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| Day 1: Saturday 25 th November 2023 | |
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| Refreshments and Registration: Main Atrium | 8.30-9.00 |
| Welcome Address | 9.00-9.15 |
| Prof. David Sadler- Provost Dubai- University of Birmingham Dubai | 9.15-9.30 |
| Opening Address: Main Auditorium | |
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| The Rt Hon. The Lord Udny-Lister - UK Chair, UAE-UK Business Council | 9:30 - 9:45 |
| H.E. Dr. Maryam Buti Al Suwaidi-Chief Executive Officer of the Securities and | 9:45-10:00 |
| Commodities Authority (SCA), UAE | 40.00.40.45 |
| H.E. Dr. Abdulrahman Al Hamidy – Director General Chairman of the Board, | 10:00-10:15 |
| Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) | 40.45.40.00 |
| Closing the opening session | 10:15-10:30 |
| Refreshment Break: Innovation Lounge | 10:30-11:00 |
| Session 1: Main Auditorium | 11:00-12.30 |
| Chair: Douglas Cumming, Florida Atlantic, USA | 44.00.44.00 |
| Operating Inflexibility and Greenhouse Gas Emissions: International | 11.00-11.30 |
| Evidence | |
| Sodak El Chaul University of Alberta Canada | |
| Sadok El Ghoul, University of Alberta, Canada | |
| Omrane Guedhami, University of South Carolina, USA | |
| Samir Saadi, Paris School of Business, France & Gulf University for Science & Technology, Kuwait | |
| Syrine Sassi, Paris School of Business, France | |
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| Discussant: Denis Schweizer, Concordia University, Canada | |
| CEO Sociopolitical Activism and ESG Rating | 11.30-12:00 |
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| Juliane Proelss, Concordia University, Canada | |
| Denis Schweizer, Concordia University, Canada | |
| Chen Zhang, John Molson School of Business, Canada | |
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| Discussant: Biwesh Neupane, University of Birmingham, UK | |
| The Toxic Triangle of State, Stake, and Institution: Sovereign Wealth Fund | 12:00-12:30 |
| Ownership and Firm ESG Reputation Risk | |
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| Biwesh Neupane, University of Birmingham, UK | |
| Andrew Marshall, University of Strathclyde, UK | |
| Santosh Koirala, University of Birmingham, UK | |
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| Discussant: Syrine Sassi, Paris School of Business, France | |
| Lunch – Innovation Lounge | 12.30-13.30 |
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| Signing ceremony of the MOU between the University of Birmingham and Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA), UAE | 13:30-13:50 |
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| Main Atrium | |
| Conference Photo - Main Atrium | 13:50 |
| Keynote Speech: Main Auditorium | 14:00-15:00 |
| The Risks and Opportunities of ESG Ratings | |
| Professor Zacharias Sautner, Professor of Sustainable Finance, University of | |
| Zurich, Senior Chair, Swiss Finance Institute | |
| Refreshment Break | 15:00-15:30 |
| Parallel Sessions | 15:30-17:00 |
| Parallel Session 2-A: Main Auditorium | |
| Chair: Omrane Guedhami, University of South Carolina, USA | |
| Does Climate Change Risk Influence the Performance of Newly Listed Firms? | 15:30-16:00 |

Shima Amini, Leeds University Business School, **Eilnaz Kashefi Pour, University of Birmingham, UK** Abdulkadir Mohamed, Leeds University Business School

Discussant: Xianda Liu, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Charity Experience of Directors and Corporate Social Responsibility: Global 16:00-16:30 Evidence

Xianda Liu, Institute of Finance and Banking, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Wenxuan Hou, University of Edinburgh Business School Brian G. M. Main, University of Edinburgh Business School

Discussant: Sabri Boubaker, EM Normandie Business School, France

Navigating Climate Changes: How Do Adaptation Initiatives Affect Corporate 16:30-17:00 Debt Choice

Sabri Boubaker, EM Normandie Business School, France

Qi Jin, Xiamen University, China Xiaoran Ni, Xiamen University, China Chi Zhang, University of Massachusetts Lowell, USA

