



CALL FOR PAPERS

Global Research Alliance for
Sustainable Finance and Investment
2nd Annual Conference

4th – 5th September 2019

Hosted by the University of Oxford

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FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCE AND INVESTMENT



We are excited to announce the Call for Papers for the largest ever convening of academic researchers working on sustainable finance and investment.

The **Global Research Alliance for Sustainable Finance and Investment** (the 'Alliance') was founded in 2017 to promote multi-disciplinary academic research on sustainable finance and investment. The Alliance currently consists of 22 global research universities (with more joining), each with expertise in this emerging field.

Each year the Alliance aims to organise the major annual academic conference on sustainable finance and investment internationally. The Alliance is also developing academic collaboration between researchers working on sustainable finance and nurturing the growth and development of graduate students and junior academics working on these topics.

There is significant and growing interest among practitioners, policymakers, and civil society in sustainable finance and investment. High-quality, rigorous academic research can inform necessary developments in its theory and practice. Doing so will help align the financial system with global environmental sustainability, a necessary condition for implementation of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The 1st Annual Conference was held at the University of Maastricht in September 2018. The 2nd Annual Conference will be held at the University of Oxford on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th September 2019.

The 2nd Annual Conference is being hosted by the Oxford Sustainable Finance Programme at the University of Oxford Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment. The Conference Committee are seeking 40 high quality papers for the conference with each paper having a 30-minute speaking slot. Papers will be presented in sessions organised by asset class or a cross-cutting theme. Within each session papers are likely to come from different disciplines to foster inter-disciplinary collaboration and learning.

The conference is preceded on Wednesday 3rd September 2019 by a PhD workshop, where pre-selected PhD students will be invited to present their papers or projects. Faculty and senior researchers from Alliance Universities will provide feedback, as well advice on research, publications, and careers.

Other workshops may also be organised on the 3rd September and we encourage Alliance Universities and other organisations to organise side-events on this day.

There will be a day proceeding the conference on Friday 6th September for the Alliance Organising Committee. This will include Alliance strategy sessions on key areas of future cooperation, a debrief on the 2nd Annual Conference and a discussion of plans for the 3rd Annual Conference hosted by Columbia University in 2020.

More details about the conference can be found on the conference website: www.susfinalliance2019.org

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We are seeking a limited number of multi-year sponsors to support the Alliance annual conference and the activities of the Alliance.

PAPER SUBMISSION (Deadline Extended)

The deadline for submission is Monday 15th April 2019.

Submissions must be academic working papers not yet accepted for publication. Papers should be journal article length and include an abstract. For more details, and to submit your paper, please visit <https://www.susfinalliance2019.org>.

We invite submissions from any disciplinary, theoretical, or methodological perspective as long as they address topics within sustainable finance and investment.

The Conference Committee will be undertaking a double-blind peer review process.

If your paper is accepted, one of the authors is guaranteed a place at the conference, however, registration fees will still be due (see page 6).

PAPER PRIZES

There will be 7 paper prizes awarded at the discretion of the Conference Committee:

GRASFI Best Paper Prize (sponsored by BNP Paribas Asset Management) - £3,000

GRASFI Best Novel Methods Paper Prize (sponsored by UBS) - £1,500

GRASFI Best PhD Paper Prize (sponsored by the CFA Institute Financial Analysts Journal) - £1,000

GRASFI Best Paper Prize for Research on Sustainable Investment (sponsored by the CFA Institute Financial Analysts Journal) - £1,500

GRASFI Best Paper Prize for Research on Climate Finance (sponsored by Imperial College London) - £1,500

GRASFI Best Paper Prize for Research that Supports the Implementation of the One Planet Sovereign Wealth Fund Framework (sponsor TBC) - £TBC

GRASFI Best Paper Prize for Research that Supports Central Banks and Financial Regulators to Green the Financial System (sponsored by INSPIRE) - £1,500

New Prizes and Deadline Extension

On Monday 4th March 2019 we were pleased to announce two new paper prizes that are to be awarded at the conference:

GRASFI Best Paper Prize for Research that Supports the Implementation of the One Planet Sovereign Wealth Fund Framework

GRASFI Best Paper Prize for Research that Supports Central Banks and Financial Regulators to Green the Financial System

At the time of writing, we have already received a large number of papers.

