

## **Conference Announcement & Call for Papers**

The Department of Finance in the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Melbourne is pleased to expand its annual conference series to embrace a new theme:

### **Finance Down Under: Building on the Best from the Cellars of Finance.**

Each year, the Saturday special session will build around a vintage work that has inspired advances and withstood the test of time. The Friday sessions will be open to papers from all areas in Finance. We invite you to join us, March 10-12, 2011 in delightful late-summer Melbourne, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1961 classic, "**Dividend Policy, Growth, and the Valuation of Shares**," by Miller and Modigliani.

Submissions are invited that embody the best in current theory and empirical advances in corporate finance or asset valuation for the regular Friday sessions. In addition, papers are invited for the special symposium session devoted to new research on distribution policy, growth and valuation.

In all, 15 competitive paper slots are available. Each presenting author is eligible for up to AU\$2000 towards airfare and accommodation costs. To ensure the highest quality interaction, overall attendance will be limited to 60. The program outline is as follows:

**Evening of Thursday March 10, 2011:** Welcome wine reception

#### **Friday March 11:**

Keynote Addresses:

Professor Peter Bossaerts (California Institute of Technology, Swiss Finance Institute, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne)

Professor Stephen Ross (MIT)

Parallel sessions in the morning and afternoon.

#### **Morning Saturday March 12:**

Keynote Address on the past and future of research on distribution policy, growth and valuation:

Professor Jeff Pontiff (Boston College)

Special session on new research on distribution policy, growth and valuation.

#### **Afternoon Saturday March 12:**

Tour of the Yarra Valley situated at the eastern boundary of Melbourne followed by dinner in the valley. The valley is best described as Napa circa 1975 - beautiful and peaceful.

The conference registration fee will include all sessions and functions. For partners and guests, a limited number of social-only registrations will also be available.

The deadline for submissions is November 18, 2010. Authors of selected papers will be notified by December 31, 2010.

Please email your submissions to AnnMaree Murray at [mua@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:mua@unimelb.edu.au)

The final program and further details will be available at the conference website that will be posted at <http://www.finance.unimelb.edu.au/>

Members of the Conference Selection Committee include:

Renée	Adams	The University of Queensland
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Ravi	Jagannathan	Northwestern University
Marcin	Kacperczyk	New York University
Michael	Lemmon	The University of Utah
Kian Guan	Lim	Singapore Management University
Alexander	Ljungqvist	New York University
Anthony W.	Lynch	New York University
Craig	MacKinlay	Wharton University of Pennsylvania
Robert L.	McDonald	Northwestern University
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Maureen	O'Hara	Cornell University
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Jacob	Sagi	Vanderbilt
Anthony	Sanders	George Mason University
Michael	Schill	University of Virginia
Mark	Seasholes	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Tom	Smith	The Australian National University
Per	Strömberg	Stockholm School of Economics

Melvyn	Teo	Singapore Management University
Garry	Twite	The Australian National University
Dimitri	Vayanos	London School of Economics
Jiang	Wang	MIT Sloan School of Management
Mitch	Warachka	Singapore Management University
Russ	Wermers	University of Maryland
David	Yermack	New York University

The Organizing Committee will award two Best Paper Awards:

***CEG Research Prize in Corporate Finance* AU\$2000**

***JCP Investment Partners Research Prize in Investments* AU\$5000**

Organizing Committee: Bruce D. Grundy, Spencer Martin, Stefan Petry

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