

Call for Papers / RFS Dual Submission Option

Third Paris Spring Corporate Finance Conference

Paris, May 19-20, 2011

HEC Paris and Université Paris-Dauphine are organizing the Third Paris Spring Corporate Finance Conference under the sponsorship of FBF, the French Banking Federation, following the successful two previous editions. The conference is co-sponsored by the Review of Financial Studies under its dual review system. The conference will be held at the FBF headquarters in central Paris on May 19-20, 2011.

Keynote Speaker: Franklin Allen (Wharton)

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RFS Editorial Sponsor: Andrew Karolyi (Cornell).

Paper Selection Process: For this conference, we are soliciting papers, both theoretical and empirical, from a wide range of topics in corporate finance except those related to corporate governance (we plan to feature corporate governance prominently in our next edition). Solicited topics include the following:

- Capital structure and payout policy
- Security issuance and primary security markets
- Corporate lessons from the financial crisis
- The impact of financial regulation on corporate finance and investment
- Bank relationships and corporate debt markets
- Capital budgeting and feedback effects from financial markets
- Firm organization and internal capital markets
- Venture capital and private equity
- Behavioral corporate finance
- Privatization and nationalization
- International aspects of corporate finance
- Corporate risk management

We expect the paper selection process to be highly selective since only about a dozen papers will be chosen.

Paper Submissions: Electronic submissions of unpublished papers can be made until November 20, 2010 via the conference website: <http://www.pariscorporatefinance.fr>. Only one submission per author will be reviewed. Authors will be notified at the end of January 2011. We will cover local costs and contribute towards the travel expenses of speakers.

Review of Financial Studies Dual Submission Option: Submissions to the conference can also be submitted to the Review of Financial Studies under its dual review system, with the same submission deadline of November 20, 2010. Authors must indicate on the conference submission website whether they are interested to have their paper considered under this dual review option with the RFS that works as follows:

There is no charge for submissions under this program.

Dual submissions will be reviewed by the conference program committee and will be made available for consideration by the RFS.

Papers submitted for dual consideration must not be under review at another journal or the RFS, nor can they be considered for dual submission if previously rejected by the RFS.

At the discretion of the RFS, dual submissions will be sent out for a formal referee report. If such a report is sought, then the paper's author will receive a copy of the RFS reviewer's report.

Papers rejected at any stage of the dual review process are not considered to have been "rejected" at the RFS. This also applies to articles sent out for formal review. Thus authors are permitted to submit a future version of their paper (unchanged if they wish) to the RFS without prejudice.

While under consideration by the conference and the RFS, a paper may not be submitted to another journal (or the RFS) until the author has been notified.

Website: Additional information and contacts can be found at <http://www.pariscorporatefinance.fr> . The website also gives access to details of our previous conferences.