

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

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day 1: Wednesday 29 May 2002

08:00 Registration and Coffee

08:45 Opening Address

SESSION 1 - FUND MANAGEMENT AND FUNDS OF FUNDS

09:00 *Hedge Funds Risk and Performance Revisited*, H. Geman and C. Kharoubi, Essec and University Paris IX Dauphine.

09:30 *Diversification in Funds of Hedge Funds: How Much is Enough?*, M. Learned and F.-S. Lhabitant, Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management (AZ, USA).

10:00 *How to Populate Strategic Asset Allocation with Mutual Funds and Managed Accounts?*, A. Munro, Union Bank of Switzerland, London.

10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*

10:45 *Performance, Style and Persistence of Italian Equity Funds*, R. Casarin, M. Lazzarin and D. Sartore, GRETA, Venice.

11:15 *The Behaviour of Dead Hedge Funds: Vae Victis?*, F.-S. Lhabitant, Union Bancaire Privée, Geneva.

11:45 *Are Asset Managers Properly Using Tracking Error Estimates?*, D. Brandolini, R. Zenti and M. Pallotta, RAS, Milan.

12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

PARALLEL SESSION 2 - INVESTMENT AND TRADING STRATEGIES

14:00 *Traditional Against Alternative Equity Investment: Optimum Strategy Based on Historical Experience and Simulations*, J. Laborda, Barclays Bank, and A. Munera, BBVA, Madrid.

14:30 *The Hedging Effectiveness of Stock Index Futures: Using the FTSE100 Futures Contract to Hedge Investment Trust Companies*, J. Laws and J. Thompson, CIBEF, Liverpool Business School.

15:00 *Looking for Consistency in a Systematic Trading Program*, P. Faldini, The Beaumont Fund, Faldini & Novi SA, Geneva.

15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*

15:45 *Measuring Investment Risk During Market Crash: An Empirical Investigation*, R. Bramante, University of Pavia, and L. Lanzani, Fideuram Bank, Milan.

16:15 *The European Single Currency and the Volatility of European Stock Markets*, M. Billio, University Ca' Foscari of Venice, and L. Pelizzon, University of Padua.

16:45 *Value and Value at Risk of the S&P*, I. Mauleón and R. Sánchez, University Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid.

17:15 *Close of session*

PARALLEL SESSION 3 - CREDIT RISK AND ANALYSIS

14:00 *Correlated Default with Incomplete Information*, K. Giesecke, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

14:30 *Predicting Default Probabilities for Emerging Markets Bond Portfolios*, S. Ciruolo, A. Berardi, University of Verona, and M. Trova, Monte Paschi Asset Management, Milan.

15:00 *Inter-Temporal Stability of the European Credit Spread Co-Movement Structure*, J. Annaert, A. Claes, University of Antwerp, and M. De Ceuster, University of Antwerp and Deloitte & Touche.

15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*

15:45 *Corporate Bond Spread Factors After Euro Introduction*, G. Gabbi, SDA Bocconi, and A. Sironi, Bocconi University, Milan.

16:15 *Neural Network-and-Logit-Based Modelling Strategy for Small Business Credit Scoring*, M. Bencic, N. Sarlija, M. Zekic-Susac, University of Osijek, and Z. Bohacek, Croatian Banking Association, Zagreb.

16:45 *Regime Switching in the Chinese A-Share Market at Different Frequencies*, E. Girardin, University of Aix-Marseille II, and Z. Liu, People's University of China, Beijing.

