





# **Real Estate Finance and Investment Symposium**

September 5-7, 2024

## **Call for Papers**

The University of Cambridge (Department of Land Economy), the University of Florida (Bergstrom Real Estate Center), the University of Hong Kong announce a call for papers for their joint 2024 Real Estate Finance and Investment Symposium. The symposium will feature longer, more in-depth paper presentations and will allow ample time for discussion among presenters, assigned discussants, and other participants. The event will be held in a relaxed yet focused setting aiming to inspire a critical mass of leading academics in the field to create new thoughts and insights on general finance, real estate finance, and investments topics.

The symposium will be hosted by the Department of Land Economy in Cambridge. Hotel accommodation (two nights for researchers from Europe, three nights for those from overseas) and group meals will be provided by the organising institutions. All travel costs will be borne by the participants.

The organisers do not wish to necessarily limit the focus of the conference, and papers on any real estate-related finance or economics topic are welcome. However, subject to sufficient interest, we may try to focus the symposium on one or more of the following themes:

- Real estate risk management
- Leverage, capital structure and real estate
- Infrastructure investment and privatization
- Real estate price index methodology and performance measurement
- Economics of sustainability in real estate
- International real estate investment
- "Big Data," ML and AI in real estate finance research
- Behavioral approaches to real estate
- Derivatives

#### **Paper Submission**

The deadline for submission of papers is June 1st, 2024. From the submissions, the organisers will select approximately eight papers for presentation at the symposium, with notification to authors by June 20th, 2024. Authors should submit their papers electronically to:

• Thies Lindenthal (crerc@landecon.cam.ac.uk), University of Cambridge

#### The Program

The participants are expected to arrive on Thursday, September 5. All presentations will be on Thursday and Friday (September 6-7). There will be no parallel sessions, and all participants are expected to attend all sessions, and play an active role in them. Each paper presentation session will last at least 45-50 minutes, including sufficient time for paper presentation, formal discussion, and general Q&A with the audience.

#### Thursday, September 5

• Pre-conference reception and dinner

### Friday, September 6

- 9:00 AM, 3 paper sessions
- 12:00 PM, Lunch
- 2:00 PM, 3 paper sessions
- 6:30 PM, Conference Dinner

### Saturday, September 7

- 9:00 AM, 3 paper sessions
- 12:00 PM, Lunch
- 2:00 PM, conference closing

#### **Organisers**

- University of Cambridge: Thies Lindenthal, Nick Mansley, Franz Fuerst, Helen Bao, Carolin Hoeltken, Daniel Ruf, Philip Kalikman, Sofie Waltl
- University of Florida: David Ling and Changcheng Song
- University of Hong Kong: Kelvin Wong

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