

Dear NFA members and prospective participants

Nippon Finance Association 3<sup>rd</sup> Fall Conference Conference Chair: Hirofumi UCHIDA

# Nippon Finance Association 3<sup>rd</sup> Fall Conference: Call for Papers

The Nippon Finance Association (NFA) had been planning to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> fall conference in 2021 as an inperson conference at Kobe University, but based on the current status of the spread of coronavirus infections, has decided to do so as an <u>online conference</u>.

This year's conference offers: (1) Junior Session (tutorial session for young scholars); (2) General Session; and (3) Invited Keynote Speech. The NFA is please to invite submissions of your research for presentation via the NFA conference web-site no later than **September 15<sup>th</sup>**, **2021** (Wednesday) (Japanese time).

Conference Date/Venue/Registration fee Date: **November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021** (Saturday) Time: 9:30am – 5:30pm (planned) Venue: Online (Zoom planned to be used) Registration Fee: Free

Conference Chair: Hirofumi UCHIDA (Graduate School of Business Administration, Kobe University) Program Chair: Kenya FUJIWARA (Graduate School of Business Administration, Kobe University)

Program (tentative)(1) Junior Session (open for submission)(2) General Session (open for submission)(3) Keynote Speech

Submission and qualification

We open submissions for (1) Junior Session and (2) General Session. Those who qualify the following conditions are eligible to submit (these conditions are not applied to non-presenting coauthors).

- i. An individual member of the NFA can submit to (1) Junior Session (see the qualification below) and (2) General Session.
- ii. A non-member of the NFA who is a graduate student or a post-doctoral fellow can submit to (1) Junior Session only. Accepted authors are suggested to apply for the NFA membership. Full-time workers (e.g., working students) are required to obtain the NFA membership and pay the membership fee by the conference date so as for their paper/proposal to be included in the program.
- iii. A non-member of the NFA (other than ii.) can submit to (2) General Session only. Accepted authors are required to obtain the NFA membership and pay the membership fee by the conference date.

## Detailed Requirements and Session Format

(1) Junior Session

Graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and young scholars (who received Ph.D within the past three years) can submit a full paper or a detailed abstract (5 pages or more) to apply for Junior Session. Time allocation of this session will be determined later depending on the number of submissions. While no discussant is assigned, mentor(s) (NFA directors and editors of academic journals) will join the session and make comments including advice on presentation. Those eligible

can apply for Junior Session only, or for both Junior and General Sessions. In the latter case, we only accept submission with a full paper, and the program committee will decide the session to present. If there are too many applications, we select papers/abstracts based on their quality, while member first policy is applied to similar quality submissions. We do not post the papers for Junior Session on the conference web-site. A presenter applied with an abstract only is not required to submit a full paper, but he/she needs to submit presentation slides to the chair and the mentor no later than **November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 (Wednesday)**. Presentations might be removed from the program if the slides are not submitted by the deadline, or if they are judged as NOT ready for presentation. If presenters wish to do so, they can post the papers on the NFA member-only page.

#### (2) General Session

We only accept a submission with a full paper for presentation in General Session. Each presentation consists of 20 minutes presentation, followed by 10 minute discussions and 10 minute Q&As. The time allocation is subject to change depending on the number of submissions.

#### (3) Keynote Speech

Professor Alex Nicholls (Saïd Business School, Oxford University) Title: TBA (speech on Social Finance planned)

#### Submission Instruction

(1) Submission web-site is to be open on **August 17<sup>th</sup>**, **2021** (**Tuesday**). Submit your papers/abstracts via the following web-site.

### https://nfa-net.jp/post-report/submit2021fall/

- (2) At the submission web-site, please fill in presenter information (name, NFA member ID, affiliation, and e-mail address), co-author information (if any: name, affiliation, and e-mail address), paper title, information of favorite discussants (name, affiliation, and e-mail address), and preferred session. Please also upload PDF file of your paper (or detailed abstracts with 5 pages or more in the case of Junior Session). If the submission is for Junior Session only, please fill in "None" in the box for preferred discussants.
- (3) Please choose one or more research areas that best fit to your research from the list below.
- (4) Please choose presentation language: i) Japanese; ii) English; or iii) either Japanese or English. In the case of iii) the Program Committee will decide the language.
- (5) Submission deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Wednesday) (Japanese time). A submission confirmation email will be sent if we successfully receive your submission. Please contact the conference office (see below for contact information) if you do not receive the confirmation email within one day after the submission.
- (6) The decision to accept or reject your submission will be notified to the submitting authors by October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Friday). In the review process, the program committee might ask the authors for additional information on the presentation.
- (7) Accepted authors might be asked to serve as a discussant of other presentations.
- (8) For operational reasons, we may limit the number of presentations by a single person. In this case, the program committee will accept the best quality paper of the author.
- (9) The presenters for General Session are required to submit the PDF file of the final version of the paper no later than November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 (Wednesday). If they cannot meet this deadline, the paper might be removed from the program.
- (10)The program for this conference will be available via NFA web-site only.

Paper accessibility and conference events

(1) General Session papers, which are submitted by the deadline, will be posted on the conference web-

site. Once posted, NFA members can download the papers before and after the conference.

(2) There will be no reception for this conference.

Research Areas

(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) Fintech (27) COVID-19 (28) ESG Investment / Social Finance (29) Others (Finance-related)

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