



5th Anniversary Conference

27-28 September 2017

Conference Venue:



LUM University, Km. 1.500, SP130, 76125 Trani, Italy



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<http://www.finest-network.eu>

I. Overview of the Conference

In occasion of the fifth anniversary of its establishment, FINEST is organizing its first Conference. The LUM University Jean Monnet will host the conference between the 27 and 28 September 2017.

The **Scientific Committee** is composed by:

- Alessandro Carretta, University of Rome “Tor Vergata”
- Barbara Casu, Cass Business School, U.K.
- Ephraim Clark, Middlesex University, U.K.
- Franco Fiordelisi, University of Rome III, Italy and Middlesex Business School, U.K.
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- Ana Lozano Vivas, University of Malaga, Spain
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- Roman Matousek, University of Kent, U.K.
- Enrico Onali, University of Aston, U.K.
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- Antonio Salvi, LUM University, Italy
- Klaus Schaeck, University of Lancaster, U.K.
- Amine Tarazi, Université de Limoges, France
- Francesco Vallascas, University of Leeds, U.K.
- John O.S. Wilson, University of St. Andrews, U.K.

The **Organizing Committee** is composed by:

- Candida Bussoli, LUM University, Italy
- Marika Carboni, University of Rome III, Italy
- Antonello Garzoni, LUM University, Italy
- Massimo Mariani, LUM University, Italy
- Angeloantonio Russo, LUM University, Italy
- Filippo Vitolla, LUM University, Italy

We are very pleased to invite you to submit papers in all areas related to financial intermediation. Both theoretical and empirical papers are encouraged in areas, which include (but are not limited) to:

- Banking and Financial Services

- Capital Structure
- Corporate Governance
- Complex Banking Products and Financial Engineering
- Efficiency and Productivity Analysis
- Exchange Rates
- Financial Stability
- Insurance
- Microfinance and Economic Development
- Monetary Policy and Central Banking
- Financial Regulation and Supervision
- Risk Management

Your contribution to the FINEST 2017 Conference as a presenter, discussant or session chair is greatly appreciated. In addition to the regular sessions of academic research, the program will also include a Young Economist Session (YES).

II. Keynote Speakers

Manju Puri is J.B. Fuqua Professor of Finance at the Fuqua School of Business, Duke University and Director of the FDIC's Center for Financial Research. She is also a research associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research. She has been honored as an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellow and currently serves as the president of the Financial Intermediation Research Society. Prior to arriving at Duke, Professor Puri was associate Professor of Finance at Stanford University's business school. Professor Puri has published widely in the leading finance journals including The Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics and Review of Financial Studies. Professor Puri has served as a co-editor of the Journal of Financial Intermediation, as well as on the Editorial Boards of several journals including The Journal of Finance, Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, Journal of Empirical Finance, Journal of Financial Research and Journal of Financial Services Research.

Anjan Thakor is John E. Simon Professor of Finance at the Olin Business School, Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL). He is also Director of Doctoral Programs at the Olin Business School and Director of the CFAR. His research interests are in the area of Financial Economics, Banking and Financial Institutions, Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Innovation and Growth. Prior to joining the Olin Business School, he was Professor of Banking and Finance at the Ross School of Business, University of Michigan, where he also served as Chairman of the Finance area. He has served on the faculties of Indiana University, Northwestern University, and UCLA. He widely published in top international journals, such as The Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics and Review of Financial Studies. Professor Thakor has served in the Editorial Boards of several leading journals in finance and he was President of Financial Intermediation Research Society (2006-2008) and Managing Editor of Journal of Financial Intermediation (1996-2005). In a recent study of articles published in the top seven finance

journals since 1959, Anjan Thakor was placed at number four in the rankings of the most prolific authors. Anjan Thakor also ranked number 11 among those published in the larger selection of 26 finance journals.

III. Publication opportunities



The Conference organizers in collaboration with the editors of the **Journal of Financial Stability (JFS)** will invite the authors of selected conference papers to submit their manuscripts to the JFS. Although there is no special issue associated with the Conference, the editorial team of the journal will ensure the selected papers undergo a fast-track review process while maintaining the otherwise regular editorial, refereeing, and revision standards of the journal. This special consideration is granted in light of the anticipated high caliber of the papers in the Conference program.



Papers presented at the conference (excluding papers on mathematical finance) will be invited for submission to **Economic Modelling (EM)**. These papers will have the review process expedited in collaboration with the conference organizer, but the process will follow the journal review guidelines.

IV. Important Conference Dates

Submission Procedure Open	1 March 2017
Deadline for Paper/Detailed Abstract Submission:.....	9 April 2017
Notification of Acceptance by:	1 May 2017
Early-Bird Registration Deadline:	15 May 2017
Conference Program Disclosure:	10 June 2017
Conference Papers Final Version Due Deadline.....	1 September 2017
Gala Dinner.....	28 September 2017
Conference Dates:	from 9 am of September 27 th to 6 pm of September 28 th , 2017

VI. Submission procedure

Those interested in presenting a paper at the Conference are kindly invited to submit their completed paper or a detailed abstract (the more complete the paper, the better) through the Conference website:

<http://www.finest-network.eu/index.asp?finest-5th-anniversary-conference>

VII. Registration fees

- Faculty
 - Registration fees-early (before May 15, 2017, midnight GMT+1) € 290
 - Registration fees-regular (May 15, 2017 – 20 September 2017) € 390

- Full time students
 - Registration fees-early (before May 15, 2017, midnight GMT+1) € 190
 - Registration fees-regular (May 15, 2017 – 20 September 2017) € 290

- Professionals/Practitioners
 - Registration fees-early (before May 15, 2017, midnight GMT+1) €390
 - Registration fees (May 15, 2017– 20 September 2017) €490

The registration fees will cover administration and organizational costs as well as coffee, lunch breaks and farewell drink. There will be an extra cost (TBA) for tickets for the social dinner.

VIII. Venue and bus shuttle service

The conference will take place in Trani, i.e. is a wonderful small town in the south of Italy and it is 30 minutes by car from the Bari international airport. [For more information about Trani, see please:](#)

- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trani>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LL4b1ZtGwKE>

A shuttle service will be available from/to:

- Selected hotels from/to conference site (included in the conference fees)
- Bari airport from/to hotels selected for the conference (on request, not included in the conference fees)

Further details on hotels, shuttle services and conference sites will be available shortly on the Conference website.

VIII. Further Information

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