# FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING 2023 ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

15 - 16 JUNE 2023



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### **WELCOME MESSAGE**

#### Dear Participants,

On behalf of the School of Finance and Accounting, Westminster Business School, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of you to the Finance and Accounting (F&A) 2023 Annual Research Symposium. The theme for this year's session is 'Diversity in Finance and Accounting.'

The fields of finance and accounting play a critical and transformational role in equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI). This symposium will provide an opportunity to explore some of these key challenges, opportunities, and resolutions of the concept of diversity in the fields of finance and accounting. Empowering people and ensuring diversity and inclusivity in all areas will ensure that the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG) are achieved. In recent times, diversity in finance and accounting has attracted attention from investors, regulators, fund managers, businesses, corporations, financial services, and accounting bodies. The symposium will examine a wide range of key finance, data analytics and accounting topics, ranging from sustainable asset pricing, corporate finance, financial econometrics, forecasting, fund management, market sentiment, sustainable development, thematic investing, financial reporting, accounting standards, taxation to big data and data analytics.

The keynote address will be delivered by very distinguished speakers who will share their views and perspectives on the theme.

#### Academic Keynote Speaker:

Professor Daniel Ferreira, London School of Economics (LSE), London, UK

#### **Industry Keynote Speakers:**

Jason Buwanabala, Senior Manager, PwC Kasia Jazeel, Manager, PwC

I hope you will take some time out to attend the sessions, network and above all enjoy the meeting!

Thank you. Kind Regards,

#### Sheeja Sivaprasad

Research and Knowledge Exchange Lead, School of Finance and Accounting

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



DANIEL FERREIRA,
Professor of Finance, London School of Economics
and Political Science

Daniel Ferreira is Head of Department and Professor of Finance at the London School of Economics. He is known for his academic work on corporate governance, especially on the workings of corporate boards, having written several influential articles on the topic. More generally, his research interests span areas such as corporate finance, organisations, business strategy, and microeconomics, with articles published in leading journals in finance, economics, accounting, and management. His academic work is policy-relevant and has had a significant media impact. He has a PhD degree in Economics from the University of Chicago in 2002.



JASON BUWANABALA
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Senior Manager, PwC

Jason is a Senior Manager at PwC UK focussing on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I). As a consultant, he works with organisations, industry bodies, regulators and governments to help drive positive change on fairness and equality. Jason is a qualified actuary and is passionate about being evidence based and data led when making workforce decisions. He has supported several organisations with their DE&I agenda globally and he leads a multidisciplinary team of lawyers, statisticians, communications advisors and HR system specialists.



KASIA JAZEEL
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Manager, PwC

Kasia is a Manager in PwC's Diversity, Equality and Inclusion business. With a wealth of experience in data analytics, Kasia has a deep understanding of workforce trends and supports organisations by providing valuable insights on all types of DE&I issues within the employee experience. Using data from a range of sources such as employee surveys, diversity data and focus groups, Kasia advises on appropriate interventions to address DE&I challenges and create sustainable solutions. Kasia is also experienced in DE&I reporting often helping organisations on the calculation and reporting of pay gaps for example. Passionate about promoting inclusivity and positive change, Kasia is committed to using her expertise to help organisations create more equitable and diverse workplaces.

# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE DAY 1, THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2023

