

MSC IN FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY - FINTECH DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS FACULTY OF FCONOMICS & POLITICAL SCIENCES







Conference Program



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Friday, 20 December, 2024

16.30 – 17.00	Opening Remarks	Cyclades and Panel Session Virtual Room A		
17.00 – 19.00	Panel Session 1: "Greek Property Market: Quo Vadis?"	Cyclades and Panel Session Virtual Room A		
19.15 – 21.00	Panel Session 2: "Entrepreneurship and the Public Sector"	Cyclades and Panel Session Virtual Room A		
Saturday, 21 December, 2024				
09.00 - 10.15	RS 1. Financial Institutions and Services I RS 2. Artificial Intelligence in Accounting and Finance II	Cyclades 1-2 and Virtual Conf. Room 1 Cyclades 3 and Virtual Conf. Room 2		
	RS 3. Financial Institutions and Services II RS 4. Management Accounting RS 5. ESG III	Metis 2 and Virtual Conf. Room 3 Metis 3 and Virtual Conf. Room 4 Metis 4 and Virtual Conf. Room 5		
10.30 - 11.45	RS 6. Climate Change and Reporting I RS 7. Asset Pricing RS 8. ESG I RS 9. Artificial Intelligence in Accounting and Finance I	Cyclades 1-2 and Virtual Conf. Room 1 Cyclades 3 and Virtual Conf. Room 2 Metis 2 and Virtual Conf. Room 3 Metis 3 and Virtual Conf. Room 4		
	RS 10. Corporate Finance	Metis 4 and Virtual Conf. Room 5		
12.00 - 12.45	Keynote Speech: "The Problem of Business Evil"	Cyclades 1-2 and Panel Session Virtual Room B		
12.45 - 13.45	Panel Session: "Improving Research in Accounting and Finance"	Cyclades 1-2 and Panel Session Virtual Room B		
13.45 - 14.30 14.30 - 15.45	Lunch RS 11. Financial Accounting I RS 12. Auditing I RS 13. Performance Measurement RS 14. Financial Markets RS 15. Financial Reporting	Cyclades Hall Cyclades 1-2 and Virtual Conf. Room 1 Cyclades 3 and Virtual Conf. Room 2 Metis 2 and Virtual Conf. Room 3 Metis 3 and Virtual Conf. Room 4 Metis 4 and Virtual Conf. Room 5		
	Lunch RS 11. Financial Accounting I RS 12. Auditing I RS 13. Performance Measurement RS 14. Financial Markets	Cyclades 1-2 and Virtual Conf. Room 1 Cyclades 3 and Virtual Conf. Room 2 Metis 2 and Virtual Conf. Room 3 Metis 3 and Virtual Conf. Room 4		



Conference Information

Conference Venue

The venue of the conference is the Grand Hyatt Athens Hotel. All conference sessions will be hybrid, that is both in person and through ZOOM. The panel sessions scheduled for Friday, 20th of December, will take place at the Cyclades Hall of the hotel. The panel and regular sessions scheduled for Saturday, 21st of December, will take place, at Cyclades 1-2, Cyclades 3, Metis 2, Metis 3 and Metis 4 halls of the hotel, as outlined in the conference program.

Access to the Conference Venue

Grand Hyatt Athens is located at 115, Syngrou Avenue, Athens, 11745, Greece, in close proximity to the historical and cultural center of Athens. It can be easily accessed via public transportation, with the nearest metro station being "Syngrou/Fix" (1.2 km from the venue), while the nearest tram station is "Kasomuli" (1.5 km from the venue).



Virtual Conference Room Links

The links for the Virtual Conference Rooms are as follows

Virtual Room Zoom Links	Links	
Panel Session Virtual Room A Friday 20 December, 17.00-21.00 (YouTube link in parenthesis)	https://zoom.us/j/98223865296 (https://www.youtube.com/@HFAA2024/streams)	
Panel Session Virtual Room B Saturday 21 December, 12.00-14.00 (YouTube link in parenthesis)	https://zoom.us/j/98943842785 (https://www.youtube.com/@HFAA2024/streams)	
Virtual Conference Room 1	https://zoom.us/j/91200995548	
Virtual Conference Room 2	https://zoom.us/j/94662751908	
Virtual Conference Room 3	https://zoom.us/j/97051438096	
Virtual Conference Room 4	https://zoom.us/j/98652174957	
Virtual Conference Room 5	https://zoom.us/j/93808353846	

Department of Business Administration, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

