listed Non-US Firms Obtain More Favorable Terms for Syndicated Loans?**  
Claudia Champagne, Concordia University,  
Lawrence Kryzanowski, Concordia University*  
*Discussant: Jean-Claude Cosset, HEC Montréal

**Institutional Investment in Syndicated Loans**  
Debarshi Nandy, York University*  
Pei Shao, University of Northern British Columbia  
*Discussant: Saif Warraich, University of Alberta

**Does Collateral Help Mitigate Adverse Selection? A Cross-Country Analysis**  
Laurent Weill, Universite Robert Schuman*  
Christophe Godlewski, Universite Louis Pasteur  
*Discussant: Raymond Cox, University of Ontario Institute of Technology
Going Private and SEOs, Room: The Portman
Chair: Elizabeth Maynes, York University

**Do Private Equity Investors Take Firms Private for Different Reasons?**
Jana Fidrmuc, Warwick Business School*
Peter Roosenboom, RSM Erasmus University
Dick van Dijk, Erasmus University Rotterdam
*Discussant: Douglas Cumming, York University*

**Seasoned Equity Offerings: Quality of Accounting Information and Expected Flotation Costs**
Gemma Lee, University of Alabama*
Ronald W. Masulis, Vanderbilt University
*Discussant: Nancy Ursel, University of Windsor*

**Seasoned Equity Issues with “Soft” Information: Theory and Empirical Evidence**
Thomas J. Chemmanur, Boston College*
Yawan Jiao, Boston College
*Discussant: Craig Dunbar, University of Western Ontario*

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Asset Pricing II, Room: The Barclay 1
Chair: Robert Grauer, Simon Fraser University

**Market Pricing of Economic Risks and Stock Returns**
Yi Tang, Baruch College
Liuren Wu, Baruch College*
*Discussant: Togla Cenesizolgu, HEC Montreal*

**Asset Pricing with Heterogeneous Consumers: Is Household Data Informative?**
Olesya V. Grishenko, The Pennsylvania State University*
Marco Rossi, The Pennsylvania State University
*Discussant: Liuren Wu, Baruch College*
Asymmetries in the Reaction of Stock Prices to Macroeconomic News
Tolga Cenesizoglu, HEC Montreal*
Discussant: Peter Gibson, Desjardins Securities

Term Structure of Interest Rates, Room: The Mayfair
Chair: Yisong Tian, York University

A No-Arbitrage Analysis of Macroeconomic Determinants of Term Structures and the Exchange Rate
Fousséni Chabi-Yo, Bank of Canada
Jun Yang, Bank of Canada*
Discussant: Madhu Kalimipalli, Wilfrid Laurier University

Can Affine Term Structure Models Help Us Predict Exchange Rates?
Antonio Diez de los Rios, Bank of Canada*
Discussant: Narat Charupat, McMaster University

Pricing Interest Rate Derivatives under Stochastic Volatility
Nabil Tahani, York University
Xiaofei Li, York University*
Discussant: Wulin Suo, Queen’s University

Portfolio Choice I, Room: The Portman
Chair: Andreas Park, University of Toronto

Are Bonds Desirable in Tax-Deferred Accounts?
Marcel Marekwica, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University of Frankfurt*
Discussant: Charles Gaa, University of British Columbia

Optimal House Tenure and Portfolio Choices With Housing As A Hedging Asset
Yu (Frank) Zhang, Columbia University*
Discussant: David Koslowsky, University of Manitoba
**Tactical Asset Allocation with Value-Growth Tilts and Predictability**
Julian Douglass, University of British Columbia*

*Discussant: Aymen Karoui, HEC Montreal*

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**Stock Index/Exchange Issues, Room: The Barclay 2**
Chair: Stephen Foerster, University of Western Ontario

**Do Stock Exchanges Corral Investors into Herding?**
Aditya Kaul, University of Alberta
Vikas Mehrotra, University of Alberta
Carmen Stefanescu, University of Alberta*

