

Call for Papers: The Financial Economics of Insurance. Chicago, IL: April 10-11 2020

To promote research on issues that relate to the financial economics of insurance, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), in collaboration with the Review of Financial Studies (RFS), will convene a research conference that will bring together research that explores different aspects of the financial economics of insurance markets.

The program will be organized by Benjamin Handel of the University of California, Berkeley, and NBER, Ralph Koijen of the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business, and NBER, Motohiro Yogo of Princeton University and NBER. Part of the program will overlap with the NBER Corporate Finance Program Meeting in the Spring in Chicago.

Research themes that will be emphasized at the conference include, but are not limited to:

- **Financial intermediation and corporate finance:** The analysis of financial and regulatory frictions for financial stability, asset allocation and hedging decisions, reinsurance decisions, the functioning of internal capital markets, and product design as well as theoretical frameworks that guide the empirical analysis.
- **Asset pricing:** The feedback between insurance companies and financial markets.
- **Household finance:** The decision making of households in insurance markets both in selecting contracts and exercising the contracts' options, as well as insurance choices as part of households' broader savings and portfolio choice problems.
- **Innovation in insurance markets:** The analysis of emerging risks (e.g., related to cyber, climate, ...) and new technologies (InsurTech).

The organizers welcome submissions of both empirical and theoretical research papers, and encourage submissions from scholars who are early in their careers, who are not NBER affiliates, and who are from groups that are under-represented in the financial economics profession. A link to submit papers will be available in January 2020. Papers that have already been accepted for publication and that will be published by the time of the conference are not eligible for presentation.

Papers that are submitted for presentation at the conference may also be submitted to the Review of Financial Studies under its dual review system at no extra cost. Papers rejected at any stage of the dual review process are not considered to have been "rejected" at the RFS, which means that the authors may submit a future version of the paper to the journal even if the paper is not accepted in connection with the conference. For a paper to be considered under the dual submission option, it may not be under review at or under invited revision from any journal, including the RFS until the author has been notified of the outcome of the dual submission process. The details of the dual submission program may be found at <http://sfs.org/dualsubmissionpolicy>.

The NBER will cover the cost of economy class travel to attend the conference, as well as hotel expenses, for two authors per paper. Questions about this meeting may be addressed to confer@nber.org.