

FORECASTING FINANCIAL MARKETS:

ADVANCES FOR EXCHANGE RATES, INTEREST RATES AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

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Conference Programme

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day 1: Wednesday 2 June 2004

08:00 Registration and Coffee

08:45 Opening Address

SESSION 1 - FUND MANAGEMENT AND PORTFOLIO OPTIMISATION (I)

09:00 *Optimal Portfolio Allocation Under Higher Moments*, E. Jondeau, Banque de France and M. Rockinger, HEC Lausanne.

09:30 *Tracking Error in Multistage Portfolio Models*, D. Barro and E. Canestrelli, Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia.

10:00 *How Risky is your Portfolio? Does the Tracking Error Provide the Right Answer?*, F. Bourgoin, Barclays Global Investors, London.

10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*

10:45 *Mortality Risk and Real Optimal Asset Allocation for Pension Funds*, F. Menoncin, Università di Brescia and O. Scaillet, HEC Genève.

11:15 *Stylized Facts and Statistical Modelling of the Fama-French Factor Portfolios*, A. Beltratti, Università Bocconi, Milan, and C. Morana, Università del Piemonte Orientale, Novara.

11:45 *Home Bias in European Countries within a Bayesian Framework*, H. Asgharian and B. Hansson, Lund University, Sweden.

12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

PARALLEL SESSION 2 - FUND MANAGEMENT AND PORTFOLIO OPTIMISATION (II)

14:00 *Fund Management, Intellectual Capital, Intangibles and Private Disclosure*, J. Holland, University of Glasgow.

14:30 *The Use of Active Currency Management and Managed Futures Investments within a Traditional Portfolio: Preliminary Evidence of Potential Benefits to UK Investors*, K. Tee, Glasgow Caledonian University.

15:00 *Is Time-Varying Conditional Skewness Really Important in Mutual Funds Evaluation*, R. Rodriguez and D. Moreno, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid.

15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*

15:45 *The Modelling of Risk by Neural Networks*, H.G. Zimmermann and R. Grothmann, Siemens AG, München.

16:15 *Measuring and Optimizing Portfolio Credit Risk: A Copula-Based Approach*, A. Di Clemente, University of Rome 'La Sapienza', and C. Romano, Capitalia Bank Holding, Rome.

16:45 *What Does the Risk-Appetite Index Measure?* M. Misina, Bank of Canada, Ottawa.

17:15 *Close of session*

PARALLEL SESSION 3 – INVESTMENT AND TRADING STRATEGIES

14:00 *Probability Distributions, Trading Strategies and Leverage: An Application of Gaussian Mixture Models to the Morgan Stanley High Technology 35 Index*, A. Lindemann, C. Dunis and P. Lisboa, Liverpool John Moores University.

14:30 *Judgmental Bootstrapping of Technical Trades In The Bond Market*, R. Batchelor and T. Y. Kwan, Cass Business School, London.

15:00 *Optimal Holding Period for Active Stock Index Trading*, J. Miao, Liverpool John Moores University.

15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*

15:45 *Trading Futures Spreads: An Application of Correlation*, B. Evans, Liverpool John Moores University.

16:15 *Speculative Trading Strategy of Buying Crude Oil for Refinery on Spot Market*, P. Domijan, INA Rijeka Lube Oil Refinery, D. Kalpic and I. Petrovic, University of Zagreb.

16:45 *High Return Correlations in Emerging Markets: Are They Symptoms of Exploitable Arbitrage and Market Inefficiency? Evidence from Germany, Mexico, Thailand and Turkey*, K. Dew, Isik University, Istanbul.