However, we want to maximize the opportunity for scholars to be considered for these new prizes. We therefore announced a deadline extension to Monday 15th April 2019.

The value of these new prizes will be confirmed shortly, as will the sponsors.

Papers already submitted for the previous deadline (Friday 1st March 2019) will be automatically considered for these new prizes.

Papers will be presented over 14 conference sessions.

Draft session themes are below:

Banking
Bonds
Cognition and Behaviour
Corporate Governance
Environmental Performance And Credit Quality
Financial Regulation and Supervision
Infrastructure Investment
Innovative Methods And Datasets (e.g. geospatial analysis, big data, machine learning etc)
Insurance and Reinsurance
Listed Equities
Nature and Biodiversity
Pension Funds
Sovereign Investors (SWFs, state-owned banks etc)
Stranded Assets

PHD WORKSHOP

To apply for the PhD workshop you must be an enrolled PhD student at the time of the conference. To apply for a place, you must submit a draft journal article length paper or a detailed research proposal.

The deadline for submission is Friday 3rd May 2019.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

Academic Researcher Full Conference Registration: £250 per person and includes catering and beverages during the day, as well as both evening receptions and conference dinners. Ticket numbers are limited.

Academic Researcher Day-only Registration: £150 per person to attend during both days. Includes catering and beverages during the day but does *not* include participation in the reception and dinner each evening.

Practitioner Registration: £1,000 per person and prospective attendees must apply with a biography and details of their research interests for consideration. The price includes attendance at both evening receptions and conference dinners. There are a very limited number of tickets and we expect there to be a waiting list.

Government, Regulator, and Civil Society Registration: £500
This category is for civil servants, regulators, and civil society practitioners working on sustainable finance-related topics. The price is per person and prospective attendees must apply with a biography for consideration. The price includes catering and beverages during the day, as well as both evening receptions and conference dinners. There are a very limited number of tickets and we expect there to be a waiting list.

PhD Student Registration: PhD students must submit a draft journal article length paper or a detailed research proposal to be considered for attendance at the PhD Workshop on Tuesday 3rd September 2019. If they are accepted for the PhD Workshop their registration fee for the whole conference will be waived. PhD students who have not had their papers accepted will be able to apply for either of the Academic Researcher categories (see above).

We may have a limited number of bursaries to support participation and these will prioritise early career researchers and PhD students based in developing countries.

Accommodation is not included in the registration fee. Bedrooms have, however, been pre-reserved at some of the colleges within the University of Oxford.

More information on all aspects of registration can be found on the conference website: www.susfinalliance2019.org

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday 3rd September - PhD Workshop
(for a limited number of PhD students only)

Venue: Oxford Martin School

1000 – 1700 (with lunch)

Other side-events organised TBC

Wednesday 4th September - Conference Day I

Venue: The Examination Schools

0930 - 1030 - Registration

1030 - 1200 - Welcome and
Opening Keynote (*tbc*)

1200 - 1300 - Parallel sessions

1300 - 1400 - Plenary lunch

1400 - 1530 - Parallel sessions

1530 - 1600 - Tea/coffee break

1600 - 1730 - Parallel sessions

1730 - 2100 - Reception and dinner at
The Great Hall, New College

Thursday 5th September - Conference Day II

Venue: The Examination Schools

0930 - 1100 - Parallel sessions

1100 - 1130 - Tea/coffee break

1130 - 1300 - Parallel sessions

1300 - 1400 - Plenary lunch

1400 - 1530 - Parallel sessions

1530 - 1600 - Tea/coffee break

1600 - 1730 - Parallel sessions

1800 - 1900 - Closing Keynote (*tbc*) at
The Sheldonian Theatre

1900 - 2200 - Reception and dinner at
The Divinity School, The Bodleian Library

2200 until late - Conference party at
Freuds Café

Friday 6th September – GRASFI Organising
Committee Meeting (*GRASFI Members only*)

Venue: Oxford Martin School

1030 - 1530 (with lunch)





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