



Essex Finance Centre (EFiC) 2025 Conference in Banking and Corporate Finance

Thursday 26 June and Friday 27 June 2025 | Rimini, Italy

The Essex Finance Centre (EFiC) at Essex Business School, the Department of Statistical Sciences "Paolo Fortunati" at the University of Bologna, and the Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis-Europe (RCEA-Europe) are jointly organising the ninth edition of the EFiC Conference in Banking and Corporate Finance that will take place in person on 26-27 June 2025 at the University of Bologna – Campus of Rimini, Italy.

The objective of the Conference is to bring together leading academics, practitioners and policymakers and give them the opportunity to present state-of-the-art research in the broad areas of banking and corporate finance. The Conference will feature a keynote speech and a policy roundtable session. It will also include a dedicated PhD session to give research students the opportunity to present their work and receive developmental feedback from expert PhD mentors.

We solicit papers in the following areas, in alphabetic order, but other related areas may also be considered:

- Banking and financial services
- Behavioural finance
- Big data applied to banking and finance
- Climate finance
- Corporate finance
- Corporate governance
- Digital finance
- Diversity and women in finance
- Entrepreneurial finance
- Financial crisis and resolution
- Fintech and financial innovation
- International finance
- Monetary policy and central banking
- Non-bank financial intermediaries (NBFIs)
- Political economy of central banking
- Portfolio and risk management
- Rethinking of financial regulation and supervision
- SMEs financing

Keynote speaker

Bo Becker is the Cevian Capital Professor of Finance in the Department of Finance at the Stockholm School of Economics and Director of the Swedish House of Finance. He previously worked at the University of Illinois and at Harvard Business School. Professor Becker has served as the department editor for finance at Management Science and an associate editor of the Review of Financial Studies, Management Science and Financial Management.

Professor Becker's research is on corporate finance, especially corporate credit markets. Recent topics include corporate bank lending and bond issuance through the business cycle, credit ratings, covenant structures of loans and bonds, in-court and out-of-court restructuring, and the impact of Covid-19 on corporate credit markets. His research has been published in the Journal of Finance, the Journal of Monetary Economics, the Journal of Financial Economics, the Review of Financial Studies and other journals.

Professor Becker has been awarded several prizes and grants, including the Standard Life Prize for best paper in the ECGI Finance WP series, the Nordea Price for Best Corporate Finance Paper at the European Finance Association's annual meeting and the Lamfalussy Research Fellowship from the European Central Bank.



Publication opportunity

Best papers solicitation: Corporate Governance: An International Review

The Conference is pleased to announce the solicitation of the best papers on the theme of Financial Intermediation and Corporate Governance in the *Journal of Corporate Governance: An International Review* (CGIR).

Solicitation process:

- Authors wishing to have their papers considered by the CGIR must indicate their interest explicitly in the submission email. Papers submitted for this solicitation must not be under review at any other journal or the CGIR, nor should they have been previously rejected by the CGIR.
- A joint committee comprised of the Conference Committee and the CGIR Editorial Team will review accepted conference papers and invite selected authors for possible publication in the CGIR after the conference. Invited papers will undergo the Journal's regular peer review process, maintaining the CGIR's high publication standards.

Conference committee

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Paper submission

Interested authors should submit their paper by email to efic@essex.ac.uk by Monday 24 March 2025 using the following format for the file name: *EFiC_SubmittingAuthorSurname_PaperTitle.pdf*.

PhD students should indicate if their submission is for the PhD session, otherwise it will be considered for the main session.

Authors interested in the publication opportunity should indicate their interest in the submission email.

We strongly encourage early submissions. Periodic reviews of submissions will be conducted, therefore, it is possible for authors to receive decision notifications prior to the final decision deadline on Monday 7 April 2025.

Registration fees

	Standard fee (until 19/05/2025)	Late fee (until 02/06/2025)
Academics	€300	€350
Business & Policymakers	€350	€400
Students	€150	€180
Conference dinner (Thursday)	€90	€90

Important dates

Submission deadline:	Monday 24 March 2025
Decision notification:	Monday 7 April 2025
Standard registration deadline:	Monday 19 May 2025
Late registration deadline:	Monday 2 June 2025
Conference dates:	Thursday 26 June - Friday 27 June 2025

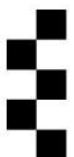


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