The Department of Business Administration aspires to be a dynamic member of the National Kapodistrian University of Athens in terms of education, research, and engagement with business and society, offering its students the most diverse education. The Department's vision is to achieve academic excellence while maintaining close ties with the business community in order to build a prosperous future. The Department's mission is to continuously transfer knowledge through excellence in teaching and research, thereby creating opportunities and prospects for students, the teaching staff, and their stakeholders. As an active educational entity, the Department provides and generates knowledge, shaping leaders who transform and improve businesses and organizations. In this way, it promotes and ensures a better future for future generations, encompassing quality of life, economic systems, and the environment. The Department has launched the MSc in Financial Technology (FinTech), New emerging technologies, inextricably linked to finance, are reshaping the financial market landscape. The specific postgraduate programme, with its innovative content and its targeted specialization, aims to fill a gap in the use and organizational and operational consequences of new technologies in the context of finance, while also providing a strong professional orientation. The MSc in Financial Technology is intended to provide structured and targeted education to both current and future financial professionals, taking into account the most modern tools on the market today. Students gain a solid foundation in financial principles as well as a thorough understanding of the potential of new technologies through a combination of theory and practice. The course curriculum adapts to the rapid and constant changes that occur in today's increasingly complex financial systems.



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Dear Guests and Participants - Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 23rd Annual Conference of the Hellenic Finance and Accounting Association, taking place in Athens between the 20th and 21st of December, 2024. The conference is organized by the Postgraduate Programmes offered by the Department of Accounting and Finance, School of Business Administration, University of Macedonia, in collaboration with the Master's Programme in Financial Technology – Fintech, offered by the Department of Business Administration and the Department of Economics, School of Economic and Political Sciences, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

The global economy faces significant challenges fueled by recent developments. Policymakers have an open crisis agenda with a growing list of socioeconomic and financial uncertainties. These challenges create opportunities for professionals practicing accounting and finance as well as academics to come up with innovative solutions, using evidence-based and data-driven analysis. They have highlighted the impetus of promoting the constructive collaboration between Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and the public sector. The conference seeks to offer a platform for scientific dialogue on these significant issues using advanced knowledge, innovative approaches and cutting-edge methods.

To further explore the current challenges in Accounting and Finance, the conference hosts two Panel Sessions on Friday, 20th of December, entitled "Greek Property Market: Quo Vadis?" and "Entrepreneurship and the Public Sector". In addition to the interesting presentations scheduled for Saturday, 21st of December, it is with great pleasure and honor to announce that the program of the Conference will include a Keynote Speech by Professor John Thanassoulis, The University of Warwick entitled "The Problem of Business Evil", as well as, an Editors' Panel entitled "Improving Research on Accounting and Finance". Finally, in keeping with our Association's longstanding track of supporting the development of junior researchers, I would like to invite experienced colleagues to contribute their knowledge and insights in the dedicated PhD session.

I want to express my gratitude to all of the attendees for their intriguing talks, the distinguished guest speakers, and the committed HFAA members whose ongoing assistance and active involvement ensure the success of the association's events each year. Last but not least, I would like to thank the Organizing and Scientific Committees for their valuable assistance in organizing this year's Conference, as well as the Sponsors of the Conference who play a key role in its success.

Sincerely Yours,

Christos I. Negkakis, Professor
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Member of the Board of Directors of the University of Macedonia
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The HFAA Annual Conference has been long established as a key event in the fields of Finance and Accounting, providing an exceptional platform for academics, professionals, PhD candidates and students to connect and collaborate. It facilitates the exchange of ideas, the enhancement of knowledge, the discussion of research initiatives, the exploration of emerging issues and the pursuit of solutions to economic challenges.

We are delighted by the significant number of research papers and their exceptional scientific quality, addressing contemporary topics in Accounting and Finance. We believe that this year's conference will uphold its tradition of excellence, marked by impeccable organization and high scientific standards, made possible by the contributions of distinguished participants from Greece and abroad.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the successful organization of this Conference, including the HFAA, the University of Macedonia, the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and the Scientific and Organizing Committees.

On behalf of the Scientific and the Organizing Committees, we thank you for your participation in the 23rd Annual Conference of the Hellenic Finance and Accounting Association (HFAA) and we wish you a fruitful and active engagement in the proceedings of the 23rd HFAA Conference.

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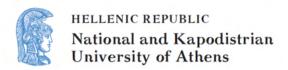
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FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2024

Grand Hyatt Athens, Cyclades Hall and Panel Session Virtual Room A





16:30 - 17:00

Room: Cyclades and Panel Session Virtual Room A

17:00 - 19:00

Room: Cyclades and Panel Session Virtual Room A

Session Chair: Konstantina Dimitrouli, Journalist. ERT

19:00 - 19:15

19:15 - 21:00

Room: Cyclades and Panel Session Virtual Room A

Session Chair: Aristeidis Samitas, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece **Opening Remarks**

Christos Staikouras, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation

Aristeidis Samitas, Professor, Vice Rector of Finance and Development, Director of MSc FinTech, Department of Business Administration, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

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Panel Session 1: "Greek Property Market: Quo Vadis?"