Discussant: Eilnaz Kashefi Pour, University of Birmingham, UK

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| Parallel Session 2-B: Seminar Room 0208 Chair: Sofia Johan, Florida Atlantic, USA | 15:30-17:00 |
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| Do Green Innovations Attract Institutional Investors? | 15:30-16:00 |
| Athimet Chetteeraphat, University of Strathclyde, UK | |
| Krishna Paudyal, University of Strathclyde, UK | |
| Chandra Thapa, University of Strathclyde, UK | |
| Discussant: Suman Neupane-Joshi, University of Queensland, Australia | |
| The Effect of Opportunistic NPE Litigation Activity on Green Corporate | 16:00-16:30 |
| Innovation Strategies | |
| Piers Herring, University of Queensland, Australia | |
| Wenquan Li, University of Queensland, Australia | |
| Suman Neupane-Joshi, University of Queensland, Australia | |
| Discussant: Yuanyuan Wu, University of Sussex | |
| ESG Disclosure and Corporate Innovation | 16:30-17:0 |
| Yuanyuan Wu, University of Sussex | |
| Faek Menla Ali, University of Sussex | |
| Xiaoxiang Zhang, University of Sussex | |
| Discussant: Chandra Thapa, University of Strathclyde, UK | |
| Parallel Session 2C: Seminar Room 0209 | 15:30-17:0 |
| Chair: Denis Schweizer, Concordia University, Canada | |
| Take Back Control': The Implications of Brexit Uncertainty on Investor | 15:30-16:0 |
| Perception of ESG Reputational Events | |
| Erdinc Akyildirim, University of Zurich, Switzerland | |
| Thomas Conlon, University College Dublin, Ireland | |
| Shaen Corbet, Dublin City University, Ireland | |
| Les Oxley, University of Waikato, New Zealand | |
| Discussant: Habiba Al-Shaer, Newcastle University, UK | |
| Do Institutional Investors Reduce ESG-Based Reputational Risk? | 16:00-16:3 |
| Chandra Thapa, University of Strathclyde, UK | |
| Pratik Gupta, University of Strathclyde, UK | |
| Graeme Acheson, University of Strathclyde, UK | |
| Discussant: Shaen Corbet, Dublin City University, Ireland | |
| Macro Uncertainty Effects on ESG Performance and Carbon Emission | 16:30-17:0 |
| Reduction Targets | |
| Maha Alandejani, King Abdul-Aziz University, KSA | |
| Habiba Al-Shaer, Newcastle University, UK | |
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| Discussant: Pratik Gupta, University of Strathclyde, UK Gala Dinner- Amal Restaurant, Armani Hotel - Burj Khalifa | 19:00-23:0 |



