

## **3rd Conference on Financial Markets and Corporate Governance RACV Club, Melbourne, Australia**

**Conference: Thursday 12 April - Friday 13 April, 2012**  
**PhD Symposium: Wednesday 11 April 2012**

### **Call for papers**

The La Trobe University (Finance and Accounting disciplines) in conjunction with the Queensland University of Technology (School of Economics and Finance), Victoria University of Wellington (School of Accounting and Commercial Law), Macquarie University (Departments of Accounting and Corporate Governance, and Applied Finance and Actuarial Studies), Curtin University (Department of Finance and Banking) and the Australian Centre for Financial Studies invite academics and research students to submit papers for consideration of presentation at the 3rd Conference on Financial Markets and Corporate Governance.

The conference will be held at the exclusive RACV club, which is conveniently located close to Melbourne's famous shopping lanes.

The highlight of the conference will be the recognition of Professor Philip Brown's significant contribution to capital market-based research in Accounting and Finance.

### **Deadlines**

Paper submissions for conference academic session: **15 December 2011**  
Research proposal (abstract) submission for PhD Symposium: **15 December 2011**

### **Awards**

Conference: 6 best paper awards (A\$1,000 each) and 6 Runner-up awards (A\$500 each)  
PhD Symposium: 5 best research proposal awards (\$500 each)

### **Dates**

PhD Symposium will be held on 11 April 2012  
Academics sessions of the conference will be held on 12 and 13 April 2012  
Two Practitioners Sessions will be held on 13 April 2012  
Conference Dinner will be held on 12 April 2012

### **Keynote speakers**

#### **Professor Renee Adams (University of Queensland)**

Renee has published in top tier accounting and finance journals including Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Review of Financial Studies and Journal of Accounting and Economics.

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### **Professor Douglas Foster (Australian National University)**

Doug has published in top tier finance journals including Journal of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, and Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis.

### **Professor Bruce Grundy (University of Melbourne)**

Bruce has published in top tier finance journals including Journal of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Business and Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis.

### **Professor Ferdinand A. Gul (Monash University, Sunway Campus, Malaysia)**

Ferdinand has published in top tier accounting and finance journals including The Accounting Review, Journal of Accounting Research, Journal of Accounting and Economics, Contemporary Accounting Research, Accounting Organization and Society and Journal of Financial Economics.

### **Professor John S. Howe (University of Missouri)**

John has published in top tier accounting and finance journals including Journal of Accounting Research, Journal of Business, Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics and Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis.

## Themes

The broad themes embedded in this international conference include:

• Accounting Disclosure Practices	• Emerging Markets
• Accounting Information	• Financial Markets
• Asset Pricing	• Financial Reporting
• Banking	• Funds Management
• Behavioural Finance	• Investments
• Corporate Finance	• Market Microstructure
• Corporate Governance and Social Responsibility	• Quantitative Finance
• Derivatives	• Risk Management
• Earnings Quality	• Sustainable/Socially responsible Investments

## Awards - Conference Academic Sessions

**Conference Academic session: There will be 6 best papers (\$1,000 each) and runner-up awards (\$500 each).**

- **Well developed papers from PhD students (not co-authored with supervisors)**  
Sponsor: School of Accounting and Commercial Law, Victoria University of Wellington
- **Accounting Stream**  
Sponsor: Accounting Discipline, La Trobe University
- **Asset Pricing/Emerging Markets /Financial Markets/Market Microstructure**  
Sponsor: Department of Finance and Banking, Curtin University

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- **Banking/Behavioural Finance/Corporate Finance/ Financial Economics**  
Sponsor: Finance Discipline, La Trobe University
- **Corporate Governance/Social Responsibility**  
Sponsor: Departments of Accounting and Corporate Governance, and Applied Finance and Actuarial Studies, Macquarie University
- **Funds Management/ Derivatives/Risk Management/Quantitative Finance**  
Sponsor: School of Economics and Finance, Queensland University of Technology

### **Selection of Award Conference Academic Sessions – Blind review 2 stages**

#### **Stage 1**

Papers will be shortlisted at the initial stage by **31 January 2012** and notified to contact author(s).

#### **Stage 2**

Authors of shortlisted papers should submit their final (blind) version of the paper on or before **28 February 2012** with their registration fees. Each shortlisted paper will be assessed by the panel of three experts of the program committee.