Dimitrios Gounopoulos, Professor, University of Bath, UK

Dr. George Christopoulos, Secretary General for Economic Policy and Strategy, Greece

Alexandros Kontonikas, Professor, Essex Business School, UK

Dr. Ilias Lekkos, Group Chief Economist, Piraeus Bank, Greece

Evangelia Papapetrou, Professor, University of Athens and Bank of Greece

Stratos Paradias, Lawyer, President of Hellenic Property Federation

Coffee Break

Panel Session 2: "Entrepreneurship and the Public Sector"

Kostantinos Kostopoulos, Vice President, Hellenic Court of Audit, Greece

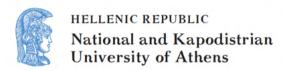
Gikas A. Hardovvelis, Chairman of the Board of Directors - National Bank of Greece, Chairman of the Hellenic Bank Association, Emeritus Professor of Finance and Economics - Department of Banking and Financial Management, University of Piraeus, Greece

Ioannis Chatzitheodosiou, President of the Athens Chamber of Tradesmen, Greece

Georgios Georgiou, Ministry of National Economy and Finance, Greece

Alexandros Nikolopoulos, Investment Manager, HellasFin, Greece







SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 2024

Grand Hyatt Athens
Regular Sessions: Cyclades 1-2, Cyclades 3, Metis 2, Metis 3, Metis 4 and
Virtual Conference Rooms 1-5

Keynote Speech and Panel Session: Cyclades 1-2 and Panel Session Virtual Room B





Session 1: Financial Institutions and Services I

09:00 - 10:15

Room: Cyclades 1-2 and Virtual Conference Room 1

Session Chair: Maria Psillaki, University of Piraeus, Greece

The Fine Line between ESG Commitment and Bank Performance

Dionisis Philippas, ESSCA School of Management, France Panagiotis Tziogkidis, University of Macedonia, Greece Manos Sfakianakis, European Commission, Belgium

Bank Supervision and Non-Performing Loan Cleansing

Soner Baskaya, University of Glasgow, UK Jose E. Gutierrez, Banco de Espana, Spain Jose-Maria Serena, Banco de Espana, Spain Serafeim Tsoukas, University of Glasgow, UK

Fintech Expansion and Institutional Environment

Konstantinos Vergos, University of Portsmouth, UK Agnieszka Huterska, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, Poland Rehan Iftikhar, Dublin City University, Ireland

EU Bank Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) as a Solution to the Single Supervisory Mechanism

Ioannis Thanos, University of Piraeus, Greece Maria Psillaki, University of Piraeus, Greece Panagiotis Tziogkidis, University of Macedonia, Greece Dimitris Margaritis, University of Auckland, New Zealand

Session 2: Artificial Intelligence in Accounting and Finance II

09:00 - 10:15

Room: Cyclades 3 and Virtual Conference Room 2

Session Chair: Efthalia Tabouratzi, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece

An AI – Based Measure of Comparability of Financial Statements

Anestis C. Ladas, University of Macedonia, Greece Anastasios Moutsiounas, University of Macedonia, Greece Christos I. Negkakis, University of Macedonia, Greece Panagiotis Tachinakis, University of Macedonia, Greece

Predicting the Occurrence and Duration of Financial Crises with Ensemble Learning

Eleftherios Kouloumpris, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece Konstantinos Moutsianas, American College of Thessaloniki, Greece Ioannis Vlahavas, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Neuroethical Issues in Neurofinance

Efstratios Livanis, University of Macedonia, Greece Alexandra Tsaroucha, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece

The Contribution of AI to Business Audit Processes

Efthalia Tabouratzi, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece Eleftherios Charamis, Hellenic Mediterranean University & IAPR, Greece Kontou Arxontia, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece



Session 3: Financial Institutions and Services II

Regulatory Technology in the Greek Banking Sector Panagiotis Seitanidis, University of Patras, Greece Eleftherios Aggelopoulos, University of Patras, Greece

09:00 - 10:15

The Disciplinary Effect of Supervisory Oversight: Is the EU-wide Stress Test Merely a Regulatory Formality?

Room: Metis 2 and Virtual Conference Room 3

Dimitrios Karakostas, University of Thessaly, Greece Ioannis Tsakalos, University of Thessaly, Greece

Session Chair: Aggelopoulos Eleftherios. University of Patras, Greece

The Quality of Earnings in the European Banking Sector in Troubled Periods Vassilis Smaraidos, University of Patras, Greece Konstantina Pendaraki, University of Patras, Greece

Earnings Variability and Banks Performance during 2014 - 2018

George Gkolfis, University of Patras, Greece Konstantina Pentaraki, University of Patras, Greece

Session 4: Management Accounting

09:00 - 10:15

Digitization in the Financial Function: Automation, Data Analytics and Organisational Performance

Chara Pappa, University of West Attica, Greece Odysseas Pavlatos, University of Macedonian, Greece Nikolaos Sykianakis, University West Attica, Greece

Room: Metis 3 and Virtual Conference Room 4

Measuring Greek Public Hospitals Operational and Financial Efficiency Before, During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic Vasileios Floros, University of Patras, Greece

Session Chair:

Eleftherios Aggelopoulos, University of Patras, Greece Antonios Georgopoulos, University of Patras, Greece Fotios Avaeros, University of Patras, Greece

Ioannis Lampropoulos, University of Patras, Greece

George A. Georgiou, Ministry of National **Economy** and Finance, Greece

Assessing Management Accounting Practices During Crises: A Textual **Analysis Approach**

Anestis C. Ladas, University of Macedonia, Greece Ioannis C. Negkakis, University of Plymouth, UK Odysseas Pavlatos, University of Macedonia, Greece

The Contribution of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to the Audit Process of **Public Sector Entities**

George A. Georgiou, Ministry of National Economy and Finance, Greece Panagiotis M. Spanos, Hellenic Open University, Greece



SATURDAY

Session 5: ESG III

The Gender Divide in Executive Pay: Insights from Peer Effects and Wage

09:00 - 10:15

Ioannis Karakostas, University of Macedonia, Greece Ioannis Papanastasiou, University of Macedonia, Greece Konstantinos Pantelidis, University of Macedonia, Greece

Room: Metis 4 and Virtual Conference Room 5

Sustainable Development through the Relationship between Climate Risk and **Green Corporate Bonds**

Session Chair: Athanasios P. Fassas, University of Thessaly, Greece

Athanasios Tsagkanos, University of Patras, Greece Ioannis Ch. Mitropoulos, University of Patras, Greece

Style Analysis of ESG ETFs: Does the 'E' Dominate the Returns?

Athanasios P. Fassas, University of Thessaly, Greece Stephanos Papadamou, University of Thessaly, Greece

Environmental. Social and Governance Their Connectedness with Traditional Assets: An International Approach

Anastasia Griva, University of the Aegean, Greece Ioannis Katsampoxakis, University of the Aegean, Greece

Session 6: Climate Change and Reporting I Ex-ante Adherence with IFRS S2 Climate Change Related Disclosures and Firm Risk

10:30 - 11:45

Diogenis Baboukardos, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece Evangelos Seretis, University of Glasgow, UK

Room: Cyclades 1-2 and Virtual Conference Room 1

Ioannis Tsalavoutas, University of Glasgow, UK Fanis Tsoliakas, University of Bath, UK

Richard Slack, Durham University, UK

Session Chair: Dimosthenis Hevas Antonios Persakis, University of Thessaly, Greece

Athens University of **Economics and Business.** Greece

The Effect of Climate Change Risk on the Asymmetric Cost Behavior Vasilios-Christos Naoum, University of Piraeus, Greece Evanthia Reppou, University of Piraeus, Greece Dimitrios Konstantios, The American College of Greece, Greece Neophytos Lambertides, Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus Dimitris Tsouknidis, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

Greenwashing Over Time: A Comparison of European and U.S. Firms

Extreme Heat and Labor Cost Asymmetry: Evidence from China

Athanasios Andrikopoulos, University of Hull, UK Konstantinos N. Baltas, University of Essex, UK Zhongfei Chen, Jinan University, China Mengling Zhou, Jinan University, China



Session 7: Asset Pricing

A Comprehensive Analysis of Transactions in the Greek Residential Property

Market

10:30 - 11:45

Alexandros Kontonikas, University of Essex, UK

Emmanouil Pyrgiotakis, University of Essex, UK

Room: Cyclades 3 and Virtual Conference Room

Board's Tenure and the Pay Gap

Manthos D. Delis, Audencia Business School, France

Iftekhar Hasan, Fordham University, USA & Bank of Finland, Finland &

University of Sydney, Australia

Maria Iosifidi, Montpellier Business School, France

Session Chair: Panagiotis N. Politsidis, Audencia Business School, France

Achilleas Zapranis. University of Macedonia, Greece

Momentum Effects and Herding in Cryptocurrencies Petros Messis, University of Macedonia, Greece

Antonis Alexandridis, University of Macedonia, Greece Achilleas Zapranis, University of Macedonia, Greece

Derivatives Design and Modeling for Weather Related Risk Management

Antonios K. Alexandridis, University of Macedonia, Greece

Xiaochuna Mena, University of Bath, UK Radu Tunaru, University of Reading, UK

Session 8: ESG I

Board Gender Diversity and Public R&D Disclosure: Evidence from a Quasi-

Natural Experiment

10:30 - 11:45

Panayiotis C. Andreou, Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus Neophytos Lambertides, Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

Room: Metis 2 and Virtual Conference

Anna E. Maruska, Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus & European

Investment Bank, Luxemburg

Room 3

Green Flow: Analyzing the Impact of ESG Performance on Market Liquidity Across the World

George Loizides, University of Cyprus & University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Session Chair: Neophytos Lambertides, **Cyprus University of** Technology, Cyprus

From Words to Actions: CEO Activism and Sustainability Reporting

Androniki Triantafylli, Queen Mary University of London, UK

Investors' Response to Corporate Gender Inclusivity: International Evidence

Angelos Synapis, Coventry University, UK Styliani Panetsidou, Coventry University, UK Hisham Farag, University of Birmingham, UK Santosh Koirala, University of Birmingham, UK



