

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

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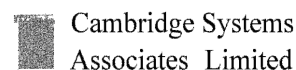
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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day 1: Wednesday 26 May 2010

SESSION 1 - MODELLING WITH NEURAL NETWORKS

- 08:00** Registration and Coffee
- 08:45** Opening Address
- 09:00** *Robust Forecasts with Shared Layer Perceptrons*, H. J. von Mettenheim and M. H. Breitner, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany.
- 09:30** *Using a Neural Network Approach for Backtesting Methodologies for Estimating and Forecasting Asset Risk*, C. Scherrer, S. T. Rachev, Y. S. Kim, M. Feindt, University of Karlsruhe and KIT, Germany and F. Fabozzi, Yale School of Management, New Haven, USA.
- 10:00** *Neural Networks versus Genetic Programming Algorithms: The Athens Stock Market*, A. Karathanasopoulos, C. Dunis and J. Laws, Liverpool John Moores University, UK.
- 10:30** **Exhibits and Coffee**
- 10:45** *Advanced Forecasting with Neural Networks*, H. G. Zimmermann, Siemens AG, Munich, Germany.
- 11:15** *Modeling Portfolio Value at Risk with Statistical and Neural Network Approaches*, M. H. Breitner, C. Luedtke, H. J. von Mettenheim, D. Rösch, P. Sibbertsen and G. Tymchenko, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany.
- 11:45** *Forecasting Financial Crises Using An Artificial Immune Recognition System: Evidence From Turkish Financial Markets*, H. Kodaz and M. A. Boyacıoğlu, Selçuk University, Konya, Turkey and V. Akel, Bozok University, Yozgat, Turkey.
- 12:15** **Lunch and Exhibits**

PARALLEL SESSION 2 - FUND MANAGEMENT AND PORTFOLIO OPTIMISATION

- 13:30** *Risk Assessment in Stochastic Programming: An Application to Asset-Liability Management for Pension Funds*, A. Veiga and D. M. Valladão, DEE Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro. PUC-Rio, Brasil.
- 14:00** *Value at Risk for Large Portfolios*, C. Lönnbark, K. Brännäs and U. Holmberg, Umeå University, Sweden.
- 14:30** *Dynamic Portfolio Decisions with Time Varying Labor Income*, W. Semmler, New School, New York, USA.
- 15:00** *Markowitz Versus Michaud: Portfolio Optimization Strategies Reconsidered*, M. Hibbeln, M. Gürtler and F. Becker, Technische Universität Braunschweig, Germany.
- 15:30** **Exhibits and Tea**
- 15:45** *The Impact of Industry and Country Diversification on BRIC Equity Portfolios*, F. Wu and A. G. P. Claes, Louvain School of Management, Belgium.
- 16:15** *Optimal Portfolio Selection in Nonlinear Arbitrage Spreads*, H. Alsayed and F. McGroarty, University of Southampton, UK.
- 16:45** *Tactical Size Rotation in Switzerland*, T. Hock, Zurich Cantonal Bank, Switzerland.
- 17:15** *Copula Approach for Downside Risk Measures in Portfolio Management*, J. Kuzmina, BA School of Business and Finance, Latvia, and G. Pettere, Riga Technical University, Latvia.
- 17:45** **Close of session**

PARALLEL SESSION 3 - FORECASTING

- 13:30** *Out-Of-Sample Equity Premium Prediction: Economic Fundamentals Vs. Moving-Average Rules*, C. Neely, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, D. Rapach, St. Louis University, J. Tu, Singapore Management University and G. Zhou, Washington University of St. Louis, USA.
- 14:00** *The Information in Forward CDS Spreads: Predicting Risk Premia and Stock Returns*, N. Friewald and C. Wagner, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria.
- 14:30** *The Predictive Accuracy of Credit Ratings: Measurement and Inference*, W. Orth, University of Cologne, Germany.
- 15:00** *An Approach to Forecast Economic Time Series Using Models for Locally Stationary Processes*, T. Loll, University of Hamburg, Germany.
- 15:30** **Exhibits and Tea**
- 15:45** *Predicting Turns in Quarterly Australian Asset Price Return with Composite Leading Indicator and Economic Variables*, N. Kulendran, Victoria University, Melbourne, and B. Pei, Bank West Eastland, Australia.
- 16:15** *Investigation of Revised Beta Based on R-CAPM in Comparison with Reward Beta Based on CAPM for Forecasting Expected Rate of Return*, F. R. Roodposhti, S. Shaverdiyani and M. Irani, Islamic Azad University, Iran.
- 16:45** *A Genetic Programming Environment for EUR/USD Exchange Rate Forecasting*, K. A. Theofilatos, G. A. Vasilakis, S. D. Likothanassis, University of Patras, E. F. Georgopoulos, Technological Educational Institute of Kalamata, Greece, and A. S. Karathanasopoulos, Liverpool Business School, UK.
- 17:15** *Why Do Financial Market Experts Misperceive Future Monetary Policy Decisions?*, S. Schmidt, Centre for European Economic Research, Mannheim, and D. Nautz, Free University Berlin, Germany.
- 17:45** **Close of session**
- 18:15** **Guided Tour of Hannover**