17:15 *Close of session*

Day 2: Thursday 30 May 2002

08:30 *Coffee*

PARALLEL SESSION 4 - ESTIMATING RETURN DISTRIBUTIONS

- 09:00 *Return Interval, Dependence Structure and Multivariate Normality*, T. Ané, HEC Lausanne, and C. Labidi, University Paris IX Dauphine.
- 09:30 *Extreme-Value Dependence in Financial Markets*, S.H. Poon, J. Tawn, Lancaster University, and M. Rockinger, HEC Paris.
- 10:00 *Do Extreme Falls Help Forecasting Stock Returns?*, E. Başçi, S. Başçi, Bilkent University, Ankara, and G. Iu, City University Business School, London.
- 10:30 **Exhibits and Coffee**
- 10:45 *Extreme Returns in a Shortfall Risk Framework*, G. Toniolo, R. Casarin and M. Billio, GRETA and University of Venice.
- 11:15 *Multivariate Skewed Densities, a New Approach*, L. Bauwens and S. Laurent, CORE, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.
- 11:45 *An Extension of the Generalised Skew Student Distribution*, C. Adcock, University of Sheffield.
- 12:15 **Lunch and Exhibits**

PARALLEL SESSION 5 - CONTINUOUS TIME FINANCE AND DERIVATIVES MODELS

- 09:00 *A Dynamic Bayesian Algorithm for Continuous Time Spot Rate Estimation*, R. Bhar, University of New South Wales, C. Chiarella, University of Technology, Sidney, and W. Runggaldier, University of Padova.
- 09:30 *The Pricing Kernel Puzzle*, D. Brown and J.C. Jackwerth, University of Wisconsin at Madison.
- 10:00 *Applying a 3-Factor Defaultable Term Structure Model to the Pricing of Credit Default Options*, B. Schmid and A. Kalemánova, Risklab GmbH, München.
- 10:30 **Exhibits and Coffee**
- 10:45 *A Model for the Dynamics of Term Structures of Interest Rates in Emerging Markets*, C. Ibsen, JPG S.A., and IBMEC Business School, A.M. Duarte, Unibanco S.A., and C.A. Coelho Fernandes, Pontificia Universidade Católica, Rio de Janeiro.
- 11:15 *Recovering Constrained Implied Risk-Neutral Moments for Option Pricing with a Parallel Hybrid Stochastic Self-Adapted Genetic Algorithm*, E. Jurczenko, B. Maillet and B. Negrea, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- 11:45 *An Application of Real Options to Mergers and Acquisitions in European Financial Services*, C. Dunis, CIBEF, Liverpool Business School, and T. Klein, The Boston Consulting Group, Hamburg.
- 12:15 **Lunch and Exhibits**

PARALLEL SESSION 6 - FX MARKETS

- 14:00 *Impact of Money and Income on Liquidity in the Forward Market*, N. Biekpe, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.
- 14:30 *Modelling FX Volatility: A Comparative Analysis of the RBF Neural Network Topology*, G. Dash and N. Kajiji, University of Rhode Island, Kingston.
- 15:00 *Multi-Fractal Model and European Exchange Rates*, J. Fillol, University of Paris X Nanterre.
- 15:30 **Exhibits and Tea**
- 15:45 *Farther Away From the Random Walk, the Impact of News on the Dollar Exchange Rate*, M. Tivegna, Teramo University.
- 16:15 *Modelling and Trading the EUR/USD: Do Neural Networks Perform Better?*, C. Dunis and M. Williams, CIBEF, Liverpool Business School.
- 16:45 *Forecasting the Dollar/Euro Exchange Rate: A Nonlinear Approach*, J. Andrada-Félix, F. Fernández-Rodríguez, University of Las Palmas, and S. Sosvilla-Rivero, FEDEA and University Complutense of Madrid.
- 17:15 *Close of session*