*Discussant: Timothy Simin, Pennsylvania State University*

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**Do Index Effects Reflect Idiosyncratic or Industry Effects? A Re-Examination of the Winners and Losers of S&P 500 Index Addition**
Isaac Otchere, Carleton University*
André Gygax, University of Melbourne

*Discussant: Mark Huson, University of Alberta*

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**Demand Curves for Stocks Are Flat: New Evidence from S&P 500 Weight Adjustments**
Karel Hrazdil, Simon Fraser University*

*Discussant: Fuad Farooqi, University of Western Ontario*

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**Family Ownership and Venture Capital, Room: The Britannia**
Chair: Douglas Cumming, York University

**Ownership Structure Mobility of Canadian Business Groups**
Maria K. Boutchkova, Concordia University*
Diego Cueto, Concordia University

*Discussant: Jana Fidrmuc, Warwick Business School*

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**Family Values: Ownership Structure, Performance and Capital Structure of Canadian Firms**
Michael King, Bank of Canada
Eric Santor, Bank of Canada
Discussant: Sofia Johan, Tilburg University

**Venture Capital Syndication and Performance Post the IPO: Evidence from Canada and the UK**
Khaled Soufani, Concordia University*
Xiaolin Wang, Concordia University
Discussant: Li Que, Schulich School of Business, York University

**Analyst Coverage, Room: The Boardroom**
Chair: Brian Kluger, University of Cincinnati

**Adds and Drops of Analyst coverage: Does the Stock Market Overreact?**
Ambrus Kecskes, University of Toronto*
Kent Womack, Dartmouth College
Discussant: Richard Deaves, McMaster University

**International GAAP Differences: The Impact of Foreign Analysts**
Kee-Hong Bae, Queen’s University
Hongping Tan, University of Northern British Columbia*
Michael Welker, Queen’s University
Discussant: Feng Chen, University of Toronto

**Who Leads?**
Bin Chang, University of Toronto*
Discussant: Anand Goel, DePaul University

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Derivatives II, Room: The Barclay 2
Chair: Chris Veld, University of Stirling

Does Derivative Use Reduce Stock Price Exposure? Evidence from UK Firms
Pinghsun Huang, Massey University
M. Humayun Kabir, Massey University*
Yan Zhang, Binghamton University
Discussant: Gaurav Jetley, Analysis Group

Commonality in Liquidity: Evidence from the Option Market
Melanie Cao, York University
Jason Wei, University of Toronto*
Discussant: Chris Veld, University of Stirling

Disaggregating Marketplace Attitude toward Risk: A Contingent-Claim-Based Model
Edwin Neave, Queen’s University*
Michael N. Ross, Scotia Capital Mexico
Jun Yang, Acadia University
Discussant: Yuriy Zabolotnyuk, Simon Fraser University

Individual Investors, Room: The Britannia
Chair: Janis Berzins, Norwegian School of Management

Performance Persistence of Individual Investors
Limei Che, Norwegian School of Management
Oyvind Norli, Norwegian School of Management*
Richard Priestley, Norwegian School of Management
Discussant: Noah Stoffman, University of Michigan

When Are Individual Investors Informed?
Noah Stoffman, University of Michigan*
Discussant: Oyvind Norli, Norwegian School of Management

Investment Decisions and Investor Behaviour
Matthias Burghardt, University of Karlsruhe *
Disentangling the Effects of Heterogeneous Beliefs and Preferences on Asset Prices
Fousseni Chabi-Yo, Bank of Canada*
Eric Ghysels, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Eric Renault, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and CIRANO, CIREQ, Montreal
Discussant: Andrei Semenov, York University

The Puzzling Evolution of the Home Bias, Information Processing and Financial Openness
Jordi Mondria, University of Toronto*
Thomas Wu, UC Santa Cruz
Discussant: Vladyslav Kyrychenko, RBC Dexia Investment Services

The Value Premium And Firm Volatility in Merton’s ICAPM
Robert Savickas, George Washington University*
Discussant: Marcel Rindisbacher, University of Toronto

Financial Institutions and Markets, Room: The Boardroom
Chair: Iraj Fooladi, Dalhousie University

