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08.30

Arrival, Registration

08.50

Welcome Remarks

Carlo Florio (Vice-Rector for Budget Sustainability Policies, University of Milan)

Marta Degl'Innocenti (University of Milan)

Session 1

Chair: Paola Brighi (University of Milan)

9.00-09.45

Title: The limits of local laws in global supply chains: Extending governance or cutting ties?

Authors: **Hendrik Schub** (IWH Halle)

Discussant: **Julien Sauvagnat** (Bocconi University)

9.45-10.30

Title: Biodiversity Impact Reduction and Efficiency of Working Capital Management

Authors: **Stefano Piserà** (University of Genova)

Discussant: **Alberta Di Giuli** (ESCP Turin Campus)

10.30-11.15

Title: Climate Risk Engagements

Authors: **François Derrien** (HEC Paris)

Discussant: **Marco Pagano** (University of Naples Federico II)

11.15-11.45 Coffee break

11.45-12.30

Keynote Speech

TBA

Session 2

Early Ideas Session: Claudia Girardone (University of Essex)

12.30-12.45

Title: The Rise of Green Banks: Implications for Inclusive Green Finance in the U.S

Authors: **María José Arteaga Garavito** (Bocconi University)

12.45 -13.00

Title: The green side of corporate reputational risk: does nature play a role?

Authors: **Francesca Battaglia** (University of Naples Parthenope)

13.00-13.15

Title: Information leakage and the bidding process in LBOs

Authors: **Tereza Tykvova** (University of St. Gallen)

Lunch**13.15-14.30**

Session 3

Chair: Ornella Ricci (Roma Tre University)

14.30-15.15

Title: Producing AI Innovation and Its Value Implications

Authors: **Ambrus Kecskés** (York University)

Discussant: **Laurent Fresard** (University of Lugano)

15-15-16.00

Title: Real Effects of Unconventional Monetary Policy

Authors: **Ye Gao** (University of Bristol)

Discussant: **Simone Manganeli** (European Central Bank)

16.00-16.45

Title: Loans and human capital: Manager mobility in the financial sector and credit allocation

Authors: **Enrico Stivella** (Bocconi University)

Discussant: **Christopher M. James** (University of Florida)

16.45 Concluding Remarks

Fiordelisi Franco (President of FINEST)

Notes on the invited discussants, chairs, and speakers

Francesca Battaglia is Associate Professor of Banking and Finance at the University of Naples Parthenope. Her research interests lie in banking, risk management, and alternative finance. She has published in international peer-reviewed journals on topics such as bank securitization and systemic risk, the role of intellectual capital in equity crowdfunding, and financial stability in European banking markets. She regularly presents her work at international conferences and contributes to collaborative research networks in banking and corporate finance. In addition to her research, she teaches courses in finance and banking, combining theoretical perspectives with empirical applications.

Paola Brighi is a Professor of Finance at the University of Milan, Italy. Her research primarily focuses on banking, corporate finance, ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) integration, and credit risk assessment, with a particular interest in how financial institutions adapt to systemic challenges such as climate change, regulatory reform, and inequality. She is a frequent contributor to edited volumes and international collaborations, and she has received several national and international grants for her research.

François Derrien is Professor of Finance at HEC Paris. His research focuses on corporate finance, specifically examining how the environment of firms influences their financing and investment decisions, ultimately affecting their performance and value. He studied the impact of security analysts on corporate policies, as well as the effect of investors' horizons on firms' decisions. More recently, his work has focused on understanding how local labor markets affect firms. He is also interested in ESG regulations and ratings and their impact on firm valuation and firm policies. His work has appeared in finance journals like the *Journal of Finance*, the *Review of Financial Studies*, and the *Journal of Financial Economics*.

Alberta Di Giuli is Dean of ESCP Turin Campus and Professor of Finance at ESCP Business School. She was previously based at ESCP Paris Campus from 2011 to 2023. Prof Di Giuli has held several prominent positions within the ESCP Business School, including Head of the Finance Department from 2020 to 2022. She is a Research Member at the ECGI (European Corporate Governance Institute). Her research focuses on ESG, Climate Finance, Corporate Governance, Media Coverage, and Political Connections. Professor Di Giuli received her MSc cum laude in Business Administration, majoring in Finance, and her PhD from Bocconi University. She has presented her research at numerous major academic and practitioner conferences. Her work has been published in journals such as the *Journal of Financial Economics* and the *Journal of Financial Intermediation*.

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María José Arteaga Garavito is a Ph.D. candidate in Finance at Bocconi University (expected 2025), specializing in financial intermediation, regulation, and climate finance. Before her doctoral studies, she worked as a financial stability researcher at the Bank of Mexico (2016–2020). In 2023, she served as a Senior Associate at the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), and in Spring 2024, she was a visiting scholar at Columbia Business School. Her recent work includes publications such as "When Markets Get COVID: Contagion, Virus, and Information Diffusion" in the *Journal of Financial Economics*, and the paper "International Climate News," which explores how climate-related media coverage influences capital flows and currency values.