17:15 *Close of session*

Day 2: Thursday 3 June 2004

08:30 *Coffee*

PARALLEL SESSION 4 - CAPITAL MARKETS AND ASSET PRICES

- 09:00 *Testing CAPM on Individual Stocks in the FTSE100*, J. Thompson, Liverpool John Moores University.
- 09:30 *The Stability and Convergence of Sequential Capital Investment Model*, S. Zuo, Nottingham University.
- 10:00 *An Analysis on the Spanish Classification of Mutual Funds*, D. Moreno, Universidad Carlos III, P. Marco, Universidad de Valencia and I. Olmeda, Universidad de Alcalá.
- 10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*
- 10:45 *Bank Credit and Seasonal Anomalies in China's Stock Markets*, E. Girardin, Université de la Méditerranée, Aix-en-Provence, and Z. Liu, People's University of China, Beijing.
- 11:15 *Size and Book to Market Effects: Further Evidence from the French Case*, S. Lajili, Université de Paris-Dauphine.
- 11:45 *Tests of Changing Persistence in U.S. Treasury On/Off Spreads under Weighted-Symmetric Estimation*, L.V. Smith, Judge Institute of Management, Cambridge and D.N. Tambakis, Pembroke College, Cambridge.
- 12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

PARALLEL SESSION 5 - ADVANCED MODELLING TECHNIQUES (I)

- 09:00 *Dynamic Conditional Correlation Models: Block Structures and Markov Switches for Contagion Analysis*, M. Billio and M. Caporin, Università Ca' Foscari, Venezia.
- 09:30 *Bayesian Inference on Dynamic Models with Latent Factors*, M. Billio and R. Casarin, Università Ca' Foscari and D. Sartore, GRETA Associati, Venezia.
- 10:00 *Empirical Estimation of Tail Dependence Using Copulas: Application to Asian Markets*, C. Caillault and D. Guégan, , Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris.
- 10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*
- 10:45 *Chaos and Non-Linear Value at Risk: Application to the NIKKEI Returns Series*, C. Kyrtsou, University of Macedonia and University of Montpellier I, and V. Terraza, University of Luxembourg.
- 11:15 *Cross Country Behavior of Affine Term Structure Models*, F. Fornari and M. Luisi, Bank of International Settlements, Basle.
- 11:45 *Non-linear Analysis of Shocks when Financial Markets are Subject to Changes in Regimes*, B. Maillet, M. Olteanu and J.Rynkiewicz, Université Paris I.
- 12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

PARALLEL SESSION 6 - BOND, INTEREST AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS

- 14:00 *How Well Do Models of Stock Market Volatility Forecast at Longer Horizons?*, B. Raunig, Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Vienna.
- 14:30 *Bootstrapping the Economy: A Non-Parametric Method of Generating Consistent Future Scenarios*, U.A. Müller, P. Blum and Å. Wallin, Converium Ltd, Zürich.
- 15:00 *Should Central Banks Talk to the FX Markets?*, M. Beine, Université de Bruxelles, G. Janssen, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, and C. Lecourt, Université de Namur.
- 15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*
- 15:45 *Unrated Corporate Bond Credit Spread Factors*, G. Gabbi and A. Sironi, Università L. Bocconi, Milan.
- 16:15 *Corporate Bond Market Behaviour*, I. Rebelo and D. Hughes, London Metropolitan University.
- 16:45 *Short-Term Forecasts for Corporate Bonds Spreads*, P. Bussoli, Nextra Investment Management, Milan.
- 17:15 *Can Option Smiles Forecast Changes in Interest Rates? An Application to the U.S, the U.K and the Euro Area*, M. Pericoli, Banca d'Italia, Rome.
- 17:45 *Close of session*

PARALLEL SESSION 7 - ADVANCED MODELLING TECHNIQUES (II)

- 14:00 *Tree-Structured Smooth Transition Autoregressive Models*, J. Rosa, Federal University of Paraná, M. Medeiros and A. Veiga, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro.
- 14:30 *Is Momentum Due to Data-Snooping?*, J. Ericsson and A. González, Stockholm School of Economics.
- 15:00 *High-Frequency Cross-Correlation Dynamics in US Equity Markets*, O.V. Precup and G. Iori, Kings College, London.
- 15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*
- 15:45 *A Semimartingale Model for the Euro Overnight Index Average*, C. Pozzi, Tufts University, Boston, and A. Roncoroni, ESSEC Business School, Paris.
- 16:15 *A Factor-Based, Non-Parametric Risk Measurement Framework for Hedge Funds and Fund-of-Funds*, T.R.J. Goodworth and C.M. Jones, io Investors, London.
- 16:45 *Application of Extreme Value Theory Methods in Value-at-Risk Estimation*, K. Tolikas and R. Brown, The University of Dundee.
- 17:15 *Integrated Risk Management with a Filtered Bootstrap Approach*, C. Marsala, M. Pallotta and R. Zenti, RAS Asset Management SGR, Milan.
- 17:45 *Close of session*