#### DAY 1, THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2023 MORNING SESSIONS 9.30 – 11.15AM

SESSION TRACK: DIVERSITY IN F&A I ROOM: MG14, 9.30 – 11AM SESSION CHAIR: AIGERIM UMBETBAYEVA

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Title of Paper	Women's career success in the financial services industry: Systematic literature review and future research directions
Presenter:	Ylva Baeckstrom – King's College, London, UK
Discussant:	Celine Fei – University of Carolina, USA
Title of Paper	The Female Finance Penalty: Why are women less successful in academic finance than related fields?
Presenter:	Lisa Schopohl – ICMA Centre, Henley Business School, University of Reading
Discussant:	Leila Zbib – Bryant University, USA
Title of Paper	What Drives Racial Minorities to Use Fintech Lending? Evidence from a Structural Estimation
Presenter	Celine Fei – University of Carolina, USA
Discussant:	Ylva Baeckstrom – King's College, London, UK
Title of Paper	Startups Founders Diversity and Exit Strategy
Presenter:	Leila Zbib – Bryant University, USA
Discussant:	Saipriya Kamath – London School of Economics, London, UK
Title of Paper	IRS Attention and CEO Race
Presenter:	Saipriya Kamath – London School of Economics, London, UK
Discussant:	Lisa Schopohl – ICMA Centre, Henley Business School, University of Reading

SESSION TRACK: SUSTAINABILITY AND ESG ROOM: M207, 9.30 – 11AM SESSION CHAIR: ISSAM MALKI

Title of Paper	Does a firm's ESG pathway build corporate immunity?
Presenter:	Pilar Velasco – University of Valladolid, Spain
Discussant:	Chi-Yang Tsou – Alliance Manchester Business School, Manchester, UK
Title of Paper	Pollution Abatement Investment under Financial Frictions and Policy Uncertainty
Presenter:	Chi-Yang Tsou – Alliance Manchester Business School, Manchester, UK
Discussant:	Julie Ayton – University of Westminster, London, UK
Title of Paper	Impact of socioeconomic status on student achievement: new evidence from UK Universities
Presenter	Julie Ayton – University of Westminster, London, UK
Discussant:	Javier Gil-Bazo – Esade Business School, Spain
Title of Paper	Defining Greenwashing
Presenter:	Javier Gil-Bazo – Esade Business School, Spain
Discussant:	Joseph Kalmenovitz – The University of Rochester, New York, USA
Title of Paper	Closing the Revolving Door
Presenter:	Joseph Kalmenovitz – The University of Rochester, New York, USA
Discussant:	Pilar Velasco – University of Valladolid, Spain

SESSION TRACK: DATA ANALYTICS ROOM: M212, 9.30 - 11.15AM SESSION CHAIR: HUI GONG

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Title of Paper	Identifying M&A Targets from Textual Disclosures: A Transformer Neural Network Approach
Presenter:	Lennart Stitz – University of Münster, Germany
Discussant:	Agung Darono – Tax Education and Training Centre, Ministry of Finance of Republic Indonesia
Title of Paper	An Anatomy of Crypto-Enabled Cybercrimes
Presenter:	Daniel Rabetti – Tel Aviv University, Israel
Discussant:	Subas Acharya – The Johns Hopkins University, USA
Title of Paper	Present-Bias and the Value of Sophistication
Presenter	Subas Acharya – The Johns Hopkins University, USA
Discussant:	Daniel Rabetti – Tel Aviv University, Israel
Title of Paper	Empower the future eco-warriors (Accountants) by embedding SDGs into active learning case studies (Curriculum and Assessments in Accounting and Data Analytics)
Presenter:	XingDong Yan – AccountingPod, Aotearoa, New Zealand
Discussant:	Jinyoung Kim – Boston College, USA
Title of Paper	Corporate Social Responsibility Programs and Shareholder Value
Presenter:	Jinyoung Kim – Boston College, USA
Discussant:	Lennart Stitz – University of Münster, Germany
Title of Paper	Fog computing and tax audit data pipeline: an exploratory study within the Indonesian tax administration context
Presenter:	Agung Darono – Tax Education and Training Centre, Ministry of Finance of Republic Indonesia
Discussant:	XingDong Yan – AccountingPod, Aotearoa, New Zealand

SESSION TRACK: MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS & DIVIDEND PAYOUT ROOM: M321, 9.30 – 11.AM SESSION CHAIR: JING NING