| Day 2: Sunday 26 th November 2023 | |
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| Refreshments and registration: | 8.30-9.00 |
| Parallel Session 1-A: Seminar Room 0208 | 9.00-10.30 |
| Chair: Hisham Farag, University of Birmingham, UK | |
| Can We Enhance Investment with ESG? | 9:00-9:30 |
| Wanling Rudkin, University of Exeter, UK | |
| Charlie Cai, University of Liverpool, UK | |
| You Zhou, University of Leeds, UK | |
| Discussant: Zied Ftiti, EDC Paris Business School, France | |
| The Expected Returns of ESG Excluded Stocks. Shocks to Firms Costs of | 9:30-10:00 |
| Capital? Evidence from the World's Largest Fund | |
| Erika Berle, University of Stavanger, Norway | |
| Wanwei He, University of Stavanger, Norway | |
| Bernt Arne Ødegaard, University of Stavanger, Norway | |
| Discussant: Wanling Rudkin, University of Exeter, UK | |
| Do ESG Investments Improve Portfolio Diversification During Time of | 10:00-10:30 |
| Uncertainty? | |
| Hachmi Ben Ameur, INSEEC Grande Ecole, France | |
| Zied Ftiti, EDC Paris Business School, France | |
| Wael Louhichi, ESSCA School of Management, France | |
| Discussant: Wanwei He, University of Stavanger, Norway | |
| Parallel Session 1-B: Seminar Room 0209 | 09.00-10.30 |
| Chair: Shaen Corbet, Dublin City University, Ireland | |
| Does ESG Truly Enhances Financial Markets Performance in the Era of | 09.00-09.30 |
| Geopolitical Conflict and Uncertainty? | |
| Huan Huu Nguyen, University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City | |
| (UEH),Vietnam | |
| Duc Huu Nguyen, University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City | |
| (UEH),Vietnam | |
| Tam Ha Minh Nguyen, University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City | |
| (UEH),Vietnam | |
| Muhamad Ali Nasir, University of Leeds, UK | |
| Discussant: Yuna Heo, University of Basel, Switzerland | |
| Geopolitical Risk and Green Bond Issuance Around the World | 09.30-10:00 |
| Charilaos Mertzanis, Abu Dhabi University, UAE | |
| Imen Tebourbi, University of Birmingham, Dubai, UAE | |
| Discussant: Muhamad Ali Nasir, University of Leeds, UK | |
| Does High Inflation Delude Investors? | 10:00-10:30 |
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| Yuna Heo, University of Basel, Switzerland. | |
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| Chair: Eilnaz Kashefi Pour, University of Birmingham, UK | 09.00-10.30 |
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| Exit Performance of ESG-focused PE Portfolio Companies: The Effect of | 09.00-09.30 |
| Financial and Political Instability | |
| Muhammad Moshfique Uddin, University of Leeds, UK | |
| Anup Chowdhury, Leeds Beckett University, UK | |
| Keith Anderson, University of York, UK | |
| Discussant: Fatima Shuwaikh, Léonard de Vinci Pôle Universitaire, France | |
| The Impact of Sustainable Investments on Venture Capital Fund | 09.30-10:00 |
| Performance: A Focus on Clean Technology Investments | |
| Fatima Shuwaikh, Léonard de Vinci Pôle Universitaire, France | |
| Emmanuelle Dubocage, Paris-Est Créteil University, France | |
| Philip Scherbaum, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Portugal | |
| Discussant: Norah Almubarak, King Faisal University, KSA | |
| Venture Capital Screening Criteria: An intuitionistic Fuzzy Decision-Making | 10:00-10:30 |
| Trial and Evaluation Laboratory Approach | |
| Norah Almubarak ,King, Faisal University, KSA | |
| Tarifa Almulhim, King Faisal University, KSA | |
| Discussant: Anup Chowdhury, Leeds Beckett University, UK | |
| Refreshment Break | 10:30-11:00 |
| Parallel Session 2-A: Seminar Room 0208 | 44 00 40 00 |
| Chair: Sabri Boubaker, EM Normandie Business School, France | 11.00-12.30 |
| Immigration Fear, Populism, and Institutional Investors | 11:00-11:30 |
| Partha Roy, University of Southampton, UK | |
| Discussant: Vu Thuy Linh, ESADE, Ramon Llull University, Spain | |
| Institutional Shareholders' Networks and Corporate Greenhouse Gas | 11:30-12:00 |
| Emissions | |
| Jiaming Liu, University of Birmingham, UK | |
| Siti Farida, University of Birmingham, UK | |
| Discussant: Partha Roy, University of Southampton, UK | |
| The Impact of Government Ownership and Political Environment on ESG | 12:00-12:30 |
| Performance. Does Obama, Bush or Clinton's Era Make a Difference? | |
| Dumitrescu Ariadna, ESADE Business School, Ramon Llull University, | |
| Spain | |
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| Vicente Bermejo, ESADE Business School, Ramon Llull University, Spain | |
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| Parallel Session 2-B: Seminar Room 0209 Chair: Samir Saadi, Paris School of Business, France & Gulf University for Science & Technology, Kuwait | 11.00-12.30 |
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| ESG Mandatory Disclosures and Credit Spreads | 11:00-11:30 |
| Quentin Moreau, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Georgios Sermpinis, University of Glasgow Huihui Song, University of Liverpool Serafeim Tsoukas, University of Glasgow | |
| Discussant: Hamed Khadivar, University of Quebec in Montreal, Canada | |
| ESG Fund and Portfolio Firm' E&S Practice: From the Values to Value Perspective | 11:30-12:00 |
| Fengming Wang, University of Birmingham, UK Biwesh Neupane, University of Birmingham, UK Discussant: Sorafoim Tsoukas, University of Glasgow, UK | |
| Discussant: Serafeim Tsoukas, University of Glasgow, UK Accrual and Real Earnings Management by Rumored Takeover Targets | 12:00-12:30 |
