

FORECASTING FINANCIAL MARKETS: ADVANCES FOR EXCHANGE RATES, INTEREST RATES AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

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Conference Programme

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- q *Modelling with high frequency data*
- q *Fund management and trading rules*
- q *Funds of funds and balanced funds*
- q *Advances in asset management and portfolio optimisation*
- q *Relative value and market neutral strategies*
- q *Modelling volatility and correlation*
- q *Risk analysis and credit trading*
- q *Derivatives pricing and real options*
- q *Firms capital structure choices*

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day 1: Wednesday 4 June 2003

08:00 Registration and Coffee

08:45 Opening Address

SESSION 1 - FUND MANAGEMENT AND PORTFOLIO OPTIMISATION

09:00 *How Likely are your Scenarios?*, F Bourgoïn, Barclays Global Investors, London.

09:30 *Outliers and Portfolio Optimization*, A. Charles, University of Montpellier.

10:00 *Optimal Portfolio Selection With Fuzzy Methods*, T.León, V. Liern, P. Marco and E. Vercher, Universitat de València.

10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*

10:45 *Beyond Markowitz: Building Optimal Portfolio Using Non-Elliptical Asset Return Distributions*, A. Di Clemente (University of Rome, La Sapienza) and C. Romano (Capitalia Banking Group, Rome).

11:15 *Global Fund Management Using Stochastic Optimisation*, M. Villaverde, University of Cambridge.

11:45 *Forecasting Risk Models: An Application to Optimal Portfolio Selection*, D. Moreno (Universidad de Alcalá) , P. Marco (Universidad de Valencia) and I. Olmeda (Universidad de Alcalá).

12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

PARALLEL SESSION 2 – CAPITAL MARKETS AND ASSET PRICES (I)

14:00 *The Determinants of Capital Structure Choice: A Survey of European Firms*, F. Bancel (ESCP-EAP) and U. R. Mittoo (University of Manitoba).

14:30 *The Dynamics of Capital Structure in Transition Economies*, E. Nivorozhkin (Gothenburg University).

15:00 *Financial Constraints, Bargaining Power and Wage Profiles*, C. Moussu and M. Tröge (ESCP-EAP).

15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*

15:45 *Why European Firms Issue Convertible Debt?*, F. Bancel (ESCP-EAP) and U. R. Mittoo (University of Manitoba).

16:15 *Optimal Estimation of the Betas of FTSE Mid 250 Stocks 1986-2000*, C. J. Adcock (University of Sheffield) and N. Meade (Imperial College, London).

16:45 *Estimating Beta Coefficients Using Ultra-Frequent Tick Data: Evidence From Small and Large UK Stock Data*, T. Giles and D. Butterworth (Charles River Associates, London).

17:15 *Close of session*

PARALLEL SESSION 3 – VOLATILITY MODELLING

14:00 *Volatility of Interest Rates in the Euro Area: Evidence from High Frequency Data*, N. Cassola (European Central Bank) and C. Morana (University of Piemonte Orientale, Novara).

14:30 *The Informational Content of Swaption Rates for USD and EUR Government Bonds Volatility Models*, C. Dunis and F. Francis (CIBEF, Liverpool Business School).

15:00 *Forecasting Stock Market Volatility with Regime Switching GARCH Models*, J. Marcucci (UCSD, San Diego).

15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*

15:45 *Testing for the Correct Specification of Integrated Volatility*, V. Corradi and W. Distaso, University of Exeter.

16:15 *Stochastic Volatility in Brazilian Stock Markets and its Impact on Option Pricing: An Empirical Investigation*, C. Ibsen de Almeida (Stanford University) and S. Dana (IBMEC Business School, Rio de Janeiro).

16:45 *Market Heterogeneities and the Causal Structure of the Volatility*, G. Zumbach and P. E. Lynch (Consulting in Financial Research, Saconnex, Switzerland).