Title of Paper	Mergers and Acquisitions and Debt Recontacting: Evidence from Bond Covenant
Presenter:	Hadiye Aslan – Georgia State University, USA
Discussant:	Lukas Heinig – University of Münster, Germany
Title of Paper	The Role of Managers' Target Payout Ratio for the Information Content of Dividends
Presenter:	Lukas Heinig – University of Münster, Germany
Discussant:	Hadiye Aslan – Georgia State University, USA
Title of Paper	Why Are Opportunistic Stock-Financed Takeovers Accepted?
Presenter	Nils Lohmeier – University of Münster, Germany
Discussant:	Jiajun Tao – Bayes Business School, London, UK
Title of Paper	Corporate Social Responsibility and Post-Merger Labour Restructuring
Presenter:	Jiajun Tao – Bayes Business School, London, UK
Discussant:	Nils Lohmeier – University of Münster, Germany

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# SESSION TRACK: FINANCIAL REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ROOM: M323, 9.30 – 11.15AM SESSION CHAIR: NEETA SHAH

Title of Paper	Do managers compromise on service quality when facing earnings pressure
Presenter:	Zijian Liu – Bristol University, Bristol, UK
Discussant:	Giulia Fantini – Swansea University, Wales, UK
Title of Paper	Financial Statement Errors and Analysts: Obstacle or Opportunity?
Presenter:	Guanming He – Durham University, Durham, UK
Discussant:	Ruben Klemm – University of Muenster, Germany
Title of Paper	Narrative Tone and Share Price Anticipation of Earnings
Presenter	Sheehan Rahman – Brunel University, London, UK
Discussant:	Simon Wolf – University of Cologne, Germany
Title of Paper	Can the Tone and Readability of Annual Reports Predict Firm Performance?
Presenter:	Giulia Fantini – Swansea University, Wales, UK
Discussant:	Zijian Liu – Bristol University, Bristol, UK
Title of Paper	Quarterly Earnings Information: Implications for Annual Earnings Forecast Models
Presenter:	Simon Wolf – University of Cologne, Germany
Discussant:	Sheehan Rahman – Brunel University, London, UK
Title of Paper	Does Media Quality Increase Market Reaction Speed to Complex Firm Disclosures?
Presenter:	Ruben Klemm – University of Muenster, Germany
Discussant:	Guanming He – Durham University, Durham, UK

### DAY 1, THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2023 AFTERNOON SESSIONS 11.30AM – 1PM

#### SESSION TRACK: GREEN FINANCE GREEN FINANCE ROOM: M324, 11.30AM – 1PM

SESSION CHAIR: KRISTINA VASILEVA	
Title of Paper	Carbon Default Swap – Disentangling the Exposure to Carbon Risk Through CDS
Presenter:	Luca Taschini – University of Edinburgh Business School, Scotland, UK
Discussant:	Shuang Cen – Swiss Finance Institute, Switzerland
Title of Paper	Green Investors and Green Transition Efforts: Talk the Talk or Walk the Walk?
Presenter:	Shuang Cen – Swiss Finance Institute, Switzerland
Discussant:	Haiying Jia – Norwegian School of Economics, Norway
Title of Paper	Green asset premium in container shipping
Presenter	Haiying Jia – Norwegian School of Economics, Norway
Discussant:	Diana Tunaru – Kent University, Kent, UK
Title of Paper	The Green-adjusted Beta
Presenter:	Diana Tunaru – Kent University, Kent, UK
Discussant:	Luca Taschini – University of Edinburgh Business School, Scotland, UK

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SESSION TRACK: DIVERSITY IN F&A II ROOM: MG28, 11.30 – 1PM SESSION CHAIR: CHARLES AGYEMAN