Day 2: Thursday 27 May 2010

08:00 Coffee

PARALLEL SESSION 4 - EQUITY MARKETS (I)

- 08:30 *Seeking for Alpha by Using Stock Key Figures - Illusion or Reality?*, A. Brauneis, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, Austria.
- 09:00 *Do UK Ftse350 Investors Overreact?*, J. Laws, J. Thompson and S. Wall, Liverpool John Moores University, UK.
- 09:30 *Time-Varying Persistence in the German Stock Market*, K. K. Kunze and H. G. Strohe, Universität Potsdam, Germany.
- 10:00 *Dynamic Linkages Between Stock Markets: The Effects of Crises and Globalization*, M. Doman, Poznań University of Economics, and R. Doman, Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, Poznań, Poland.
- 10:30 **Exhibits and Coffee**
- 10:45 *Stock Exchange Consolidation and Volatility: The Case of Euronext*, F. B. Slimane, Champagne School of Management, Troyes, France.
- 11:15 *Volatility Spillovers, Macroeconomic Announcements and Stock Prices*, A. Belgacem, Paris10 University, France.
- 11:45 *Football Championships and Jersey Sponsors' Stock Prices: An Empirical Investigation*, M. Hanke and M. Kirchler, University of Innsbruck, Austria.
- 12:15 **Lunch and Exhibits**

PARALLEL SESSION 5 - DERIVATIVES AND REAL OPTIONS

- 08:30 *Wild Bootstrap Inference on Long-Run Linkages Between the CDS and Credit Spreads*, S. Prohl and R. G. Brandon, SBI, Universität Zürich, Switzerland.
- 09:00 *Closed Formulas for the Price and Sensitivities of a Vanilla European Option Under a Jump Diffusion Model*, Y. Rakotondratsimba, ECE Paris, France.
- 09:30 *Option Pricing Models with HF Data - A Comparative Study. The Properties of Black Model with Different Volatility Measures*, P. Sakowski, R. Kokoszczynski, N. Nehrebecka, P. Strawinski and R. Slepaczuk, University of Warsaw, Poland.
- 10:00 *How Do News Releases and Their Information Content Affect Bund Futures Prices?*, F. Moraux, Université de Rennes and CREM, France and A. Richard, BRED, France.
- 10:30 **Exhibits and Coffee**
- 10:45 *Mergers and Market Valuation: Real Options Approach*, V. Baranouskaya, University of Lugano, Switzerland.
- 11:15 *The Value of Volatility, Real Options, and the "In the Money" State*, F. Huruv, University of Salford, UK.
- 11:45 *Real Options in Nuclear Reactor Valuation*, J. H. M. Anderluh and U. Lauferts, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands.
- 12:15 **Lunch and Exhibits**

PARALLEL SESSION 6 - EQUITY MARKETS (II)

- 13:30 *Statistical Arbitrage and High-Frequency Data with an Application to Eurostoxx50 Equities*, J. Rudy, C. Dunis, J. Laws and G. Giorgioni, Liverpool John Moores University, UK.
- 14:00 *Price Jumps and Liquidity Dynamics: An Intraday Analysis*, M. Petitjean, Louvain School of Management and FUCaM, K. Boudt, Lessius University College and K.U. Leuven, Belgium, and H. Ghys, Kempen Capital Management, Netherlands.
- 14:30 *Transaction Size Regulation and Market Quality*, P. Perotti, University of Graz, Austria, R. Fredella and B. Rindi, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy University of Graz, Austria.
- 15:00 *Solving Market Index Biases Using Minimum Risk Indices*, J. Andreu, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Reus, and S. Torra, Universidad de Barcelona, Spain.
- 15:30 **Exhibits and Tea**
- 15:45 *International Transmission of Stock Market Movements: Long vs. Short-Term Comovements Between China and Korea*, H. Lee, Sogang University, Korea.
- 16:15 *Measuring Economic Uncertainty and its Impact on the Stock Market*, M. Dzielinski, Swiss Banking Institute, University of Zürich, Switzerland.
- 16:45 *Can a Young Capital Market Be Efficient? A Reference To Dubai Financial Market*, R. Mohnot, Middlesex University, Dubai, UAE.
- 17:15 *Empirical Verification of the Applicability for the Concept of Relative Strength By Levy in the Context of a Trading Strategy for DAX Titles*, S. Schöning, WHL Wissenschaftliche Hochschule Lahr, Germany.
- 17:45 **Close of Session**