Day 3: Friday 4 June 2004

08:30 *Coffee*

PARALLEL SESSION 8 - DERIVATIVES, OPTIONS AND VOLATILITY MODELLING (I)

09:00 *Estimating and Forecasting Volatility with Large Scale Models: Theoretical Appraisal of Professionals' Practice*, P. Zaffaroni, Banca d'Italia, Rome.

09:30 *Utilising Implied Volatility Data from Index Options in Forecasting Volatility*, J. Laws, Liverpool John Moores University.

10:00 *Pricing and Hedging Options in Incomplete Markets: Idiosyncratic Risk, Systematic Risk and Stochastic Volatility*, T. Chauveau and H. Gatfaoui, Université Paris I.

10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*

10:45 *The Volatility of the Instantaneous Spot Interest Rate Implied by Arbitrage Pricing: A Dynamic-Bayesian Approach*, R. Bhar, University of New South Wales, C. Chiarella, H. Hung, University of Technology, Sydney, and W. Runggaldier, Università di Padova.

11:15 *Valuing Power Generation Assets as Real Options on Different Spreads*, G. Castellacci, OpenLink Financial, Mitchel Field, New York.

11:45 *Interest Rates Volatility in the Euro Area*, N. Cassola, European Central Bank and C. Morana, University of Piemonte Orientale, Novara.

12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

PARALLEL SESSION 9 - FORECASTING IN FINANCIAL MARKETS

09:00 *Advances in Forecasting Using Neural Networks*, H.G. Zimmermann, R. Grothmann and Ch. Tietz, Siemens AG, München.

09:30 *Extended Switching Regression Models with Time Varying Probabilities for Combining Forecasts*, A. Preminger, U. Ben-Zion and D. Wettstein, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel.

10:00 *Can Earnings Forecasts Be Improved by Taking into Account the Forecast Bias?*, F. Dossou, S. Lardic and K. Michalon, Sinopia AM.

10:30 *Exhibits and Coffee*

10:45 *Forecasting the Euro/Dollar Exchange Rate: Are International Parities Useful?*, S. Sosvilla-Rivero, FEDEA and Universidad Complutense de Madrid and E. García, FEDEA, Madrid.

11:15 *Forecasting the Bond-Equity Yield Ratio Using Regime Switching and Cointegration Models: An International Comparison*, P. Giot and M. Petitjean, Université de Namur.

11:45 *Are Market Crashes Predictable? An Empirical Evidence*, R. Bramante, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and G. Gabbi, Università di Siena.

12:15 *Lunch and Exhibits*

SESSION 10 - DERIVATIVES, OPTIONS AND VOLATILITY MODELLING (II)

14:00 *A Real Options Study of Strategic Alliances: Value of the Option to Expand and Contract*, L.D. Johnson and W. Suo, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada.

14:30 *Hedging Euribor Futures*, C. Adcock, Z. Purewsuren and P. Turner, University of Sheffield.

15:00 *The Economic Value of Advanced Time Series Methods for Modelling and Trading 10-Year Government Bonds*, C. Dunis and V. Morrison, Liverpool John Moores University.

15:30 *Exhibits and Tea*

15:45 *Consistent Estimation of Time-Varying Market Prices of Risk*, E. Ferreira, Universidad del Pais Vasco, J. Bazo, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and S. Orbe, Universidad del Pais Vasco.

16:15 *Modelling Long Memory and Asymmetry in Exchange Rate Volatility: A Multivariate Garch Approach with Time-Varying Correlations*, K.Y. Ho, Cornell University, and A. Tsui, National University of Singapore.

16:45 *On the Numerical Evaluation of Option Prices in Jump Diffusion Processes*, P. Carr, Bloomberg, and A. Mayo, Baruch College, New York.

17:15 *End of Conference*

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