



Dear NFA members and prospective participants

Nippon Finance Association
2nd Fall Conference
Conference Chair: Kotaro INOUE

Nippon Finance Association 2nd Fall Conference: Call for Papers

Nippon Finance Association hosts fall conference, which we started last year, via online due to outbreak of COVID-19.

This year fall conference offers: (1) Junior Session (tutorial session for young scholars); (2) General Session; (3) Invited Speech; (4) Practitioner – Researcher Joint Session (tutorial talk on a latest topic by practitioners and researchers, and panel discussion). You are invited to submit your research papers for presentation consideration at the (1) Junior Session and (2) General Session via the NFA conference website no later than Wednesday September 30th, 2020 (Japanese time).

Conference Date/Venue/Registration fee

Date: Saturday December 5th, 2020.

Time: 9:30am – 5:00pm (tentative)

Venue: Online (likely Zoom)

Registration Fee: Free

Conference Chair: Kotaro INOUE

Program Co-Chairs:

Konari UCHIDA (academic session), Keisuke ITO (practitioner – researcher joint session)

Program (tentative)

Morning (1) Junior Session (Open Submission)

(2) General Session (Open Submission)

Afternoon 1: (3) Invited Speech (Speakers and topics will be announced soon)

Afternoon 2: (4) Practitioner – Researcher Joint Session

Theme: New Finance Business and Research Developed by Alternative Data and Machine Learning

Speakers and topics will be announced soon.

Presenter status and submission category

We open submissions for (1) Junior Session and (2) General Session. Please see the following information for your submission category. These conditions are not applied to non-presenting coauthors.

- i. Individual Member of NFA can submit to (1) Junior Session (see the following detailed requirements) and (2) General Session.
- ii. Non-Member of NFA (Graduate Students and Post-Doctoral Fellow) can submit to (1) Junior Session only. Accepted authors are suggested to apply for NFA membership. Full-time workers (e.g., working students) are required to apply for NFA membership and pay the membership fee by the conference date to include their paper/proposal in the program.
- iii. Non-Member of NFA (General) can submit to (2) General Session only. Accepted authors are required to apply for NFA membership and pay the membership fee by the conference date.

Detailed Requirements and Session Format

a. Junior Session

Graduate students, post-doctoral fellow, and young scholars (who received Ph.D within the last

three years) can submit a full paper or detailed abstract (5 pages or more) to Junior Session. Time allocation in this morning session will be determined later depending on the number of submissions. While no discussant is assigned, mentors (NFA directors and editors of academic journals) will join the session and make comments including advice on presentation style. Eligible scholars can submit a research to Junior Session only, or both to Junior Session and General Session. In the latter case, full paper submission is need and Program Committee will assign the paper to one of these sessions. We select papers/abstracts based on quality, while member first policy is applied to similar quality submissions. Presenters in this session are not required to post the paper on conference web-site. While presenters of detailed abstracts are not required to submit a full paper for web-site posting, these authors need to submit presentation slides to NFA office (nfa2020fall@nfa-net.jp) no later than November 12th, 2020. Presentations can be removed from the program when the slides are not submitted by the deadline or slides are judged NOT ready for presentation. Presenters can post the paper on conference web-site (NFA member-only page) if they wish to do so.

b. General Session

Full paper submission is accepted for General Session. Each presentation consists of 25 minutes presentation, followed by 7 minutes discussions and 8 minutes Q&A. This time allocation is subject to change depending on the number of submissions.

c. Invited Speech

To be announced.

d. Practitioner – Researcher Joint Session

We are happy to announce the new session that bridges between practitioners and researchers. The Practitioner – Researcher Joint Session consists of 1) tutorial talk on the latest research trend on a topic of practitioners' interest and 2) panel discussion by four practitioners and researchers. This year's theme is New Finance Business and Research Developed by Alternative Data and Machine Learning. We will announce speakers and topics soon.

NFA is planning to regularly host this joint session. We suggest practitioners and researchers who work on practical research to consider future submissions to this joint session. We hope this year joint session will help preparation of such submissions.

Submission Instruction

- (1) Submission web-site is now open. Please submit your papers/abstracts via following web-site.

<https://nfa-net.jp/post-report/submit2020fall/>

- (2) In the submission web-site, please fill presenter information (name, NFA member ID, affiliation, and e-mail address), co-author information (name, affiliation, and e-mail address), paper title, information of favorite discussants (name, affiliation, and e-mail address), and favorite session. Then, please upload pdf file of your paper or detailed abstracts (5 pages or more; Junior Session only). In submission to Junior Session only, please input "None" in the box of favorite discussants.
- (3) Please choose one or more research areas from the list that fit to your research well. The area list is attached below.
- (4) Please choose presentation language: i) Japanese; ii) English; or 3) either Japanese or English. Program Committee will assign option 3) presentations to Japanese or English session.
- (5) Submission deadline is Wednesday September 30th, 2020 (Japanese time). Submission confirmation mail will be sent if conference organizer successfully receives your submission. Please contact the conference office (see below for contact information) if you do not receive

confirmation mail within one day after your submission.

- (6) Program committee decision will be notified to submitting authors by October 23th, Friday. In the review process, program committee may ask authors for additional information on presentation.
- (7) Accepted authors may be asked to act as a discussant of other presentations.
- (8) We may limit the number of presentations by a single scholar, when we receive many submissions. In this case, Program Committee will accept the best quality paper of the author.
- (9) General Session presenters are required to submit pdf file of final version paper no later than November 12th, Thursday. The paper may be removed from the program, if the final version is not submitted by the deadline.
- (10) Fall conference program is available via NFA web-site only.

Paper accessibility and events

- (1) General Session papers, which are submitted by the deadline, will be posted on the conference web-site. NFA members can download papers anytime. We will not circulate CD-ROM proceedings.
- (2) No reception is held.

Research Area List

- (1) Asset Pricing (2) Fixed Income Securities (3) Equity Markets (4) Derivatives
- (5) Corporate Finance (6) Mergers; Acquisitions; Corporate Restructuring (7) Corporate Governance
- (8) Market Microstructure (9) Risk Management (10) Banking and Financial Intermediaries
- (11) Portfolio Choice; Investment Decisions (12) International Finance (13) Monetary Economics
- (14) Alternative Investments (15) Mathematical Finance (16) Financial Econometrics
- (17) Behavioral Finance (18) Experimental Finance (19) Accounting (20) Real Options
- (21) Insurance (22) Fund Management (23) Credit Risk (24) Real Estate (25) Commodities
- (26) Others (Finance-related)

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