| Frederick Davis, Concordia University, Canada Hamed Khadivar, University of Quebec in Montreal, Canada Discussant: Biwesh Neupane, University of Birmingham, UK Parallel Session 2-C: Seminar Room 0410 | 11.00-12.30 |
| Chair: Charilaos Mertzanis, Abu Dhabi University, UAE Economic Impact of Natural Disasters Under the New Normal of Climate Change: The Role of Green Technologies | 11:00-11:30 |
| Nikos Fatouros, University of Birmingham, Dubai Discussant: Muhammed Shahid Ebrahim, Durham University, UK | |
| Targeted Principal Forgiveness Is Effective: Mortgage Modification and Financial Crisis | 11:30-12:00 |
| Philip Kalikman, University of Cambridge, UK Joelle Scally, Federal Reserve Bank of New York Discussant: Nikos Fatouros, University of Birmingham, Dubai | |
| Quality and Revenue-Contingent Blended Infrastructure Financing: A Cultural Perspective | 12:00-12:30 |
| Wahyu Jatmiko, University of Indonesia Rafal Wojakoswki, University of Surrey Novriana Sumarti, Institute of Technology, Bandung, Indonesia Muhammed Shahid Ebrahim, Durham University, UK Discussant: Philip Kalikman, University of Cambridge, UK | |
| Lunch- Innovation Lounge | 12.30-13.30 |
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| Parallel Session 3-A: Seminar Room 0208 Chair: Chandra Thapa, University of Strathclyde, UK | 13.30-15.00 |
| Climate Policy Uncertainty and Crowdfunding Success of Renewable | 13.30-14.00 |
| Technology Campaigns | 10100 1 1100 |
| Xiuping Hua, University of Nottingham-Ningbo, China | |
| Jiadong Peng, University of Nottingham-Ningbo, China | |
| Sirui Cheng, University of Nottingham-Ningbo, China | |
| Jianwei Hu, Lingnan College Sun Yat-sen University, China | |
| Discussant: Maria Francisca Cruz, Lancaster University, UK | |
| Corporate Failure Prediction in the U.S. Energy Sector: Survival Analysis | 14.00-14.30 |
| Approach | 14.00 14.00 |
| Maria Francisca Cruz, Lancaster University, UK | |
| Discussant: Ahmed Elsayed, United Arab Emirates University, UAE | |
| The Fourth Industrial Revolution and Energy Markets: Are All Technological | 14.30-15.00 |
| Advances Alike? | 14.00 10.00 |
| Ahmed Elsayed, United Arab Emirates University, UAE | |
| Mabruk Billah, Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University | |
| Sinda Hadhri, ESDES, Lyon, France | |
| Discussant: Xiuping Hua, University of Nottingham-Ningbo, China | |
| Parallel Session 3-B: Seminar Room 0209 | 13.30-15.00 |
| Chair: Muhammad Moshfique Uddin, University of Leeds, UK | 10100 10100 |
| Firm ESG Performance and Stock Liquidity | 13.30-14.00 |
| Winifred Huang, University of Bath, UK | 10100 1 1100 |
| Ru Xie, University of Bath, UK | |
| Daniel De Gasquet, University of Bath, UK | |
| Discussant: Samir Saadi, Paris School of Business, France & Gulf University | |
| for Science & Technology, Kuwait | |
| Does Product Market Competition Matter to Carbon Emission? | 14.00-14.30 |
| Ramzi Benkraiem, Audencia Business School, France | |
| Ashrafee Hossain, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada | |
| Samir Saadi, Paris School of Business, France & Gulf University | |
| for Science & Technology, Kuwait | |
| Syrine Sassi, Paris School of Business, France | |
| Discussant: Santosh Koirala: University of Birmingham, UK | |
| Negative ESG Incidents and Corporate Political Connections | 14.30-15.00 |
| Rotana Sobhi Alkadi, King Abdul Aziz University, KSA | |
| Sandeep Rao, Dublin City University, Ireland | |
| Santosh Koirala: University of Birmingham, UK | |
| Discussant: Daniel De Gasquet, University of Bath, UK | |
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| Parallel Session 3-C: Seminar Room 0410 Chair: Zied Ftiti, EDC Paris Business School, France | 13.30-15.00 |
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| Corporate Culture and CSR Nexus: Role of Blockholders | 13.30-14.00 |
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| Haoying Zhou, University of Birmingham, UK | |
| Eilnaz Kashefi Pour, University of Birmingham, UK | |
| Wasim Ahmad, University of Cranfield, UK Biwesh Neupane, University of Birmingham, UK | |
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| Discussant: Mohammed Zakriya, IESEG School of Management, Lille, France | |
| What Drives Corporate ESG? Disentangling the Importance of investors, Managers, and Firms | 14.00-14.30 |
| Vicente Bermejo, Esade Business School, Spain | |
| Antonino E. Rizzo, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Portugal | |
| Mohammed Zakriya, IESEG School of Management, Lille, France | |
| Discussant: Abdul-Rahman Khokhar, Saint Mary's University, Canada | |
| CSR Performance and SEC Comment Letter Review Process | 14.30-15.00 |
| Abdul-Rahman Khokhar, Saint Mary's University, Canada | |
| Christine A. Panasian, Saint Mary's University, Canada | |
| Hesam Shahriari, College of Business, Prairie View A&M University, USA | |
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| Refreshment Break | 15.00-15.30 |
| Parallel Session 4-A: Seminar Room 0208 | 15.30-16.30 |
| Chair: Xiuping Hua, University of Nottingham-Ningbo, China | |
| Sustainable Banking: Unleashing the Potential of ESG Reputation for Stable | 15.30-16.00 |
| Financial Systems | |
| Banita Bissoondoyal-Bheenick, RMIT University, Australia | |
| My Nguyen, RMIT University, Australia | |
| Tung Lam Dang, Da Nang University, Vietnam | |
| Discussant: Zainab Gabr, University of Birmingham, UK | |
| Banks' Liquidity Creation Post Natural Disasters | 16.00-16.30 |
| Zainab Gabr, University of Birmingham, UK | |
| Danny McGowan, University of Birmingham, UK | |
| Discussant: Banita Bissoondoyal-Bheenick, RMIT University, Australia | |



