

EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION



EFMA 2026 Special Sessions & Events

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June 24, 2026, Wednesday, 19:45-20:00

Opening Ceremony

Venue: University of Agder - Main Hall

June 24, 2026, Wednesday, 20:00-21:00

Cocktail Reception

Venue: University of Agder – Main Hall

June 24, 2026, Wednesday, 9:00-19:15

EFM "Merton H. Miller" Doctoral Seminar

Venues: University of Agder – Auditorium B1 001, B1 007

June 24, 2026, Wednesday, 18:00-19:15

EFM "Merton H. Miller" Doctoral Special Session I:

"Finance & Accounting for Changing the World"

(Open to All conference delegates)

Organizer: Professor Carmen Olsen, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL) Business School

Moderator: Professor Carmen Olsen, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL) Business School

Venue: Auditorium B1 001

Panelists:

Associate Professor **Aksel Mjøs**, Norwegian School of Economics NHH

Presentation Title **"Accounting Information in Early-Stage Financing"**

Professor **Paul Griffiths**, EM Normandie Business School

Presentation Title **"Finance in the AI-era: DeFi in, Intermediaries out?"**

Professor **Carmen Olsen**, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL) Business School
Presentation Title **"The Energy Transition Through the Lens of Accounting and Finance"**

Description:

Integrating finance and accounting perspectives enables researchers to generate more holistic insights that support meaningful and sustainable transformation. This panel examines how bridging the two disciplines can strengthen research that aspires to create real-world impact.

Finance provides investment mechanisms that shape actions and resource allocation, while accounting offers the measurement, reporting, and control systems needed to track investments, intangible assets, performance, impact, and accountability.

Together, these perspectives can underpin a robust research agenda that deepens our understanding of complex problems and supports efforts to drive transformative change.

June 24, 2026, Wednesday, 19:15-19:30

"Merton H. Miller" Certification Ceremony

All PhD Students & Tutors/Instructors must attend

Venue: Auditorium B1 001

June 25, 2026, Thursday, 10:45-12:30

EFMA2026 Special Session II

"AI and Asset Management"

(Open to All conference delegates)

Organizer: Professor **Theo Vermaelen**, INSEAD

Moderator: Professor **Theo Vermaelen**, INSEAD

Venue: Auditorium B1 007

Panelists:

Professor **Dacheng Xiou**, University of Chicago

Presentation Title **"LLM Look-ahead Bias in Forecasting"**

Professor **Thierry Foucault**, HEC, Paris

Presentation Title **"Alternative Data and Active Asset Management"**

Professor **Yinan Su**, Johns Hopkins University

Presentation Title **"Topic for AI and Asset Management"**

June 26, 2026, Friday, 13:00–14:45

EFMA2026 Special Session III:

"Geopolitics & the Globalization of Finance"

(Open to All conference delegates)

Organizer: Professor **Arman Eshraghi**, Cardiff University

Moderator: Professor **Arman Eshraghi**, Cardiff University

Venue: Auditorium B1007

Panelists:

Professor, **Andrew Karolyi**, Cornell University

Presentation Title "**Equity Valuation Premium, Deglobalization, and Geopolitical Ruptures**"

Professor, **Ines Chaieb**, University of Geneva & Swiss Finance Institute

Presentation Title "**Financial Globalization in a World of Frictions, Institutions, and Geopolitical Risks**"

Professor, **Laurens Swinkels**, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Presentation Title "**Investing in your Enemies?**"

June 26, 2026, Friday, 15:15 - 16:15

EFMA2026 Keynote Address

(Open to All conference delegates)

Keynote Speaker: Professor **Lauren H. Cohen**, Harvard Business School

Title: "**Dinner Table Alpha**"

Venue: B1 018

June 26, 2026, Friday, 16:15 - 16:30

EFMA2026 Awards Ceremony

(Open to All conference delegates)

Venue: B1 018

EFM **Best Paper** Award (Top Download)

EFMA-WRDS, **Best Conference** Award

EFMA Best **Corporate Finance** Award

GARP Best **Risk Management** Award

EFMA Best **Financial Markets** Award

JOHN A. DOUKAS, **PhD Best Paper** Award

June 26, 2026, Friday, 20:00 - 23:00

Gala Dinner

Venue: Kilden Performing Arts Centre