

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the 9th Finance Conference of the Portuguese Finance Network (PFN). This 9th Finance Conference is organized by the University of Beira Interior - Faculty of Social and Human Sciences and Department of Management and Economics and it will be held in Covilhã in June 22 to 24, 2016.

Werner F.M. De Bondt (founding director of Richard H. Driehaus Center for Behavioral Finance at DePaul University in Chicago) is our **keynote speaker**.

The University of Beira Interior (UBI)

UBI is a national and international reference institution in the spheres of education, research, innovation and entrepreneurship. Oriented to quality, UBI has invested in the creation of well-equipped laboratories, in the expansion of its facilities, in the involvement in research projects of national and international scope, and in a qualified teaching/ researching staff. Two of the hallmarks of this University are the provision of laboratories in all teaching/researching areas and proximity to students.

With approximately 7000 students, this higher education institution has now more than 29 undergraduate or master courses, about 40 2nd cycle/master courses and about 25 3rd cycle/doctorate courses, distributed by its five Faculties: Sciences; Engineering; Social and Human Sciences; Arts and Letters; and Health Sciences.

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The University of Beira Interior is located in **Covilhã**, Portugal. For further information on Covilhã, please consult:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEmvkbE-ilY

http://www.visitcentrodeportugal.com.pt/covilha/

http://www.visitcentrodeportugal.com.pt/destination/serra-da-estrela/

AREAS

Papers in all areas of Finance will be considered.

CORPORATE FINANCE:

1100 - Agency Theory and Contracting Problems;



- 1200 Behavioral Issues;
- 1300 Bankruptcy and Financial Distress;
- 1400 Capital Structure;
- 1500 Corporate Governance;
- 1600 Corporate Takeovers and Divestitures;
- 1700 Dividend Policy;
- 1800 Earnings Management and Related Issues;
- 1900 Management Compensation;
- 2000 Market Based Accounting Research;
- 2100 Measuring and Managing Firm Value;
- 2200 Project Selection and Cost of Capital;
- 2300 Securities Issuance;
- 2400 Working Capital Management.

INVESTMENTS:

- 3100 Asset Pricing Models and Tests;
- 3200 Behavioral Issues;
- 3300 Equities;
- 3400 Fixed Income;
- 3500 Market Efficiency and Anomalies;
- 3600 Market Microstructure;
- 3700 Portfolio Management and Asset Allocation;
- 3800 Portfolio Performance Evaluation.

OPTIONS, FUTURES AND OTHER DERIVATIVES:

- 4100 Options;
- 4200 Futures and Forwards;
- 4300 Real Options;
- 4400 Other Derivative Securities;
- 4500 Risk Management and Financial Engineering.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND MARKETS:

- 5100 Depository Institutions Management;
- 5200 Depository Institutions Regulation;

- 5300 All Other Institutions Management;
- 5400 All Other Institutions Regulation;
- 5500 Interest Rates and Term Structure;
- 5600 Issues in Monetary and Economic Policy;
- 5700 Money and Capital Markets.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE:

- 6100 Currency Markets and Exchange Rates;
- 6200 Emerging Markets;
- 6300 International Market Integration and Efficiency.

SPECIAL TOPICS:

- 7100 Accounting Issues;
- 7200 Financial Education;
- 7300 Insurance;
- 7400 Law, Ethics and Finance;
- 7500 Methodological Issues;
- 7700 Personal Financial Planning;
- 7800 Real Estate;
- 7900 Regulated Industry;
- 8000 Small Business;
- 8100 Venture Capital.

IMPORTANT DATES

- > Submission: until 10th April 2016 (23:59 GMT)
- > Author's notification: 4th May 2016
- > Deadline for early registration fee: until 20th May 2016
- > Deadline for late registration: until 10th June 2016
- > Conference date: 22-24 June 2016

Presenters should early register to be included in the conference program.



SUBMISSION RULES

Papers must be submitted in English, as this is the official language of the PFN2016 Conference. Papers received by postal mail, e-mail, fax or in writing will not be considered for evaluation.