| Chair: Suman Neupane-Joshi, University of Queensland, Australia Individual Investor Environmental and ESG Investment Preference Under Stress Grace Lepone, Macquarie University, Australia Anil Gautam, Macquarie University, Australia Discussant: Geeta Duppati, Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University, KSA Understanding the Approach of SWFs and PPFs Towards Green Investments Geeta Duppati, Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University, KSA Discussant: Anil Gautam, Macquarie University, Australia Parallel Session 4-C: Seminar Room 0410 Chair: Muhammed Shahid Ebrahim, Durham University, UK Responsible Investing: Upside Potential and Downside Protection? Yumeng Gao, Yale University, USA Andreas Hoepner, University College Dublin, Ireland Marcel Prokopczuk, Leibniz University, Germany Christoph Wuersig, Leibniz University, Germany Christoph Wuersig, Leibniz University of Birmingham, UK Green Assets are Not so Green: Assessing Environmental Outcomes using Machine Learning and Local Projections Anastasia Spyridou, Gdansk University of Technology, Poland Efstathios Polyzos, Zayed University, UAE Discussant: Khaldoon Albitar, University of Portsmouth, UK Modern Slavery Risk Mitigation and Corporate Financial Performance: The Moderating Impact of Governance Quality Khaldoon Albitar, University of Portsmouth, UK Ahmed Elmasry, Coventry University, UK Khaled Hussainey, University of Portsmouth, UK Hidaya Al Lawati, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman Discussant: Efstathios Polyzos, Zayed University, UAE Closing remarks, best paper awards and next steps 17.00-17.30 | Parallel Session 4-B: Seminar Room 0209 Chaire Suman Nounana Joshi University of Queensland, Australia | 15.30-16.30 |
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