



## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**2023 International Conference in Finance, Banking and Accounting**

**Montpellier Business School, Montpellier, France**

**08-09 September 2023**



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The **2023 International Conference in Finance, Banking and Accounting (ICFBA)**, will be jointly organized by [Montpellier Business School](#) (France) and the University of Portsmouth [School of Accounting, Economics and Finance](#) (UK). It will be under the auspices of the [Social and Sustainable Finance Chair](#) (MBS) and the [Centre for Innovative and Sustainable Finance](#) (UoP).

## CONFERENCE VENUE

The 2023 ICFBA will be **hosted by Montpellier Business School**, which is located in the city of Montpellier in southern France. [Montpellier](#) is the Capital of the Hérault department in the Occitanie Region. It is the 7th largest town in France, with a population of around 295,000 inhabitants. Its metropolitan area has a population of around 790,000. Well known for its pleasant climate, Montpellier is about 12km away from the Mediterranean coast.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

[Renée Adams](#), University of Oxford, UK

[Steven Ongena](#), University of Zurich, Switzerland

## EDITORS' ROUND TABLE

[Steven Ongena](#), Co-Editor of *Economic Inquiry*, the *International Journal of Central Banking*, the *International Review of Finance* and the *Journal of Financial Services Research*

[Beatriz García Osma](#), Editor of the *European Accounting Review*

[Haluk Ünal](#), Managing Editor of the *Journal of Financial Services Research*

## PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

The [Journal of Financial Services Research](#) (Impact factor 2021: 1.491; 5-year impact factor: 2.181; CABS: 3) will publish a special issue with selected high- quality papers from the conference. The title of the special issue will be “***Social, Sustainable and Innovative Financial Services***”. The guest editors of the special issue will be Renée Adams, Anastasia Cozarenco and Steven Ongena. All the papers will be subject to a review process in accordance with the standard policy of the Journal. The JFSR will waive the submission fee for papers submitted to this special issue.

The [International Journal of Banking, Accounting and Finance](#) (CABS: 2) will publish a special issue with selected high- quality papers from the conference. The title of the special issue will be “***Navigating the high inflation and increasing rates environment: implications for monetary policy, banking and financial markets***”. The guest editors of the special issue will be Moez Bennouri, Chrysovalantis Gaganis and Menelaos Tasiou. All the papers will be subject to a review process in accordance with the standard policy of the Journal.

## CONFERENCE THEME AND TOPICS

The conference theme is “**Sustainable finance and ESG issues in financial markets, banking and accounting**”

However, the conference aims to provide a forum for debate across various aspects of finance, banking and accounting. Therefore, topics of interest, although not limited to the ones below are:

- **Accounting:** Environmental accounting, Financial and non-financial disclosures (e.g. ESG, cybersecurity), ESG and the measurement of impairment losses, Forensic accounting, Green finance policy and audit quality, CSR auditing, etc.
- **Bank management:** risk management, corporate governance, M&As, bankruptcy, efficiency and performance, syndicated loans and ESG pricing, etc.
- **Corporate finance:** capital structure, dividend policy, mergers and acquisitions, IPOs, share repurchases, etc.
- **Corporate governance:** board of directors, remuneration, shareholder voting, corporate governance regulations, etc.
- **Financial markets:** stock markets, bond markets, mutual funds, globalization and integration, asset pricing, market volatility, behavioural finance, exchange rate markets, commodities markets, etc.
- **Financial regulation and monetary policy:** Basel framework, micro- and macro-prudential regulations, monetary policy, etc.
- **Financial stability:** competition, risk assessment, systemic risk, financial crises and resolution, etc.
- **FinTech:** crowdfunding, blockchain and cryptocurrencies, LendTech, machine learning and big data, PayTech, robo-advisors, etc.
- **Institutional environment:** formal and informal institutions, like legal system and social capital, etc.
- **Sustainable finance:** climate risk, ESG strategies, green bonds, social and green banking, microfinance, cooperative and mutual finance, central banks’ green finance policies, policy making initiatives (e.g., European Commission’s Action Plan: Financing Sustainable Growth), etc.
- **Real estate markets:** house pricing & housing bubbles, real estate markets and the macroeconomy, green finance for green buildings, etc.
- **Risk management:** credit risk, reputational risk, etc.
- **Taxation:** taxation implications of ESG strategies, tax avoidance, etc.