17:15 *Close of session*

Day 2: Thursday 5 June 2003

08:30 *Coffee*

PARALLEL SESSION 4 - CONTINUOUS TIME FINANCE AND DERIVATIVES MODELS

- 09:00 *Pricing Derivatives on a Controlled Stochastic Process: A Simplified Approach*, J. E. Hodder (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and J. C. Jackwerth (University of Konstanz).
- 09:30 *Arbitrage-Free Term Structures of Legendre Polynomials, Affine Processes and Option Pricing*, C. Ibsen de Almeida, Stanford University.
- 10:00 *Recovering Constrained Implied Risk-neutral Moments for Option Pricing with a Parallel Hybrid Stochastic Self-Adapted Genetic Algorithm*, E. Jurczenko (ESCP-EAP), B. Maillet (University of Paris I) and B. Negrea (University of Paris I).
- 10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*
- 10:45 *An Empirical Comparison of Default Swap Pricing Models*, P. Houweling (Erasmus University and Rabobank, Rotterdam) and T. Vorst (ABN AMRO and Erasmus University, Rotterdam).
- 11:15 *Why Smiles Exist in Foreign Exchange Options Markets: Isolating Components of the Risk Neutral Process*, R. G. Tompkins (University of Technology, Vienna).
- 11:45 *A Treatment for the "Volatility Smile" with High Frequency Data*, S. Zuo (Nottingham University Business School).
- 12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

PARALLEL SESSION 5 - CAPITAL MARKETS AND ASSET PRICES (II)

- 09:00 *Diffusion Indices for Capital Markets*, D. Morillo and L. Pohlman, PanAgora Asset Management, Boston.
- 09:30 *Maximizing Equity Market Sector Predictability in a Dynamic Time Varying Parameter Model*, L. D. Johnson (Caxton Associates, New York) and G. Sakoulis (J.P Morgan Fleming Asset Management, London).
- 10:00 *Extreme Value Estimation of Boom and Crash Statistics*, J. Cotter (University College, Dublin).
- 10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*
- 10:45 *Contagion and Interdependence Measures: Some Words of Caution*, M. Billio (University of Venice), M. Lo Duca (GRETA, Venice) and L. Pelizzon (University of Padua).
- 11:15 *Comovements and Correlations in International Stock Markets*, R. L. D'Ecclesia and M. Costantini (Università La Sapienza, Rome).
- 11:45 *Understanding Contagion Phenomena in Economy and Finance*, D Guégan (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Cachan).
- 12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

PARALLEL SESSION 6 – RISK MANAGEMENT

- 14:00 *Decomposing the Risk of Australian Equities by Market, Industry and Firm*, R. Bewley (University of New South Wales), X. Li and A. Poppenbeek (CommSec Quantitative Equities Research).
- 14:30 *Hidden Volatility and Liquidity Risk Factors*, D. Brandolini (RAS Asset Management), G. Gabbi (Università di Siena), C. Marsala (RAS Asset Management), M. Pallotta (RAS Asset Management) and R. Zenti (RAS Asset Management)
- 15:00 *Modelling and Simulation of the Term Structure with Applications to Market Transition Forecasts and Risk Management*, S. Borokova (Delft University of Technology).
- 15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*
- 15:45 *A Simple Adaptive Measure of Systemic Risk in Financial Markets: A Revisited Index of Market Shocks*, B. Maillet (University of Paris I) and T. Michel (Commission des Opérations de Bourse, Paris).
- 16:15 *On a Class of Spectral Measures for Power Markets Risk Management*, M. Resta and D. Sciutti (University of Genova).
- 16:45 *Return-based Style Analysis with Time-Varying Exposure*, L. Swinkels (Tilburg University) and P. J. van der Sluis (ABP Investments).
- 17:15 *Close of session*

PARALLEL SESSION 7 - ADVANCED MODELLING TECHNIQUES (I)

- 14:00 *Extended Switching Regression Models: Theory and Applications*, A. Preminger, U. Ben-Zion and D. Wettstein, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva.
- 14:30 *Variance (Non-)Causality: a Bivariate GARCH-type Model*, M. Caporin (Università Ca' Foscari, Venice).
- 15:00 *Statistical Benefits of Value-at-Risk with Long Memory*, A. Beltratti (Bocconi University) and C. Morana (University of Piemonte Orientale, Novara).
- 15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*
- 15:45 *Small Sample Properties of GARCH Estimates and Persistence*, S. Hwang (Cass Business School, London) and P. L. Valls Pereira (IBMEC Business School, Rio de Janeiro).
- 16:15 *Confidence Regions for Parametric VaR Estimates with Order Statistics*, R. Tunaru (London Metropolitan University).
- 16:45 *Bayesian Inference for Mixtures of Stable Distributions*, R. Casarin (University of Venice and University Paris Dauphine).
- 17:15 *Close of session*