PARALLEL SESSION 7 - MARKET DYNAMICS AND INVESTMENT

- 14:00 *Optimal Limit Order Strategies*, G. Iori and N. Zervos, Kings College, London.
- 14:30 *An Empirical Analysis of XETRA Order Book Data with Applications to Market Liquidity*, H. Beltran Lopez, P. Giot and J. Grammig, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium.
- 15:00 *The Italian Overnight Market: Microstructure Effects, the Martingale Hypothesis and the Payment System*, E. Barucci, University of Pisa, C. Impenna, Bank of Italy, and R. Renò, University of Siena.
- 15:30 **Exhibits and Tea**
- 15:45 *A Quantile Regression Analysis of the Cross Section of Stock Market Returns*, M. Barnes, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, and A. Hughes, University of Adelaide.
- 16:15 *A Macro-Perspective of Stock Market Sectors in the US and in the Euro Area*, F. Fornari and M. Pericoli, Bank of Italy.
- 16:45 *Cointegration and Core Inflation*, G. De Athayde, S. Schommer, Banco Itaú, São Paulo, and R. Flôres, EPGE, Rio de Janeiro.
- 17:15 *Close of session*

Day 3: Friday 31 May 2002

08:30 *Coffee*

PARALLEL SESSION 8 – ADVANCED PORTFOLIO OPTIMISATION

- 09:00 *Bottom-Up Portfolio Construction Based on Momentum Agents Applied to Pairs of Assets*, A. Vigier, BNP Paribas Asset Management, Paris.
- 09:30 *Non Parametric Forecasting for Conditional Asset Allocation*, S. Beckers and B. Blair, WestLB Asset Management, London.
- 10:00 *The Downside of International Equity Markets*, R. Campbell, Maastricht University.
- 10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*
- 10:45 *Targeted and Realised Tracking Errors: The Impact of Covariances*, D. Morillo and L. Pohlman, PanAgora Asset Management, Boston, MA.
- 11:15 *Empirical Risk Measurement with Asymmetric Returns Distributions*, C. Pedersen, Oliver, Wyman & Co, and S. Hwang, City University Business School, London.
- 11:45 *Decomposing Risk via Time-Varying Betas*, R. Bramante, University of Pavia, and G. Gabbi, SDA Bocconi.
- 12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

PARALLEL SESSION 9 - VOLATILITY AND CORRELATION

- 09:00 *Comparing Risk Forecasts of Conditional and Unconditional VaR Models*, B. Saltoglu, Marmara University, Istanbul, and T-H. Lee, University of California at Riverside.
- 09:30 *Long Memory in the Volatility of High Frequency UK Futures*, J. Cotter, University College Dublin.
- 10:00 *Two Moment Estimation of Prices and Price Volatility*, R. Weaver and W. Natcher, Pennsylvania State University.
- 10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*
- 10:45 *The Economic Value of Real-Time Portfolio Risk*, G. Janssen, University of Leuven, Belgium.
- 11:15 *Modelling Daily VaR Using Realised Volatility and ARCH*, P. Giot, University of Namur, and S. Laurent, CORE, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.
- 11:45 *Modelling Volatilities with LSTGARCH Models*, G. Dufrénot, V. Marimoutou and A. Péguin-Feissolle, GREQAM, Marseille.
- 12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

SESSION 10 - ADVANCED MODELLING TECHNIQUES

- 14:00 *Super Fast Calculation of GARCH Correlation*, F. Bourgoin, Barclays Global Investors, London.
- 14:30 *Optimal Asset Allocation for a Large Number of Investment Opportunities*, H.G. Zimmermann and R. Grothmann, Siemens AG, München.
- 15:00 *Using Support Vector Machines to Trade Aluminium on the LME*, Z. Harland, Krueger Research, London .
- 15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*
- 15:45 *Decision Support System for Financial Time Series Analysis*, A. Skulimowski, UMM, Kraków, Poland.
- 16:15 *A New Bayesian Combiner for Financial Time Series Prediction*, N. Hazarika and J. Taylor, CL NewQuant Ltd., Wargrave.
- 16:45 *Intraday FX Trading: Reinforcement vs. Evolutionary Learning*, M. Dempster, T. W. Payne and Y. S. Romahi, Judge Institute, University of Cambridge.
- 17:15 *End of Conference*

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