## PAPER SUBMISSION & CONTACT DETAILS

Papers (or Extended Abstracts with Key Results) must be submitted via the online submission system <https://icfba.eventsadmin.com> until April 15, 2023. For other enquiries, contact us at: [icfba@montpellier-bs.com](mailto:icfba@montpellier-bs.com)

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Submission deadline: April 15, 2023**

**Early registration deadline: June 15, 2023**

**Late registration deadline: June 30, 2023**

**Conference dates: 08 - 09 September 2023**

## CONFERENCE FEES

The registration fee for the participants includes registration materials, lunches, coffee breaks, and the welcome cocktail. Please note that the conference dinner on Friday 08 September 2023 is not included in the registration fee (additional registration required).

	<b>Early registration</b> (up to June 15, 2023)	<b>Late registration</b> (June 16 – June 30, 2023)
Academic Faculty	€ 380	€ 480
PhD Students	€ 290	€390
Conference dinner (8 June)	€75	€75

## CONFERENCE DINER:

Will take place at [La Plage Des Lézards](#) in Palavas-Les-Flot, feet in the sand and offering a breathtaking view of the Mediterranean sea.

### **Co-Chairs**

Moez Bennouri	Montpellier Business School, France
Anastasia Cozarenco	Montpellier Business School, France
Jia Liu	University of Portsmouth, UK
Fotios Pasiouras	Montpellier Business School, France
Menelaos Tasiou	University of Portsmouth, UK

### **Scientific Committee**

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John Wilson	University of St Andrews, UK
Ania Zalewska	University of Bath, UK

## SHORT BIO OF THE PLENARY SPEAKERS

**Renée Adams** is a Professor of Finance at Saïd Business School, University of Oxford. She is a Fellow of the European Corporate Governance Institute, a former Finance Department Editor at *Management Science*, and the former chair at the American Finance Association's committee for women in Finance (AFFECT). Her research focuses on information flows on boards, bank governance, group decision-making, the governance of central banks and gender diversity on and off boards. Her work has a strong policy orientation and lies at the intersection between economics, finance, management and psychology. In 2019 she won the Female Career Award from HEC Lausanne. This award honours twice a year an outstanding female academic career outside HEC and Renée won the 1st edition in 2019. Her publications have appeared in top accounting, economics, finance and management journals including the *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, the *Journal of Finance*, the *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Management Science*, the *Review of Economic Studies* and *Strategic Management Journal*.

**Steven Ongena** is a Professor of Banking in the Department of Banking and Finance at the University of Zurich, a senior chair at the Swiss Finance Institute, a research professor at KU Leuven, a research professor at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology Business School, and a research fellow in financial economics of CEPR. He is also a research professor at the Deutsche Bundesbank and a regular research visitor at the European Central Bank (ECB). He is currently a co-editor of *Economic Inquiry*, the *International Journal of Central Banking*, the *International Review of Finance*, and the *Journal of Financial Services Research*. In 2017 he received an ERC Advanced Grant, in 2012 an NYU-Fordham - RPI Rising Star in Finance Award, and in 2009 a Wim Duisenberg Research Fellowship of the ECB. His work has appeared in numerous top journals like: *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Finance*, *Review of Financial Studies*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Review of Finance*, *Management Science*, etc

## SHORT BIO OF EDITORS (ROUND TABLE)

**Beatriz García Osma** is Professor of Accounting at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and Research Member at ECGI. She is a visiting professor at Stockholm School of Economics. Previously, she was an Associate Professor at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. She holds a PhD in Accounting & Finance from Lancaster University, where she was also a Marie Curie pre- and post-doctoral researcher. She was elected to represent Spain in the Board of the European Accounting Association (2014-2020), and also, as a member of the EAA Management Committee (2014-2017). She is the editor of *the European Accounting Review* (2020-2023), a past editor of the *Spanish Journal of Finance and Accounting*, and she serves on several editorial boards of international journals. Her research focuses on the links between financial reporting, corporate governance and capital markets. She has published in, among others, the *Accounting Review*, *Journal of Accounting & Economics*, *Review of Accounting Studies*, *Accounting Organizations and Society*, *European Accounting Review*, *Journal of Corporate Finance*.