SATURDAY 21

Session 9: Artificial Intelligence in Accounting and Finance I

10:30 - 11:45

Room: Metis 3 and Virtual Conference Room 4

Session Chair: Aristeidis Samitas, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. Greece

The Local Effects of Artificial Intelligence Labor Investments: Evidence from the Municipal Bond Market

Lefteris Andreadis, Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus & Bank of Greece, Greece

Manolis Chatzikonstantinou, Georgetown University Qatar, Qatar Elena Kalotychou, Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus Christodoulos Louca, Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus Christos A. Makridis, Stanford University, UK & University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Sentiment Analysis of Risk-Related Words and Firm Risk

Kyriaki V. Kosmidou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece Dimitrios V. Kousenidis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece Anestis C. Ladas, University of Macedonia, Greece Christos I. Negkakis, University of Macedonia, Greece Ioannis C. Negkakis, University of Plymouth, UK

Optimizing Portfolios with AI and Traditional Approaches: A Comparative Study of ARIMA and LSTM Models

Stefanos Theofilis, University of the Aegean, Greece Ilias Kampouris, Abu Dhabi University, UAE

Aristeidis Samitas, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

Can Central Bankers' Talk Predict Bank Stock Returns? A Machine Learning Approach

Apostolos G. Katsafados, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

George N. Leledakis, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece Nikolaos P. Panagiotou, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

Emmanouil G. Pyrgiotakis, University of Essex, UK

Session 10: Corporate Finance

10:30 - 11:45

Room: Metis 4 and Virtual Conference Room

Session Chair: Georgios Panos, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Precipitation, Firm Operating Performance, and Firm Risk-Taking Behaviour

Jawad Addoum, Cornell University, USA Dimitrios Gounopoulos, University of Bath, UK Hongru Li, University of Bath, UK

The Impact of Geopolitical Risk on Credit Risk

Christos Ioannidis, Aston University, UK Nikos Paltalidis, Durham University, UK Bingzhi Zhang, Durham University, UK

Defined-Contribution Plans and Retirement-Financing Behaviour in the United Kingdom

Ioannis Petrakis, Northumbria University, UK Georgios Panos, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

The Impact of Litigation Risk on Corporate Financial Policy

Virginia Sotiropoulou, University of Patras, Greece Dimitris Tzelepis, Hellenic Open University, Greece



Keynote Speech:

The Problem of Business Evil

Professor John Thanassoulis

Warwick Business School, The University of Warwick, UK

12:00 - 12:45

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Panel Session:

Improving Research in Accounting and Finance

12:45 - 13:45

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Session Chair:

Dimitrios Gounopoulos University of Bath, UK

Lunch 13:45 - 14:30 Professor Jason Zezhong Xiao

University of Macau, China, Joint Editor of The British Accounting Review, Associate Editor of Abacus

Professor Stergios Leventis

International Hellenic University, Chairman of the University Center of International Programmes of Studies, Dean of the School of Design, Editor-in-chief of the Journal of International Accounting, Auditing and Taxation (JIAAT) and Associate Editor of the British Accounting Review (BAR)

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SATURDAY

Session 11: Financial

Accounting

14:30 - 15:45

Conservative Financial Reporting and Dividend Smoothing

Seraina Anagnostopoulou, University of Piraeus, Greece Ioannis Chasiotis, The American College of Greece, Greece

Georgios Loukopoulos, University of Sussex, UK

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Panagiotis Loukopoulos, University of Strathclyde, UK Alexandros Sikalidis, University of Macedonia, Greece

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Business. Greece

Principle-Based Accounting Standards and Earnings Management in Private

Hotel Firms: The Impact on Government Subsidies

University of Economics and Panagiotis E. Dimitropoulos, University of Peloponnese, Greece

Accounting: A Truth-Theoretic Analysis

Andreas Andrikopoulos, University of Piraeus, Greece Vasilios-Christos Naoum, University of Piraeus, Greece

Session 12: Auditing I

14:30 - 15:45

Cutting the Long Story Short: Activist Short Sellers and the Detection of Financial Misconduct

Demetrios Zacharakis, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece Apostolos Ballas, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

Room: Cyclades 3 and Virtual Conference Room 2

An Empirical Research of Audit Fees: Evidence from Greece

Agelos Zoitsas, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece Maria Tsipouridou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece Konstantinos Katrakilidis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece Charalambos Spathis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

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The Impact of Tax Audit Fees on Corporate Tax Aggressiveness: Insights from the Delegation of Tax Audits to Private Audit Firms in Greece

Kalliopi Chatzi, International Hellenic University, Greece Emmanouil Dedoulis, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece Stergios Leventis, International Hellenic University, Greece

The Key Determinants of Audit Fees Level: An Analysis of Russel 3000 Companies for the Period 2001 - 2023