Day 3: Friday 6 June 2003

08:30 *Coffee*

PARALLEL SESSION 8 – ADVANCED MODELLING TECHNIQUES (II)

- 09:00 *Probability Distributions, Trading Strategies and Leverage: An Application of Gaussian Mixture Models*, A. Lindemann, C. Dunis and P. Lisboa (CIBEF and School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences, Liverpool John Moores University).
- 09:30 *Block Dynamic Conditional Correlation Multivariate GARCH models*, M. Billio, M. Caporin (Università Ca' Foscari and GRETA, Venice) and M. Gobbo (GRETA, Venice).
- 10:00 *Using Irregularly Spaced Returns to Estimate Multi-Factor Models: Application to Brazilian Equity Data*, Á. Veiga (PUC-Rio, Departamento de Engenharia Elétrica) and L. R. Souza (EPGE – Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Rio de Janeiro).
- 10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*
- 10:45 *Detecting Turning Points in Financial Time Series: A Probability Based Approach*, R. Bramante (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore) and G. Gabbi (Università di Siena).
- 11:15 *Explaining the Cross-Section Returns in France: Characteristics or Covariances?*, S. Ajili (University Paris Dauphine).
- 11:45 *SETAR and Long-Memory Dynamics in Financial Data: Can we Discriminate Between Both?*, G. Dufrénot (University Paris XII), Dominique Guégan (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Cachan) and A. Péguin-Feissolle (GREQAM, Marseille).
- 12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

PARALLEL SESSION 9 - INVESTMENT AND TRADING STRATEGIES

- 09:00 *Technical Trading Rules Gains: The Filter Rules Approach Applied to the Foreign Exchange and Brent Oil Markets*, J. Laws and S. Sinha (CIBEF, Liverpool Business School).
- 09:30 *Tactical Yield Curve Movements and Fixed Income Long-Short Strategies with Classification and Regression Trees*, J. Laborda (Barclays Bank, Madrid).
- 10:00 *Day Trading the Euro-Dollar with a News-Based Model of Exchange Rates*, M. Tivegna (University of Teramo).
- 10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*
- 10:45 *Stock Index Futures: Prediction and Trading Profitability*, J. Laws, J. Thompson and G. Wang (CIBEF, Liverpool Business School).
- 11:15 *Genetically Optimized Artificial Agents Using Various Strategies Applied to Stocks Trading*, A. Vigier (BNP Paribas Asset Management).
- 11:45 *Long-Run Dependence in a Real Trading Time Agent-Based Model*, N. Boitout and T. Delahaut (University of Orléans).
- 12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

SESSION 10 - ADVANCED FORECASTING TECHNIQUES

- 14:00 *Euro/Dollar Exchange Rates: A Multy-Country Structural Monthly Econometric Model for Forecasting*, D. Sartore, L. Trevisan (University of Venice), M. Trova (Monte Paschi Asset Management) and F. Volo (GRETA, Venice).
- 14:30 *Testing for Longer Horizon Predictability of Return Volatility with an Application to the German DAX*, B. Raunig (Österreichische Nationalbank, Vienna).
- 15:00 *Common Idiosyncratic Components of Equity Premia in the US and Euro Area and their Power in Forecasting Business Cycles*, F. Fornari (Bank of Italy, Rome).
- 15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*
- 15:45 *Evaluation and Combination of Conditional Value-at-Risk Forecasts*, R. Giacomini (University of California, San Diego) and I. Komunjer (California Institute of Technology, Pasadena).
- 16:15 *Forecasting Hedge Fund Index Return by Level and Classification: A Comparative Analysis of Neural Network Topologies*, G. Dash and N. Kajiji (University of Rhode Island, Kingston).
- 16:45 *Forecasting Bond Yields: A Case Study of 5 Countries*, A. Munro, Union Bank of Switzerland, London.
- 17:15 *End of Conference*

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