Call for Papers

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"Fintech, Risk and Governance"

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Objective: The rapid development of the Financial Technology (FinTech) industry over the last decade has brought with it many advantages but also many challenges to borrowers, investors, financial institutions and regulatory authorities. FinTech stimulates new thinking, giving a fresh impetus to operations in the financial industry by forming the basis for new business models. Cloud-based computing, digital banking, distributed ledger technology (DLT) and Big Data enable web-based financial providers to develop markets and serve their customers better. Credit investigation, third-party payments, financial networking, and electronic investment are facilitated by this electronic revolution, contributing towards a truly global economy. On the other hand, such rapid innovation has met with as much criticism as praise, creating substantially higher risks for companies and investors and posing challenges to regulations and governance. Cybercrime is growing exponentially, with single breaches costing companies millions. Moreover, integrating block-chain technology and DLT with traditional financial infrastructures poses significant problems that remain to be overcome. Similarly, regulatory compliance is challenging for all types of financial institutions, and Regtech applications, such as automated reporting, automated auditing and artificial intelligence need to be developed to match companies' needs. We invite both theoretical and empirical papers, as well as workshop-style interventions, on these and related themes, giving you a remit to ask the most difficult and provocative questions.

Topics: We call for the submission of original work that gives attention to the following, by no means exclusive, possibilities: • The consequences of Fintech, Cloud Accounting and Shadow Banking for financial and risk management • Governance, regulation and financial stability • Financial services, companies, and society adapting and responding to these innovations • Changes in the nature of work • Impact on the global financial market and world economy (world of finance) • Crowdfunding • Marketplace lending and credit rating • Internet financial wealth management, product innovation and risk management • Risk spillovers of internet finance into traditional financial markets • Credit intermediation and Shadow Banking • Interface of behavioural finance and/or asset prices with marketplace lending; • Research methods applied to Fintech (financial modelling, big data, machine learning, etc.). In particular, we welcome papers that have an international focus, and implications for policy and practice in the global finance community and regulatory bodies.

Publication: All papers accepted for the conference are eligible to be considered for publication in the EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, in a special issue devoted to the conference. The papers will be handled by Jia Liu (<u>i.liu@salford.ac.uk</u>), Xuan Tian (<u>tianx@pbcsf.tsinghua.edu.cn</u>), and Wei Zhang (<u>weiz@tju.edu.cn</u>), the Guest Editors of the Special Issue. Note that acceptance of a paper for the conference is not a guarantee of publication by the EFM, and papers will be subject to the Journal's blind review process. Acceptance notices will be issued and sent to authors from the EFM office.

Electronic Submission: If you wish your paper to be considered for publication in the Special Issue, please indicate so in your cover letter. All papers must include an abstract of 100 words explaining the paper's original contribution. Papers should be submitted following the EFM procedure, together with submission fees, via the EFM submission link.

Key dates: Papers to be presented at the ICFT2020 conference: June 12th - 14th, 2020; deadline for submission of extended papers meeting EFM requirements: September 31st, 2020; paper decisions (accept, reject or revise): October 31st, 2020; submission of revised papers: January 31th, 2020; publication (estimated): November 2021.

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