Nicholas D. Belesis, University of Piraeus, Piraeus, Greece Christos G. Kampouris, University of Piraeus, Greece Antonios M. Vasilatos, University of Piraeus, Greece

Christos A. Tsitsakis, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

Theo Delyannis, Moore Greece, Greece



Session 13: Performance

Measurement

14:30 - 15:45

CEO Overconfidence, Asset Growth and the Cross-Section of Stock Returns

Andreas Charitou, University of Cyprus, Cyprus Lydia Diamantopoulou, University of Piraeus, Greece

Georgios A. Papanastasopoulos, University of Piraeus, Greece

Room: Metis 2 and Virtual Conference Room 3

Perceived Value Creation between Franchisor and Franchisee for the End Consumer

Vasileios Giannopoulos, University of the Peloponnese, Greece Achilleas Lazarou, University of the Peloponnese, Greece Ilias Makris, University of the Peloponnese, Greece

Session Chair: Andreas Charitou, University

of Cyprus, Cyprus

SEC's Comment Letters and The Statement of Cash Flows: Is Regulatory Supervision Beneficial?

Davide Arrighi, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy Andreas Charitou, University of Cyprus, Cyprus

Conditional Dependence in M&As: Using the Glasso Machine Learning Tool

Georgios Patsiolas, University of Thessaly, Greece Ioannis Tsakalos, University of Thessaly, Greece Vasileios Gkonis, University of Thessaly, Greece

Session 14: Financial Markets

Jumps in FX Markets

George N. Apostolakis, University of Crete, Greece Christos Floros, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece

14:30 - 15:45

Konstantinos Gkillas, University of Patras, Greece

Room: Metis 3 and Virtual Conference Room 4 Does it Matter to be a Part of the Sustainability Index?

Chaman Shrestha, University of West of Scotland, UK Panagiotis Andrikopoulos, Coventry University, UK Narayan Prasad Aryal, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

Session Chair:

Christos Floros, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece

The Economic Effects of the Ukraine-Russia War on European Countries

Despoina Argyropoulou, University of Patras, Greece Athanasios Tsagkanos, University of Patras, Greece Evangelos Koumanakos, Hellenic Open University, Greece

Exploring the Success Determinants of Initial DEX Offerings

Panagiotis Georgitseas, Panteion University, Greece

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Analyzing the Durations of Bitcoin Futures: Insights from Multiplicative Error Models and Forecasting Performance

Konstantinos Pantelidis, University of Macedonia, Greece Ioannis Papanastasiou, University of Macedonia, Greece



SATURDAY 21

Session 15: Financial Reporting

Religiosity, Managerial Entrenchment, and Earnings Quality: A Cross-National Analysis

14:30 - 15:45

Christos I. Negkakis, University of Macedonia, Greece Ioannis C. Negkakis, University of Plymouth, UK Antonios Persakis, University of Thessaly, Greece

Room: Metis 4 and Virtual Conference Room 5

Does the Quality of Financial Reporting Affect the Duration of Post-Announcement M&A due Diligence? A Perspective on European Target Firms

Session Chair: Antonios Persakis, University of Thessaly, Greece Vasileios Baralis, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece Ioannis Dokas, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece Christos Leontidis, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece Eleftherios Spyromitros, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece

The Analysis of ESG Disclosures and the Contribution of Advanced Analytical Techniques to ESG Evaluation

Christina Vadasi, University of the Aegean, Greece Aggela Tsirgianelli, University of the Aegean, Greece

Adoption of the International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-Sized Entities: The Impact on Accounting Quality

George Peppas, Hellenic Open University, Greece Augustinos Dimitras, Hellenic Open University, Greece

Session 16: Risk Management and Financial Distress The Effect of Oil Prices on the US Shipping Stock Prices: The Mediating Role of Freight Rates and Economic Indicators

Andreas Andrikopoulos, University of Piraeus, Greece Anna Merika, Deree – The American College of Greece, Greece Nikolaos Stoupos, Deree – The American College of Greece, Greece

Room: Cyclades 1-2 and Virtual Conference Room 1

15:45 - 17:00

Empirical Analysis of Risk Management in Portfolio Composition: Value at Risk Methodology Applied to Bank Shares of Southern Europe

Andreas Desimonas, Hellenic Open University, Greece Christos Tzovas, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

Session Chair: Andreas Andrikopoulos, University of Piraeus, Greece

Corporate Failure Prediction: LASSO-DEA Versus Logistic Regression Performance Evaluation

Ioannis Dokas, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece Sofia Katsimardou, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece Eleftherios Spyromitros, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece

A First Approach in the Relation of Lepto-Variance and Lepto-Ratio to Sample Variance

Vasilis Polimenis, University of Limassol, Cyprus

Option Pricing with Skewness and Kurtosis Based on the Skewed General Gaussian Distribution

Panayiotis Theodossiou, Ball State University, USA Lenos Trigeorgis, Durham University, UK



Finance

Session 17: Special Issues in Gender Differences in Financial Literacy Among High-School Students in Greece

