



JCF Special Issue Conference:

The Role of Institutional Investors in Corporate and Entrepreneurial Finance

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Overview:

Over the last several decades, institutional investors (e.g., mutual funds, hedge funds, endowment funds, retirement or pension funds, insurance companies, sovereign wealth funds, and private equity firms) have come to dominate global financial markets. If institutional investors are collectively the majority shareholders of most publicly-traded corporations, what roles do they play in corporate financial decision making, corporate governance, and various corporate events? Institutional investors have also been playing an increasingly important role in early-stage financing of entrepreneurial and private firms. This conference and *Journal of Corporate Finance* (JCF) special issue seek to further our understanding of the fundamental role played by institutional investors in all aspects of corporate and entrepreneurial finance in a contemporary and global setting.

Topics:

Possible paper topics include, but are not limited to:

- The role of institutional investors in various corporate events;
- Institutional trading around corporate events;
- Institutional investors and corporate governance;
- Institutional investors and capital structure decisions;
- Institutional investors and corporate payout policy;
- Institutional investors and behavioral finance;
- Institutional investors and financial intermediation;
- Institutional investment in start-ups and private firms;
- Institutional investors, banks, and venture capital;
- Institutional investors, corporate innovation, and FinTech firms.



Conference and Special Issue Submission Details:

- Interested authors should submit two versions of their paper, one including author information and one with no identifying information to: jcf.conference@polyu.edu.hk by **September 7, 2018**. Early submissions are encouraged and will be reviewed earlier.
- Papers will be reviewed anonymously and authors will be notified of the decision by **October 19, 2018**.
- Please indicate in your submission email if you want your paper to be considered for publication in the conference JCF special issue. At the discretion of the special issue guest editors and regular JCF editors, papers that are among the final group of manuscripts considered for acceptance to the conference will be invited to submit to the special issue. At that time, authors will be asked to pay the standard JCF submission fee, and the submission will be formally reviewed. Papers requesting consideration must not be under journal review elsewhere, nor can they be considered if previously rejected by the JCF. While under consideration as a dual submission for the conference and the JCF, a paper may not be submitted to another journal until the author has been notified of the outcome. Presenting authors may be asked to discuss another paper at the conference.
- Selected papers qualifying for the JCF shall be revised (with respect to conference and reviewer feedbacks) and resubmitted by March 2019. The special issue may be a “special section” if there are only a few acceptable papers. Final decisions on papers will be made by the regular JCF editors (one of whom will attend the conference) based on recommendations by the special issue guest editors. We expect publication of the JCF conference special issue before the end of 2019.
- The conference registration fee (including refreshments, lunches, and a conference dinner) is HK\$2,200 (US\$280) per person. Registration fee will be waived for the presenting author of each accepted paper and discussants.
- For further information, please refer to the **conference website**: <http://www.af.polyu.edu.hk/conferences/detail/32>.