Claudia Girardone is Dean of Essex Business School and Professor of Banking and Finance. She is also Academic Fellow at the Centre for Responsible Banking and Finance (University of St Andrews) and a member of the Scientific Committee of EMANES. She has held visiting scholar roles at the Bank of England and the International Monetary Fund. Her research focuses on banks' financial and social performance, corporate governance, stability, and access to finance. She has published widely in top international journals and is co-author of *Introduction to Banking* (Pearson FT, 2021, 3rd ed.). She also serves as Associate Editor for several journals, including the *International Journal of Finance and Economics* and *The European Journal of Finance*. Professor Girardone is a Trustee of the Money Macro Finance Society, where she chairs the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She regularly organises international conferences, such as the annual Essex Finance Centre (EFiC) conference, and is frequently invited to contribute to academic and policy discussions in banking and finance.

Laurent Fresard is Professor in the Department of Finance at University of Lugano. His research interests cover a wide range of topics in corporate finance, real effects of finance, product markets, industrial organization, international finance, mergers and acquisitions, cross-listings, innovation, text analytics. He holds a Master's Degree from the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland. His research has been published in the *Journal of Financial Economics*, the *Review of Financial Studies*, *Management Science* among others.

Ye Gao is a PhD student in Finance at the University of Bristol Business School, affiliated with its prominent Banking Research Group. His current doctoral research is conducted under the umbrella of this group, which is among the largest of its kind in the UK. He is also a contributing author to research on the real effects of unconventional monetary policy, notably as a co-author of the SSRN paper "*Real Effects of Unconventional Monetary Policy*" alongside Piotr Danisewicz, Tobias Dieler, and Klaus Schaeck.

Ambrus Kecskés is a Professor of Finance at the Schulich School of Business at York University. He studied at the Rotman School of Management and earned a B.Com. and Ph.D. in Finance, both from the University of Toronto. His main research expertise and interests lie at the intersection of financial markets and the real economy. He has published numerous papers in the top finance and accounting journals. He is an Associate Editor at the *Journal of Corporate Finance*. His research has won many best paper awards at conferences around the world and is regularly cited by such media outlets as *The Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg*, *Forbes*, the *Financial Post*, the *Globe and Mail*, and CBC News. His teaching focuses on corporate finance and ranges from the undergraduate to the

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Simone Manganelli is the Head of the Financial Research Division at the European Central Bank (ECB), where he leads research on financial markets, systemic risk, and monetary policy transmission. With over two decades at the ECB, he has held various senior roles across research, monetary policy, and market operations. His academic contributions span financial econometrics, risk management, and macro-financial linkages. He is notably the co-developer of the CAViaR model (Conditional Autoregressive Value at Risk) with Nobel laureate Robert Engle, a significant advancement in risk measurement. His research has been published in leading journals, including the *Journal of Financial Intermediation*, *Journal of Econometrics*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, and *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*. Recent work includes studies on systemic risk in non-listed euro-area banks and the interplay between financial conditions and growth-at-risk, reflecting his ongoing focus on financial stability and policy-relevant research. Manganelli holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California, San Diego.

Christopher M. James is the William H. Dial/SunTrust Eminent Scholar in Finance and Economics at the University of Florida. Professor James is also a senior advisor to Cornerstone Research. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Florida, he taught at the University of Michigan and the University of Oregon. He received a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan in 1978 and an MBA in Finance from the University of Michigan in 1977. His research has been published extensively in academic and professional journals in the areas of banking, corporate finance and applied econometrics. He has served as an editor or associate editor of several journals, including *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Financial Economics*, *Journal of Financial Intermediation*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis* and *Journal of Financial Services Research*. Professor James's current research focuses on the role of financial intermediaries in the corporate capital acquisition process and on the valuation of mortgage backed securities.

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Julien Sauvagnat is an Associate Professor in the Department of Finance at Bocconi University. His research interests cover a wide range of topics in financial economics. He holds a Master's Degree from the HEC School of Management and a Ph.D. from the Toulouse School of Economics. His research has been published in the Journal of Finance, the Review of Financial Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics among others.

Tereza Tykvová is the Chair of Private Markets and Alternative Investments at the Swiss Institute of Banking and Finance, University of St. Gallen, a position she has held since February 2020. Her research probes private equity, venture capital, entrepreneurial finance, and M&A, exploring topics such as peer effects of leveraged buyouts, customer reactions to private equity takeovers, and governance structures in PE-backed IPOs. Previously, she served as Professor of Corporate Finance at the University of Hohenheim (2012–2020) and was a senior researcher at ZEW Mannheim (2007–2012). She is a prolific scholar with numerous peer-reviewed publications, including widely cited pieces such as *"Venture Capital and Private Equity Financing: an Overview of Recent Literature and an Agenda for Future Research"* (2018)

Hendrik Schub is a PhD candidate and economist at the Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH), where, since July 2023, he has focused on assessing policies and advancing the sustainable transformation of economies. He holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Mannheim.