15:45 - 17:00

Georgios A. Panos, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece Nikolaos D. Philippas, University of Piraeus, Greece Vasiliki A. Tzora, University of Piraeus, Greece

Room: Cyclades 3 and Virtual Conference Room 2

An Investigation into Accounting and Finance Students' Views on Artificial Intelligence, Neuroethics, and Cybersecurity

Efstratios Livanis, University of Macedonia, Greece Stratos Moschidis, University of Macedonia Achilleas Zapranis, University of Macedonia, Greece

Session Chair: Panayiotis C. Andreou, Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus

Online Gambling in the UK. The Phenomenon of Unlicensed Gambling and the Connection to the Taxation of Gamblina

Vasileios Giannopoulos, University of the Peloponnese, Greece Leonidas Karakidis, University of the Peloponnese, Greece

Financial Statement Analysis based on Large Language Models

Anestis C. Ladas, University of Macedonia, Greece Stratos Moschidis, University of Macedonia, Greece

US Markets and the Rest of the World

Evangelos Sfakianakis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

Session 18: Climate Change and Reporting II

15:45 - 17:00

The Effect of Carbon Emissions on the Asymmetric Cost Behaviour of Local Governments

Vasilios-Christos Naoum, University of Piraeus, Greece

Sotirios Karatzimas, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

Evanthia Reppou, University of Piraeus, Greece Paschalis Seretis, University of Piraeus, Greece

Room: Metis 2 and Virtual Conference Room 3

Enhancing Sustainability Reporting: The Impact of Assurance Quality and Corporate Governance Factors

Andreas Koutoupis, University of Thessaly, Greece Theodora Dimitriou, University of Thessaly, Greece

Session Chair: Apostolos Dasilas, University of Macedonia, Greece

The Effect of ESG on Mergers and Acquisitions: Evidence from the US Banking Sector

Nikolaos Kiosses, University of Macedonia, Greece Stergios Leventis, International Hellenic University, Greece Ioannis Tampakoudis, University of Macedonia, Greece

From Crisis to Sustainability: The Role of NPLs and ESG Factors in Enhancing PIIGS Banking Efficiency

Emmanouil G. Chalampalakis, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece Ioannis G. Dokas, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece Eleftherios Spyromitros, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece

The Impact of ESG Ratings on the Cost of Capital: Evidence from the FTSE 350 Apostolos Dasilas, University of Macedonia, Greece



Session 19: ESG II

15:45 - 17:00

Room: Metis 3 and Virtual Conference Room 4

Session Chair:

Democritus University of

Athanasios Mandilas. Thrace Greece

Session 20: Financial Accounting II

15:45 - 17:00

Room: Metis 4 and Virtual Conference Room 5

Session Chair: Michalis Bekiaris, University of the Aegean, Greece

The Impact of ESG on Earnings Quality and Earnings Management: The Moderating Role of Firm Size

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The Correlation of Corporate Social Responsibility with the Value of Companies – The Case of Germany

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Determinants of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Disclosures: A Study Between **European Companies Listed on DAX40**

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The Effect of ESG on Financial Performance

Pandora Nika, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece Kanellos Toudas, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece Paraskevi Boufounou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens,

Damianos Sakas, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece

Accounting for Intellectual Capital and Intangible Assets in the Public Sector: A Systematic Literature Review

Michalis Bekiaris, University of the Aegean, Greece Michail Nerantzidis, University of Thessaly, Greece

Antonia Markoaiannopoulou, University of the Aeaean, Greece

Thekla Paraponti, University of Thessaly, Greece

The Subjective Power of Intangibles in a Firm's Growth. Unlocking Hidden Assets

Vassiliki Balla, University of Patras, Greece

Panagiotis Ballas, University of West Attica & IAPR, Greece

Nicos Sykianakis, University of West Attica, Greece

Accounting Policies and Accounting Conservatism in Financial Accounting Ioannis C. Neakakis, University of Plymouth, UK

Assessing the Role of Leading Audit Firms in Enhancing Non-Financial Information Quality: Addressing Inconsistencies in Audit Opinions

Evangelos Soras, University of the Aegean, Greece Stella Zounta, University of the Aegean, Greece

Apostolos Christopoulos, University of the Aegean, Greece



Session 21: Taxation

Exploring the Impact of International Agreements on Corporate Tax Behavior

Constantinos Chalevas, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece
17:00 - 18:15 Maria Panagiotopoulou, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

Room: Cyclades 1-2 and Virtual Conference Room 1

Business Ethics in Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion: A Bibliometric Analysis

Christos Pavlou, University of Thessaly, Greece Antonios Persakis, University of Thessaly, Greece

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Evangelos Chytis, University of Ioannina, Greece

The Effect of Tax Related Institutional Factors on the Timeliness of Financial Reporting: Evidence from Greece

Evangelos Chytis, University of Ioannina, Greece Ilias Rogkakos, University of Piraeus, Greece Vasileios Zisis, University of Piraeus, Greece

