

## **Call For Papers Edinburgh Conference on Legal Institutions and Finance**

Sponsored By: University of Edinburgh Business School, 29 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9JS, UK

Conference Date: 13 June 2015 (Monday)

Submission Deadline: 15 April, 2016

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Ross Levine, Willis H. Booth Chair in Banking and Finance, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley

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**CONFERENCE THEME:** "Legal Institutions and Finance"

**LINK:** <http://lawfinance.weebly.com>

Legal Institutions are crucial for financial development. Strong laws and their enforcements define and enforce private property rights, facilitate private contracts and provide checks and balances on the government, and therefore promote economic activities and finance. Empirical evidence suggests that legal institutions differ a great deal across countries. This finding raises some critical questions such as how do countries with weak laws or enforcements cope with this problem? More specifically, how do their firms operate without the legal protection of private property rights and contracts? Do they have other, alternative or informal mechanisms to support property rights and facilitate private contracting, assuming these are the preconditions to economic growth? Research on these areas will advance our understanding of the role of

legal institutions in shaping financial development and may ultimately yield valuable insights for policy makers and institutional reforms.

TOPICS: To provide cutting-edge insights into current research work on legal institutions and finance, we invite papers on the following topics but are not limited to:

- Alternative institutions and financial growth;
- Culture and finance;
- Religion and finance;
- Governance of non-profit organisation;
- Litigation cases;
- Endowment and finance;
- Political determinants of financial development;
- Property rights and finance;
- Contract rights and finance;
- Misconduct and legal environment;
- Investor protections and finance;
- Legal procedures and finance;

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Full paper or 2-page detailed abstract are to be submitted to: [duantinghua@gmail.com](mailto:duantinghua@gmail.com) (Tinghua Duan) and [jannclacuk@gmail.com](mailto:jannclacuk@gmail.com) (Jiafu An) with the email subject as "Edinburgh Conference on Legal Institutions and Finance". Submissions from early career faculty members and PhD students are particularly encouraged.

- Submission deadline: 15 April, 2016
- Notification of acceptance: 30 April, 2016
- Conference date: 13 June, 2016

A one-day conference will be held at University of Edinburgh Business School on 13 June, 2016 (Monday). Presenting author is also expected to discuss a paper in the conference. Each presentation will be followed by 15 minutes discussion and 5 minutes Q&A. There will be no conference registration fee charged for presenters.