The Transactions Costs of Risk Management vs. Speculation in an Electronic Trading Environment: Evidence from the Montreal Exchange
Lorne Switzer, Concordia University*
Haibo Fan, Concordia University
Discussant: Maria Pacurar, Dalhousie University

Scaling Models for the Severity and Frequency of External Operational Loss Data
Hela Dahen, HEC Montreal*
Georges Dionne, HEC Montreal
Discussant: Lorne Switzer, Concordia University
Universal Banking, Private Information and Incentive Problems: What Do Ex Post Lending Patterns Tell Us?
Karthik Krishnan, Boston College*
Discussant: Ashraf Zaman, Saint Mary's University

Capital Markets, Room: The Barclay 1
Chair: Michael King, Bank of Canada

Risk Perception and the Financial System
Lynnette Purda, Queen’s University*
Discussant: Usha Mittoo, University of Manitoba

Liquidity and Liquidity Risk for Corporate Bonds
Gady Jacoby, University of Manitoba*
George Theocharides, Sungkyunkwan University
Steven Zheng, University of Manitoba
Discussant: Stephen Foerster, University of Western Ontario

A Law and Finance Analysis of Hedge Funds
Douglas Cumming, York University
Li Que, York University*
Discussant: Michael King, Bank of Canada

Debt and Financial Distress, Room: The Mayfair
Chair: Ron Giammarino, University of British Columbia

Income Smoothing and the Cost of Debt
Si Li, Wilfrid Laurier University*
Nivine Richie, UNC-Wilmington
Alan Tucker, Pace University
Discussant: Hernan Ortiz-Molina, University of British Columbia

Debt with Endogenous Safety Covenants: Default and Corporate Securities Valuation
Jerome Detemple, Boston University
Weidong Tian, University of Waterloo*
Discussant: Harjoat Bhamra, University of British Columbia
Resolution of Financial Distress Under Chapter 11: A Dynamic Game Approach

Amira Annabi, HEC Montreal*
Michèle Breton, HEC Montreal
Pascal François, HEC Montreal

Discussant: Hakan Bal, University of Toronto
Personal Wealth Management, Room: The Britannia
Chair: Moshe Milevsky, York University

Who Makes Credit Card Mistakes?
Nadia Massoud, York University
Anthony Saunders, New York University
Barry Scholnick, University of Alberta*
Discussant: Alexandra Mackay, University of Toronto

Optimal Asset Allocation in the Presence of Nonfinancial Assets
Vladyslav Kyrychenko, RBC Dexia Investment Services*
Discussant: Moshe Milevsky, York University

The Victory of Hope over Angst? Funding, Asset Allocation, and Risk-Taking in German Public Sector Pension Reform
Raimond Maurer, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main
Olivia S. Mitchell, University of Pennsylvania
Ralph Rogalla, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main*
Discussant: Nabil Tahani, York University

Institutional Investors, Room: The Barclay 1
Chair: Pauline Shum, York University

Hedge Fund, Mutual Fund, and Institutional Fund Conglomerates: Risk and Return Choices for a Sophisticated Investor
Janis Berzins, Norwegian School of Management*
Crocker Liu, Arizona State University
Charles Trzcinka, Indiana University
Discussant: Marcel Rindisbacher, University of Toronto

Institutional Ownership, Volatility and Dividends
Amir Rubin, Simon Fraser University
Daniel R. Smith, Simon Fraser University *
Discussant: Janis Berzins, Norwegian School of Management
Value of Centralized Research in Mutual Fund Management Companies
Lukasz Pomorski, University of Toronto*
Discussant: Martin Hubbes, AGF Funds, Inc.