Title of Paper	Parent CEOs and Corporate Investment
Presenter:	Shushu Liao – Kühne Logistics University – KLU, Germany
Discussant:	Alev Yildirim – Queens College, City University of New York (CUNY), USA
Title of Paper	Audit Partner Gender and Financial Statement Comparability
Presenter:	Mansoor Afzali– Hanken Business School, Finland
Discussant:	Muhammad Arslan – Open Polytechnic of New Zealand
Title of Paper	The Effect of Bias on Employee Suspicions of Co-Worker Guilt and Likelihood of Peer Reporting
Presenter	Stephani Mason – DePaul University, Chicago, USA
Discussant:	Mansoor Afzali – Hanken Business School, Finland
Title of Paper	Back to Taylorism? Job-Task Concentration and (In)significance of Employee Satisfaction
Presenter:	Alev Yildirim – Queens College, City University of New York (CUNY), USA
Discussant:	Shushu Liao – Kühne Logistics University – KLU, Germany
Title of Paper	CEO Compensation and Say on Pay: Does CEO-to-Employee Pay Ratio Matters?
Presenter:	Muhammad Arslan – Open Polytechnic of New Zealand
Discussant:	Stephani Mason – DePaul University, Chicago, USA

SESSION TRACK: CRYPTOCURRENCIES AND CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCIES (CBDC)
ROOM: M321, 11.30 – 1PM
SESSION CHAIR: JIE WEN

Title of Paper	Cooking the Order Books: Information Manipulation and Competition among Crypto Exchanges
Presenter:	Daniel Rabetti – Tel Aviv University, Israel
Discussant:	Fabian Wening – University of Münster, Germany
Title of Paper	Central Bank Digital Currency and Financial Stability
Presenter:	Tugba Bas – Nisantasi University, Turkey
Discussant:	Eman Alghufaili – Surrey University, Surrey, UK
Title of Paper	The Impact of CBDC on a Deposit-dependent Banking System
Presenter	Fabian Wening – University of Münster, Germany
Discussant:	Daniel Rabetti – Tel Aviv University, Israel
Title of Paper	Co-movement of Islamic Cryptocurrencies and Cryptocurrency Market Volatility
Presenter:	Eman Alghufaili – Surrey University, Surrey, UK
Discussant:	Tugba Bas – Nisantasi University, Turkey

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SESSION TRACK: INTERNATIONAL FINANCE & DERIVATIVES ROOM: M322, 11.30 – 1PM SESSION CHAIR: MASAR HADLA

Title of Paper	The effect of highway accessibility on corporate investment in China
Presenter:	Yanyu Zhou – Glasgow University, Scotland UK
Discussant:	Torsin Wouter – HEC Liège, Belgium
Title of Paper	Does Credit Information Sharing Affect Cross-Listing? International Evidence
Presenter:	Torsin Wouter – HEC Liège, Belgium
Discussant:	Yang Yue – University of Westminster, London, UK
Title of Paper	Do liquidity providers really become relatively more informed? Evidence from the UK market
Presenter	Yang Yue – University of Westminster, London, UK
Discussant:	Stephen Szaura – BI Norwegian Business School, Norway
Title of Paper	Accounting Transparency and the Implied Volatility Skew
Presenter:	Stephen Szaura – BI Norwegian Business School, Norway
Discussant:	Jivendra K. Kale – St Mary's College of California, USA
Title of Paper	A Behavioral Model for Pricing In the Money and Out of the Money S&P500 Call Options
Presenter:	Jivendra K. Kale – St Mary's College of California, USA
Discussant:	Yanyu Zhou – Glasgow University, Scotland UK

SESSION TRACK: FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND SERVICES ROOM: M323, 11.30 – 1PM SESSION CHAIR: LULU FENG

Title of Paper	Is Bank CEO Pay Sensitive to Operational Risk Event Announcements?
Presenter:	Kevin Amess – Nottingham Business School, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK
Discussant:	François Koulischer – University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg
Title of Paper	Long-term sustainability of pension system of Uzbekistan
Presenter:	Omonjon Ganiev – Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT), Uzbekistan
Discussant:	Kevin Amess – Nottingham Business School, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK
Title of Paper	Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions by Emerging Country Banks: What do Acquisition Premiums Tell Us?
Presenter	Canan Yildrim – Rennes School of Business, France
Discussant:	Omonjon Ganiev – Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT), Uzbekistan
Title of Paper	Bank Specialization and the Design of Loan Contracts
Presenter:	Marco Giometti – Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain
Discussant:	Canan Yildrim – Rennes School of Business, France
Title of Paper	Bank Competition and Bargaining over Refinancing
Presenter:	François Koulischer – University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg
Discussant:	Marco Giometti – Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

### KEYNOTE AGENDA

### FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AGENDA THEME: DIVERSITY IN FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

Thursday, 15 June 2023, Hogg lecture Theatre Keynote Agenda commences at 2.30pm followed by drinks reception.