#### **Paper submission**

All submissions for the **Conference Academic Session** MUST be submitted via this link only:

<http://hq.ssrn.com/conference=2012-Fin-Corp-Gov-Conf>

Please use "Mozilla Firefox Web Browser" to submit paper for this conference

You will need to submit two copies of your paper in pdf format; one with authors information on it and the other without. Please indicate at the time of submission if you would like your paper to be considered for one of the awards. **You can choose only one Award category.**

The conference will only consider completed papers. If your paper is accepted, you are expected to act as chair/or discussant in your field of research. SSRN will create conference proceedings for this conference. Optional inclusion in conference proceedings - preference must be specified during the online paper submission process. Only one presentation may be made per person. If you have submitted more than one paper please ensure that should this paper be accepted by the selection committee for presentation, a co-author is available and willing to present the paper at the conference.

#### **Deadlines - Conference Academic Sessions - Submissions**

The deadline for submitting papers, consideration for awards is **15 December 2011**. Contributors must follow the submission procedure outlined on the website. Authors who wish to be considered for prizes must specify so upon initial submission in accordance with instructions on the conference website. Acceptance of papers will be notified around **31 January 2012**.

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### PhD Symposium

The symposium will provide PhD students with opportunities to receive high quality feedback for their academic work. It will also enable students to interact and network with eminent researchers from universities across the globe. Four eminent researchers will run workshop/seminars for PhD students at the symposium.

#### Awards – PhD Symposium

**Sponsor:** School of Business and Law, Auckland University of Technology

There will be 5 best Research Proposal (\$500 each) awards in the following streams.

- Accounting Information/Accounting Disclosure Practices/Financial Reporting
- Asset Pricing/Emerging Markets /Financial Markets/Market Microstructure
- Banking/Behavioural Finance/Corporate Finance/Financial Economics
- Corporate Governance/Social Responsibility
- Funds Management/Risk Management/Quantitative Finance

#### PhD research proposal submission

Abstract of the PhD proposal in pdf format MUST be sent by email to [FCGC@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:FCGC@latrobe.edu.au) on or before **15 December 2011**. Students will be notified around **15 January 2012** of acceptance of their proposal.

PhD students who want to be considered for the BEST PROPOSAL AWARD should submit the final (complete) version of their proposal on or before **15 February 2012** by email to [FCGC@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:FCGC@latrobe.edu.au) and register for the PhD symposium (Link for registration will be provided later). The deadline for submission of the final (complete) version of their proposal and registration for those students not aiming for the award is **15 March 2012**.

#### Deadlines – PhD Symposium– submissions

Submissions by email to: [FCGC@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:FCGC@latrobe.edu.au)

Submission of Abstract (Maximum 300 words)	<b>15 December 2011</b>
Acceptance of PhD proposal will be notified around	<b>15 January 2012</b>
Submission of Research Proposal (for consideration of award) (Maximum 5000 words)	<b>15 February 2012</b>

#### Eligibility

Mid-term PhD Students who are post confirmation i.e. have completed their first year in a relevant PhD program. Ideally, students will have a polished draft of their first/core empirical chapter and a clear plan for their yet to be completed dissertation. Limited places are available for those who have not yet completed one year in their program, but are well advanced in developing their research ideas.

#### Selection process for PhD Symposium awards

Members of the PhD symposium committee will assess all research proposals on the basis of their rigour, relevance and potential contribution to the literature.

#### PhD Symposium committee

Please contact Associate Professor Peter Verhoeven (Chair - PhD Symposium) if you are able to attend the PhD symposium and willing to serve on the PhD symposium Committee. Peter's email address: [peter.verhoeven@qut.edu.au](mailto:peter.verhoeven@qut.edu.au)

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### Registration (All fees includes GST)

<b>Early Bird Fee (payment received before 15 Feb 2012)</b>			
	<b>PhD Students</b>	<b>Academic Staff</b>	<b>Practitioners</b>
Conference including PhD symposium	A\$600	A\$700	A\$900
Conference excluding PhD symposium	A\$500	A\$600	A\$800
PhD symposium only	A\$200		
<b>Full Fee (payment received after 15 Feb 2012)</b>			
Conference including PhD symposium	A\$650	A\$800	A\$1000
Conference excluding PhD symposium	A\$550	A\$660	A\$900
PhD symposium only	A\$250		

### Conference Chair

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