

Real Estate Finance and Investment Symposium

September 23-25, 2020

Call for Papers

The University of Cambridge (*Department of Land Economy*), the University of Florida (*Bergstrom Real Estate Center*), the University of Geneva (*Geneva Finance Research Institute*), and the National University of Singapore (*Institute of Real Estate and Urban Studies and Department of Real Estate*) announce a call for papers for their joint *2020 Real Estate Finance and Investment Symposium*. The symposium will feature longer, more in-depth paper presentations and will allow ample time for discussion among presenters, assigned discussants, and other participants. The event will be held in a relaxed yet focused setting aiming to inspire a critical mass of leading academics in the field to create new thoughts and insights on general finance, real estate finance, and investments topics.

The symposium will be hosted by the *Geneva Finance Research Institute* and will take place at the Geneva School of Economics and Management of the University of Geneva. Hotel accommodation (two nights for researchers from Europe, three nights for those from overseas) and group meals will be provided by the organizing institutions. All travel costs will be borne by the participants.

The organizers do not wish to necessarily limit the focus of the conference, and papers on any real estate-related finance or economics topic are welcome. However, subject to sufficient interest, we may try to focus the symposium on one or more of the following themes:

- Real estate risk management
- Leverage, capital structure and real estate
- Infrastructure investment and privatization
- Real estate price index methodology and performance measurement
- Economics of sustainability in real estate
- International real estate investment
- “Big Data,” ML and AI in real estate finance research
- Behavioral approaches to real estate
- Derivatives

Paper Submission

The deadline for submission of papers is May 1st, 2020. From the submissions, the organizers will select approximately eight papers for presentation at the symposium, with notification to authors by June 15th, 2020. All accepted authors may choose to submit their papers for publication in a special issue of the *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics* with an expedited review subsequent to the symposium. Only full papers will be considered.

Authors should submit their papers electronically to:

- Martin Hoesli (gsem-realestate-symposium@unige.ch), *Geneva School of Economics and Management*

The Program

The participants are expected to arrive on Wednesday, September 23. All presentations will be on Thursday and Friday (September 24-25). There will be no parallel sessions, and all participants are expected to attend all sessions, and play an active role in them. Each paper presentation session will last at least 45-50 minutes, including sufficient time for paper presentation, formal discussion, and general Q&A with the audience.

Format

Wednesday, September 23

- Pre-conference reception and dinner

Thursday, September 24

- 9:00 AM, 3 paper sessions
- 12:00 PM, Lunch
- 2:00 PM, 3 paper sessions
- 6:30 PM, Conference Dinner

Friday, September 25

- 9:00 AM, 3 paper sessions
- 12:00 PM, Lunch
- 2:00 PM, conference closing

Organizers

- University of Cambridge: Colin Lizieri and Thies Lindenthal
- University of Florida: Wayne Archer, David Ling, and Andy Naranjo
- University of Geneva: Martin Hoesli
- National University of Singapore: Joseph Ooi and Tien Foo Sing

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