#### 2.30 - 2.35pm - Opening Address

Presenter: Prof Harry Thapar,

Head of School of Finance and Accounting

#### 2.35 - 2.40pm - Welcome Address

Presenter: Prof Malcolm Kirkup,

Pro Vice-Chancellor and Head of College, Westminster Business School

#### 2.40 - 3.25pm - Keynote Address I

Prof Daniel Ferreira, London School of Economics (LSE), London

#### 3.25 - 3.30pm - EDI initiatives in the school

Presenter: Dr Sudha Mathew,

EDI Lead, School of Finance and Accounting, Westminster Business School

3.30 - 4.10pm - Keynote Address II

Jason Buwanabala, Senior Manager, PwC, London

4.10 - 4.50pm - Keynote Address III:

Kasia Jazeel, Manager, PwC, London

4.50 - 5.20pm - Q&A

5.20 - 5.25pm - Vote of Thanks

Presenter: Dr Charles Agyeman,

Lecturer in Accounting, School of Finance and Accounting

# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE DAY 2, FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023

<sup>\*</sup>Introductions by Mrs Feruza Yodgorova, Doctoral Student

#### **DAY 2, FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023** SESSIONS 9.30 - 11.15 AM

SESSION TRACK: SUSTAINABLE FINANCE AND REPORTING

ROOM: M321, 9.30 - 11AM SESSION CHAIR: TANTAWY MOUSSA

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Title of Paper	An examination of the extent and quality of corporate biodiversity disclosures: UK Evidence
Presenter:	Amani Faraji – University of Westminster, London, UK
Discussant:	Alhanouf Almubara – Norwich Business School, Norwich, UK
Title of Paper	Financial Analysts and sustainability reporting – Evidence based on the GRI standards
Presenter:	Ujjal Mondal – University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK
Discussant:	Xiang Dai – Australian National University, Australia
Title of Paper	Human Capital Disclosure and its Association with Firms' Profitability and Value
Presenter	Alhanouf Almubara – Norwich Business School, Norwich, UK
Discussant:	Amani Faraji – University of Westminster, London, UK
Title of Paper	Do You Have Any Questions? – When Analysts do not have questions on CSR issues in Earnings Calls
Presenter:	Xiang Dai – Australian National University, Australia
Discussant:	Ujjal Mondal – University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK

SESSION TRACK: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ROOM: M322, 9.30 - 11AM **SESSION CHAIR: PREM PUWANENTHIREN** 

Title of Paper	The Litigation Sensitivity Channel of Shareholder Rights
Presenter:	Tural Karimli – Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Germany
Discussant:	Lijuan Xiao – Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics, China
Title of Paper	Does Mandatory Disclosure Legislation Lead to More Obfuscation: Evidence from Europe
Presenter:	Olga Bogachek – Free University of Bolanzo, Italy
Discussant:	Tural Karimli – Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Germany
Title of Paper	Does Controlling Shareholder's Leveraged Stake-raising Affect External Audit Quality? Evidence from China
Presenter	Lijuan Xiao – Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics, China
Discussant:	Olga Bogachek – Free University of Bolanzo, Italy
Title of Paper	Culture, Corporate Governance & Sustainable Development
Presenter:	Brian Bolton – University of Louisiana at Lafayette, USA
Discussant:	Silvina Rubio – Bristol University, Bristol, UK
Title of Paper	Voting Rationales
Presenter:	Silvina Rubio – Bristol University, Bristol, UK
Discussant:	Brian Bolton – University of Louisiana at Lafayette, USA

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SESSION TRACK: PANDEMIC AND CRISES ROOM: M323, 9.30 – 11.15AM SESSION CHAIR: IOANNA LACHANA