You are required to submit the blind paper file in PDF format trough

http://submission.ubi.pt/openconf.php

The submission process has two phases:

- 1- Create an ID by "Make Submission";
- Use the ID to upload the paper in "Upload File" (file in PDF)NOTE: the name of the file should contain your ID. Example of idnumber.pdf: '099.pdf'

Papers will be subject to a **double-blind review process by the Scientific Committee**. **Confirmation of acceptance or rejection** is going to be communicated in 29th April 2016 and mailed to the corresponding e-mail address of the contacting author.

At least one of the authors of an accepted paper must **register** as a participant in the 9th Finance Conference of the Portuguese Finance Network (PFN), until 20th May 2016. Please take into consideration that once a paper is included in the programme, the author should present it in the conference or officially notify the Organizing Committee of its withdrawal. Additionally, by registering in the conference, you agree to serve as a discussant of one paper of his/her own area of interest, if needed.

Each individual is limited to one personal appearance on the programme as a presenting author. This policy precludes acceptance of papers for more than one presentation. In other words, an author can submit <u>and</u> present only one paper. However, a presenter can always be a non-presenting co-author on additional papers.

All matters due to submission and papers will be handled by the Chairperson: Zélia Serrasqueiro (pfn2016@ubi.pt)

EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF FINANCE SPECIAL ISSUE

Authors of papers presented in the Conference will be able to submit their work for consideration for a special issue of *The European Journal of Finance*. A call for papers will be



sent to presenting authors after the Conference. There will adequate time for authors to revise their work. Submitted papers will be double blind refereed in the usual way. A submission fee will be payable.

Papers must conform to the journal's aims and scope and should comply with the format specified in the notes for authors on *the European Journal of Finance* website: http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/rejfauth.asp

CONFERENCE PROCEDDINGS

The Organizing Committee ensures that the paper will NOT be available on-line. Authors of accepted papers must inform the Organizing Committee if they want (or not) their paper included in the Conference's proceedings through pfn2016@ubi.pt. Proceedings will be only available in electronic version.

REGISTRATION (AND) FEES

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(in Euros)

Early bird registration fee (until 20 May 2016): € 275

Early bird registration fee - students (until 20 May 2016): € 225

Late registration fee (as of 10 June 2016): € 325

JUST after the notification of acceptance, registration for the conference must be done through the registration form available at http://pfn2016.ubi.pt/registration.html. The registration form and the bank transfer confirmation must be sent in attachment to the following e-mail: pfn2016@ubi.pt. Please note that your registration is only complete after sending the form and attaching the invoice. You will get a notification email. Afterwards, you may be only contacted again if some problem occurs with the transfer or some doubt arises from your answers.

Students must prove their registration in the academic year 2015/2016.



No registration will be conducted during the Conference.

All participants must register for the conference. **Early registration is due on 20th May 2016.** The late fee will be automatically charged if your payment has not been received by 29th April 2016.

The registration fee includes: Welcome reception, lunch and coffee breaks during the conference, admission to all parallel sessions and materials. To attend the Gala Dinner (24th June) you must pay an extra €50. Accommodation will not be provided. Information about travel (transfer) will be provided as soon as possible.

REFUND REGISTRATION FEE AND CANCELLATION POLICY

- 1. In case of cancellation before 10th June 2016, you will have to pay 50% of the conference fee. For cancellations on or after 10th June 2016, there will be no refund.
- 2. In case you are unable to attend the conference, a substitute delegate is welcome at no extra charge. However, the original participant should provide a letter of authorization together with a letter of cancellation to the Organizing Committee before 10th June 2016. This information should include the name of the substitute delegate.
- 3. All cancellations must be made in writing by e-mail to the Conference email (pfn2016@ubi.pt). Participants, who do not cancel and do not attend, will still be responsible for the full registration fee.
- 4. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to change the venue if necessary.

In the event that the PFN2016 cannot be held or is postponed due to events beyond the control of the Organizing Committee or due to events which are not attributable to wrongful intent or gross negligence of the Organizing Committee, the Organizing Committee cannot be held liable by attendees for any damages, costs, or losses incurred, such as transportation costs, accommodation costs, financial losses, or any other indirect losses or consequential damages.

Under these circumstances, the Organizing Committee has the right to either retain the entire registration fee and to use it for a future congress, or to reimburse the attendee after deducting costs already incurred for the Organizing Committee of the Conference and which could not be recovered from third parties.



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