Identifying the Critical Parameters of Tax ReformEfstathia Koutroumpi, Panteion University, Greece

Tax Evasion Scanning in Greece, Suggests Neither Amercement nor Tax BleedMichail Diakomihalis, International Hellenic University & Hellenic Open
University, Greece

Session 22: Public Sector Accounting

17:00 - 18:15

The Principle of the Protection of Competition and of Sound Financial Management in the Pre-contractual Control of Public Contracts

Stelios Mavridis, University of Macedonia, Greece

Room: Cyclades 3 and Virtual Conference Room 2 Internal Audit and its Contribution to Public Administration in Greece Fragkiskos Gonidakis. University of West Attica, Greece

General Government Accounting Framework and ESG Reporting: The Case of the Super Fund

Panagiotis Papadeas, Former President of HAASOB, Greece

Session Chair: Vassileios Giannopoulos, University of Peloponnese, Greece

Netzerocities 2030: A Race to Zero: Cutting-Edge International Accounting Standards and Kalamata's Climate Contract for a Carbon-Free Future

Dimitrios Koutsouroupas, University of Peloponnese, Greece Vassileios Giannopoulos, University of Peloponnese, Greece

Do Top Audit Firms Contribute More than Other Audit Firms to Improving ESG Information Quality?

Evangelos Soras, University of the Aegean, Greece Evanthia Zervoudi, University of the Aegean, Greece Apostolos Christopoulos, University of the Aegean, Greece



SATURDAY

Session 23: Special Issues in Accounting

17:00 - 18:15

Room: Metis 2 and Virtual Conference Room 3

Session Chair: Andreas Koutoupis, University of Thessaly, Greece Factors Influencing the Development of Tax Awareness: An Empirical Study Conducted in Kavala

Elena Kagioglou, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece Athanasios Mandilas, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece Eleftheria Panagiotidou, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece Konstantina Tsoktouridou, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece

The Role of VAT in the Construction Sector in Greece

Eleni Vrentzou, University of Thessaly & Hellenic Open University, Greece Paschalis Rozos, National and Kapodistrian University, Greece

The Interplay Between Corporate Tax and Environmental, Social, and Governance Strategies: A Meta-Analytical Study

Maria Mitroulia, University of Ioannina, Greece Evangelos Chytis, University of Ioannina, Greece Thomas Kitsantas, University of Ioannina, Greece Dimitris Mitroulias, University of Patras, Greece

Capitalising Tourism Prospects: Sustainability and Growth in Hospitality

Panagiotis Tachinakis, University of Macedonia, Greece Anestis Ladas, University of Macedonia, Greece Panagiotis Tziogkidis, University of Macedonia, Greece Eleni Mavragani, University of Macedonia, Greece

Impairment Testing and Earnings Management in Shipping Firms

Ioannis C. Negkakis, University of Plymouth, UK

Session 24: PhD Session

17:00 - 18:15

Room: Metis 3 and Virtual Conference Room 4

Session Chair: Panagiotis Tziogkidis, University of Macedonia, Greece Risk Management in Public Organizations Integrating External and Internal Environmental Factors: A Framework that Transcends Financial Risk. The Example of IAPR

Timoleon Papadopoulos, IAPR, Greece Lydia Diamantopoulou, University of Piraeus, Greece

Managerial Digitalisation and Covid Pandemic: Attitudes and Behaviours of Hotel units in Macedonia, Thrace & Epirus

Konstantinos Varvaropoulos, International Hellenic University, Greece Evrikleia Chatzipetrou, International Hellenic University, Greece

Investigating the Degree of Influence of Corporate Culture and Strategic Planning on Loyalty and Effectiveness of Internal Auditors in the Exercise of their Professional Duties

Panagiota Mitropoulou, University of Thessaly, Greece

The Evaluation of Intra Group Transactions under the Prism of Tax Control loannis Angelakis, IAPR and Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece



Session 25: Auditing II

17:00 - 18:15

Room: Metis 4 and Virtual Conference Room 5

Session Chair: Odysseas Pavlatos, University of Macedonia, Greece **Revenue Mobilization Efficiency and External Audit**Athanasios Pavlopoulos, University of Thessaly, Greece

Charilaos Mertzanis, Abu Dhabi University, UAE

The Role of Major Institutional Ownership in Audit Quality. Do Institutional Investors Influence Audit Quality Levels? UK Evidence

Georgios C. Simitsis, International Hellenic University, Greece Maria I. Kyriakou, International Hellenic University, Greece

Going Concern Audit Opinion: The Case of Athens Exchange

Yannis Yannoulis, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece Dimitrios Vortelinos, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece Ioannis Passas, University of Western Macedonia, Greece Alexandros Garefalakis, Hellenic Mediterranean University, Greece

Audit Delay and Auditor Gender: Evidence from GreeceDiitrios Mitskinis, University of West Macedonia, Greece

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