PARALLEL SESSION 7 - ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE

- 13:30 *De Facto ACU Targeting in East Asia*, E. Girardin, Université de la Méditerranée, Marseille, France.
- 14:00 *The Impact of Monetary Policy on the Exchange Rate in Emerging Economies*, A. Rezessy, European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Brussels, Belgium.
- 14:30 *Puzzles in Financial Development and Economic Growth*, B. Ghimire and G. Giorgioni, Liverpool John Moores University, UK.
- 15:00 *Causality Relation Between Real Exchange Series and Emerging Stock Markets: Panel Common Factor Analysis*, S. Sulku, Karadeniz Technical University, Turkey.
- 15:30 **Exhibits and Tea**
- 15:45 *Impact of Global Financial Turmoil on the Exchange Rate Policies in Emerging Countries*, V. Coudert, Banque de France, Paris, France.
- 16:15 *Order Flow Persistence and Conditional Long Range Dependence in Intraday Spot Exchange Rates*, F. McGroarty, University of Southampton, UK.
- 16:45 *The Revenge of Fundamentals on Carry Trades During Crises*, B. Drut and M. Brière, Amundi Asset Management, Paris, France.
- 17:15 *Analysis of The Intraday Effects of Economic Releases on the Currency Market*, E. Sun, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany.
- 17:45 **Close of session**

Day 3: Friday 28 May 2010

08:00 *Coffee*

PARALLEL SESSION 8 - ADVANCED MODELLING (I)

- 08:30 *Model Risk = Specification + Validation*, G. Stahl, Leibniz Universität Hannover, P. Bertram, Hannover and Ulm Universities and P. Sibbertsen, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany.
- 09:00 *Multivariate Downside Risk: Normal Versus Variance Gamma*, M. Wallmeier and M. Diethelm, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.
- 09:30 *Extreme Value at Risk: A Scenario for Risk Management*, J. W. M. Mwamba and A. Kabundi, University of Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 10:00 *Time and Dynamic Volume-Volatility Relation Around Option Listing: Evidence From the French Underlying Stocks*, T. Rim and J. S. Kaouther, Université Paris-Dauphine, France.
- 10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*
- 10:45 *High-Frequency and Model-Free Volatility Estimators*, R. Ślepaczuk, University of Warsaw, and G. Zakrzewski, Deutsche Bank PBC S.A., Poland.
- 11:15 *Modelling Volatility of the Gold Prices by Using Generalized Autoregressive Conditional Heteroscedasticity Method: The Case of Turkey*, M. A. Boyacıoğlu, V. Alptekin and B. Güvenek, Selçuk University, Konya, Turkey.
- 11:45 *Examining the Role of Fundamental and Technical Analysis with Artificial Computational Trading*, L. Nuñez-Letamendia and Y. Jiang, Instituto de Empresa Business School, Madrid, Spain.
- 12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

PARALLEL SESSION 9 - TRADING STRATEGIES AND INTEREST RATES

- 08:30 *Herding of Institutional Traders*, S. Kremer, Free University Berlin, Germany.
- 09:00 *Optimal Trading Rules at Hourly Frequency in the Foreign Exchange Markets*, M. Tivegna and D. Pelusi, University of Teramo, Italy.
- 09:30 *The Influence of Buy-Side Analysts on Mutual Fund Trading*, S. Frey, University of Tübingen, and P. Herbst, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany.
- 10:00 *Market Impact of Trading Algorithms in Simulated and Real Markets*, J. Fraenkle and S. T. Rachev, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany.
- 10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*
- 10:45 *Intraday-Varying Information Risk in the Bond Market?*, C. Fricke, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany.
- 11:15 *Convergence Short Rate Model of Cox-Ingersoll-Ross Type*, B. Stehlikova and V. Lacko, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia.
- 11:45 *Hull-White Or Jarrow-Turnbull? The Same Credit Engine*, G. Desvilles, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, Paris, France.
- 12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

SESSION 10 - ADVANCED MODELLING (II)

- 13:30 *Simulation of Execution Costs in the Global Institutional Spot FX Market*, A. B. Schmidt, ICAP Electronic Broking LLC, New Jersey, USA.
- 14:00 *Replicating Hedge Fund Indices with Optimization Heuristics*, M. Gilli, E. Schumann, G. Cabej and J. Lula, University of Geneva, Switzerland.
- 14:30 *Probability of Execution in Simulated Order-Driven Markets*, C. Yingsaeree, P. Treleaven and G. Nuti, University College London, UK.
- 15:00 *Techniques for Tracking Error Decomposition*, R. Bramante, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan and G. Dallago, Informatica Bancaria Trentina, Trento, Italy.
- 15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*
- 15:45 *Are Copula-Gof-Tests of Any Practical Use? Results from a Simulation Study*, G. N. F. Weiß, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany.
- 16:15 *Estimating Nelson/Siegel: A Ridge Regression Approach*, J. Annaert, M. D. Ceuster, H. Zhang, Universiteit Antwerpen, and A. Claes, Louvain School of Management, Belgium.
- 16:45 *High and Low Frequency Statistical Arbitrage Via the Optimal Thermal Causal Path*, V. L. R. Chinthalapati, London School of Economics and University of Greenwich, UK.
- 17:15 *End of Conference*

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