Executive Compensation II, Room: The Barclay 2
Chair: Alexander Dyck, University of Toronto

Stock and Option Proportions in Executive Compensation
Phelim Boyle, Wilfrid Laurier University
Ranjini Jha, University of Waterloo*
Shannon Kennedy, University of Waterloo
Weidong Tian, University of Waterloo
Discussant: Jason Wei, University of Toronto

An Analytical Comparison of Approaches to Estimating the Value and Incentive of Executive Stock Option Portfolios
Yi Feng, York University*
Yisong Tian, York University
Discussant: Alexander Dyck, University of Toronto

Compensation, Leverage and Payout Policy
Alan Douglas, University of Waterloo*
Discussant: Vikas Mehrotra, University of Alberta

IPOs II, Room: The Portman
Chair: Gordon Roberts, York University

Form or Substance? Impact of Payout Policy and Asset-base Characteristic on Investment and Performance
Felipe Aguerrevere, University of Alberta
Mark Huson, University of Alberta
Federica Pazzaglia, University of Alberta*
Discussant: Gordon Roberts, York University
Blank Check IPOs: A Home Run for Management
Vijay Jog, Carleton University*
Chengye Sun, Carleton University
Discussant: Xianghong Li, York University

Chinese IPO Activity, Pricing and Market Cycles
Zhong-guo Zhou, California State University*
Discussant: Chuk Wong, Dynamic Mutual Funds

Small and Family Business, Room: The Mayfair
Chair: Michael King, Bank of Canada

Performance Reversals, Flow-Performance Relations and Signals of Ability in the Venture Capital Market
Oghenovo Adewale Obrimah, Virginia Commonwealth University *
Puneet Prakash, Virginia Commonwealth University
Discussant: Khaled Soufani, Concordia University

Family Control and Dilution in Mergers
Nilanan Basu, Concordia University
Lora Dimitrova, Concordia University
Imants Paeglis, Concordia University *
Discussant: Kai Li, University of British Columbia

The Tax Benefit of Hedging for Canadian Small and Medium Size Firms
Jean-Marie Gagnon, Laval University
Nabil Khoury, University of Quebec in Montreal *
Suzanne Landry, HEC Montreal
Discussant: Lorne Switzer, Concordia University
Corporate Social Responsibility, Room: The Boardroom  
Chair: Lawrence Kryzanowski, Concordia University

**The Relative Valuation of Socially Responsible Firms: An Exploratory Study**  
Ali Fatemi, DePaul University  
Iraj J. Fooladi, Dalhousie University*  
David Wheeler, Dalhousie University  
*Discussant: Nancy Ursel, University of Windsor

**Corporate Social Responsibility and Financial Distress**  
Allen Goss, Ryerson University*  
*Discussant: Claudia Champagne, Concordia University

**Do Labor Unions Affect Agency Costs of Debt?**  
Huafeng (Jason) Chen, University of British Columbia  
Marcin Kacperczyk, University of British Columbia  
Hernan Ortiz-Molina, University of British Columbia*  
*Discussant: Iraj Fooladi, Dalhousie University

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Information and Trading, Room: The Britannia  
Chair: Richard Deaves, McMaster University

**Conservative Traders, Natural Selection and Market Efficiency**  
Guo Ying Luo, McMaster University*  
*Discussant: Brian Kluger, University of Cincinnati

**Does More Informed Trading Necessarily Lead to Higher Expected Returns?**  
Moonsoo Kang, University of Colorado at Boulder*  
*Discussant: Peter Miu, McMaster University

**Bid-Ask Spreads and Volume: The Role of Endogenous Trade Timing**  
Andreas Park, University of Toronto*  
*Discussant: Guo Ying Luo, McMaster University
Trading Strategies and Portfolio Management, Room: The Mayfair
Chair: Vladyslav Kyrychenko, RBC Dexia Investment Services

**Modern Portfolio Management with Conditioning Information**
I-Hsuan Ethan Chiang, Boston College*
*Discussant: Jordi Mondria, University of Toronto

**Predatory Short Selling**
Andriy Shkilko, Wilfrid Laurier University *
Bonnie Van Ness, University of Mississippi
Robert Van Ness, University of Mississippi
*Discussant: Lisa Kramer, University of Toronto

**Riding Bubbles**
Nadja Guenster, Erasmus University Rotterdam*
Erik Kole, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Ben Jacobsen, Massey University
*Discussant: Marcel Marekwa, Goethe University

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The Strategic Use of Corporate Cash Holdings in Collective Bargaining with Labor Unions
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Franck Bancel, ESCP-EAP
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