

CALL FOR PAPERS

24th Mitsui Finance Symposium: Financial Intermediaries and Markets

Traverse City, Michigan, May 29-31, 2015

The University of Michigan's Mitsui Life Financial Research Center is organizing the 24th Mitsui Finance Symposium: Financial Intermediaries and Markets, to be held May 29-31, 2015, at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, situated near orchards, vineyards, and the beautiful waters of Lake Michigan.

Conference Overview: We invite paper submissions on the theme of Financial Intermediaries and Markets. Sample topics include but are not limited to:

- Financial fragility and systemic risk
- Regulation and policy
- Funding liquidity and market liquidity
- Credit supply and the macroeconomy
- Intermediary asset pricing
- Intermediation and the macroeconomy
- Incentives and risk taking
- Financial intermediation and industrial organization

Active audience participation has been the norm at past Mitsui symposiums and is encouraged again this year. Each paper will be assigned to a discussant. **All participants are expected to stay during the entire conference**, which begins with lunch on Friday, May 29, and ends with dinner on Saturday, May 30, 2015. Optional group activities are planned on Sunday, May 31, to enjoy local attractions and leisure activities.

Best Discussant Awards: Two awards will be given out for best discussion (\$2500 each). Awards are based on anonymous votes of the participants at the end of the final session and will be announced at dinner on Saturday.

Paper Submissions: Electronic submissions of unpublished papers (PDF format) can be made via the conference website <http://www.bus.umich.edu/MitsuiSubmit>. The deadline for submissions is **January 31, 2015**, and authors of accepted papers will be notified by March 31, 2015. Each paper should contain an abstract and provide author affiliations and contact information. We expect the selection process to be highly competitive, as only a dozen papers will be chosen. Travel and accommodations will be paid for speakers, discussants, and invited faculty and students. Questions can be addressed to the Mitsui Center Administrator, Rochelle Haug, at rohaug@umich.edu.

Review of Financial Studies Dual Submission Option: At the authors' option, papers submitted to the conference will be considered for publication at the *RFS*. The rules for the dual submission process are as follows:

1. Authors must expressly indicate interest in consideration by the *RFS*.
2. At the discretion of the *RFS* Sponsoring Editor (Stefan Nagel), a small number of dual submissions will be invited to submit to the *RFS*. The *RFS* will waive the fee on such submissions, and have the submission formally reviewed. In these cases, authors will receive a copy of the *RFS* reviewer report(s).
3. 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*. Moreover, papers cannot be submitted for dual consideration if they are simultaneously under dual consideration at another journal sponsored by the *Society for Financial Studies*.
4. In the event that a dual submission that has been invited to submit to the *RFS* is subsequently rejected, its authors have the option to submit a future version of their paper to the *RFS* without prejudice.
5. While under consideration as a dual submission to the Mitsui Finance Symposium and the *RFS*, a paper may not be submitted to another journal (or the *RFS*) until the author has been notified of the dual submission outcome.

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