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Title of Paper	Competition Network: Distress Spillovers and Predictable Industry Returns
Presenter:	Shane Johnson – Texas A&M University, USA
Discussant:	Feruza Yodgorova – Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT), Uzbekistan
Title of Paper	Does the Stock Market Care about Firms' Risk Management and Risk Management Disclosure?
Presenter:	Charlotte Neuss – Bamberg University, Germany
Discussant:	Shahram Amini – Daniels College of Business, USA
Title of Paper	Spillover Effects of Geopolitical Crises to CIS Banks: Early Warning Indicators of Bank Fragility
Presenter	Feruza Yodgorova – Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT), Uzbekistan
Discussant:	Shane Johnson – Texas A&M University, USA
Title of Paper	Abnormal Investment and Time-Varying Monitoring
Presenter:	Shahram Amini – Daniels College of Business, USA
Discussant:	Charlotte Neuss – Bamberg University, Germany
Title of Paper	Passing the "Great Lockdown" scenario: Evidence from macroprudential responses to Covid-19 for the UK banking sector
Presenter:	Stravos Pantos – University of Reading, Reading, UK
Discussant:	Lingbo Shen – University of Twente, Netherlands
Title of Paper	Team versus individual: Evidence from financial analysts during COVID-19 pandemic
Presenter:	Lingbo Shen – University of Twente, Netherlands
Discussant:	Stravos Pantos – University of Reading, Reading, UK

SESSION TRACK: FINANCING, ASSET PRICING AND VOLATILITY ROOM: M324, 9.30 – 11.15AM SESSION CHAIR: JASON CHENG

Title of Paper	Anomaly Time
Presenter:	Boone Bowles – Texas A&M University, USA
Discussant:	Ali Hassan – University of Westminster, London, UK
Title of Paper	Credit Risk, Liquidity Risk, Liquidity Creation, and Implications on Systemic Risk
Presenter:	Ali Hassan – University of Westminster, London, UK
Discussant:	Pascal Büsing – University of Muenster, Germany
Title of Paper	Risk-Premia – The Analysts' Perspective
Presenter	Pascal Büsing – University of Muenster, Germany
Discussant:	Xiyue Li – University of British Columbia, Canada
Title of Paper	More Exploratory, More Opaque: Startup Project Choice in Pursuit of Venture Capital Financing
Presenter:	Xiyue Li – University of British Columbia, Canada
Discussant:	Zhichao Li – University of Durham, Durham, UK
Title of Paper	Contribution to poverty alleviation: A waste or benefit for corporate financing?
Presenter:	Zhichao Li – University of Durham, Durham, UK
Discussant:	Boone Bowles – Texas A&M University, USA

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SESSION TRACK: DIVERSITY IN F&A III ROOM: MG14, 9.30 - 11AM SESSION CHAIR: FRED AGYEMANG

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Title of Paper	The Relationship of Board Diversity and Stock Performance in Monistic and Dualistic Board Structures: Results from Germany and UK	
Presenter:	Tim Herberger – Andrassy University, Germany	
Discussant:	Ishwar Khatri – Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway	
Title of Paper	Board Diversity and Carbon Performance: Evidence from the UK	
Presenter:	Ishwar Khatri – Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway	
Discussant:	Sudha Mathew – University of Westminster, London, UK	
Title of Paper	Board Diversity and Executive Compensation	
Presenter	Sudha Mathew – University of Westminster, London, UK	
Discussant:	Alexa Gonzalez Holden – Bank of Mexico, Mexico	
Title of Paper	The effect of gender disparities and Covid-19 on the time to repay of microfinance loans: Evidence from Mexico	
Presenter:	Alexa Gonzalez Holden – Bank of Mexico, Mexico	
Discussant:	Vaibhav Keshav Kamble – The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA	
Title of Paper	The Pandemic, Gender, and (firm) Performance	
Presenter:	Vaibhav Keshav Kamble – The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA	
Discussant:	Tim Herberger – Andrassy University, Germany	





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