We are glad to announce that our two keynote speakers will be Prof. Tim Jenkinson who is Professor of Finance at the Oxford Said Business School and Prof. Per Strömberg who is Professor of Finance at the Stockholm School of Economics.

Investing in private markets implies a deep knowledge of private equity (such as venture and growth capital, LBO), private debt (such as senior, mezzanine and distressed debt) and private real assets (such as private real estate, infrastructure and natural resources). Through challenging, it is becoming increasingly popular among institutional investors due to the low yield environment and the advocated diversification benefits of private investments. Despite the lack of comprehensive datasets for private markets, significant research breakthroughs have been made recently in understanding the performance and risk drivers of private investing. The 2nd annual private markets research conference is a forum to explore the latest advances in private markets research by combining academic and practitioner perspectives. This academic conference will take place in Lausanne on July 5-6, 2018. We welcome submissions on intermediated private equity, private debt, and private real assets but also, more broadly, papers that seek to improve the understanding of economics related to the private markets industry.

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Topics
Potential topics include, but are not limited to, private equity performance; incentives; asset allocation; secondaries; direct lending and mezzanine debt; farmland and timberland; private infrastructure; fund of funds; private equity real estate funds; impact investing; etc.

Submission
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