**Haluk Ünal** is a Professor of Finance, at the Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland, Special Advisor to the Center for Financial Research of the FDIC, and Senior Fellow at the Wharton Financial Institutions Center. He is also the Managing Editor of the *Journal of*

*Financial Services Research*. His current research focuses on executive compensation, corporate bonds, bank mergers, pricing default risk, risk management, and bank resolution costs. He is published in the *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, *Journal of Financial Services Research*, *Journal of Money Credit and Banking*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Review of Derivatives Research*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, and *Review of Financial Studies*. Mr. Ünal has been a consultant to the World Bank, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Department of Justice. He is also on the academic council of Standard and Poor's. Internationally, he delivered invited lectures in Portugal, China, Italy, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, and Turkey. He also held executive training for Bank of Beijing, China Merchants Bank, Banco Santander, Minsheng Bank, Fannie Mae, Hughes Network Systems, Oracle, PENN-Securities Association of China, SAIC, Wharton's International Housing and EMTM programs. Mr. Ünal has been the President of the Turkish-American Scientist and Scholars Association (TASSA) since 2010.

## **THE COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS**

### ***Montpellier Business School (MBS)***

Founded in 1897, MBS is a vibrant, innovative, and dynamic business school. It is triple accredited (AACSB, EQUIS, and AMBA) and offers a wide range of graduate and undergraduate programs including BBA, Master's, MSc, Executive MBA, and DBA programs, as well as tailor-made executive programs. In 2021, the BBA was the second-best bachelor's degree in France according to "L'Etudiant" ranking and the Master's in Management was ranked 56<sup>th</sup> in the world by the Financial Times. MBS welcomes approximately 4,000 students every year. Its main campus is ideally located in the south of France, in the city of Montpellier, which is one of the most attractive and fastest-growing cities in France. MBS' vision is to actively participate in the construction of a sustainable economy and society. This vision is shared and fulfilled by our 100+ faculty members (international faculty: 65% - 30 nationalities) who are dedicated to developing excellence both in teaching and research. MBS' teaching and research activities cover all traditional areas of management science. Every year, our faculty members publish over 150 articles in peer-reviewed journals listed in the CNRS, FNEGE, ABS, and FT50 rankings. 25% of these articles focus on societal themes that fit with the school's core values of ethics, openness, diversity, global performance, and social responsibility. Members of the accounting and finance department have varied methodological approaches and research interests including contract theory, corporate governance, cryptocurrencies, entrepreneurial finance, financial inclusion, herding behaviors, information asymmetry, international financial reporting standards, microfinance, as well as sustainable finance and social and environmental accounting.

### ***University of Portsmouth (UoP)***

The University of Portsmouth is a public university in Portsmouth (United Kingdom) with over 28,000 students. It comprises 5 faculties, each with their own schools and departments. In 2021, the UoP was given 5 stars from The QS World University Rankings for teaching, employability, internationalisation, facilities, arts and culture, and inclusiveness, while the Times Higher Education ranks UoP as one of the Top 150 Young Universities around the world. During the 2021 Research Excellence Framework (REF), the UoP ranked third of all modern post-92 universities in the UK for research power, which measures the quality and quantity of research submitted into the

exercise. 77% of submitted research was rated in the highest categories — world-leading and internationally excellent — with wide-ranging impacts on society, health, culture, and the environment. The Faculty of Business & Law is one of the five faculties of the University of Portsmouth, and home to the School of Accounting, Economics and Finance. In 2021, the University of Portsmouth's Business School was ranked by the Financial Times as one of the most influential business schools in the world for teaching power. For business and management, 65.8% of the research outputs, 100% of the research environment and 100% of the impact cases were judged as world-leading and internationally excellent during the 2021 REF.