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09:00 – 09:15	Registration
09:15 – 09:25	Welcome and Opening Remarks
	Session 1 – Chair: Stefan Ruenzi (University of Mannheim)
09:25 – 10:05	Shaojun Zhang (The University of British Columbia / The Ohio State University) <u>Beyond Brown: Oil Shocks and Carbon Premium</u> 📄
10:05 – 10:45	Maxime Couvert (The University of Hong Kong) <u>The AI Proxy Advisor</u> 📄
10:45 – 11:05	Break
11:05 – 11:45	Yang Song (University of Washington) <u>Same Dollar, Different Impact: Investor Flows are Not Equally Price-Moving</u> 📄
11:45 – 12:25	Hannes Wagner (Bocconi University and ECGI) <u>Controlled Firms, Preferences, and Carbon Emissions</u> 📄
12:25 – 13:45	Lunch
	Session 2 – Chair: Ekaterina Volkova (The University of Melbourne)
13:45 – 14:00	Alminas Zaldokas (National University of Singapore and ECGI) <i>Geopolitical Pressure, Consumer Demand, and Corporate Responses</i>
14:00 – 14:15	Julian Nowag (The University of Hong Kong) <i>Antitrust and ESG in Finance: Risks, Possibilities, and Political Pushback</i>
14:15 – 14:30	Denis Sosyura (Arizona State University and ECGI) <i>The Liberal Tilt of Financial Regulators</i>
14:30 – 14:45	Elvira Sojli (University of New South Wales) <i>Goods, Services and Bundling in Firms</i>
14:45 – 15:05	Break
	Session 3 – Best Working Paper
15:05 – 15:10	Best Working Paper Award Announcement
15:10 – 15:50	Best Working Paper Award Presentation 1



	Session 4 – Chair: Jianfeng Hu (Singapore Management University)
16:50 – 17:05	Gloria Yu (Singapore Management University) <i>One Size Does Not Fit All: Contract Design in FinTech Lending</i>
17:05 – 17:20	Yizhou Xiao (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) <i>Designing Index Provision</i>
17:20 – 17:35	Jaewon Choi (Seoul National University) <i>De-biasing Retail Structured Products: A Field Experiment on Nudge Interventions</i>
18:00	Dinner

May 15, 2026 – Day 2

Time	Programme
09:00 – 09:15	Coffee Reception
	Session 5 – Chair: Vidhan Goyal (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)
09:15 – 09:55	Guojun He (The University of Hong Kong) <i>Market vs. Planning: Emission Abatement under Incomplete Information and with Local Externalities</i>
09:55 – 10:35	Alan Kwan (The University of Hong Kong) <u><i>The Longs and Shorts of Hedge Funds</i></u> 📄
10:35 – 11:15	Alexandra Niessen-Ruenzi (University of Mannheim and ECGI) <u><i>The Motherhood Penalty in the Mutual Fund Industry</i></u> 📄
11:15 – 11:45	<i>Break</i>
	Session 6 – Chair: Tianyue Ruan (National University of Singapore)
11:45 – 12:00	Fangzhou Lu (The University of Hong Kong) <i>From Faces to Finance: AI Measurement of Promotion Pressure and Health Costs in Public Office</i>



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12:15 – 12:30	Mingzhu Tai (The University of Hong Kong) <i>Technology-Driven Human Capital Risk and Household Financial Decisions</i>
12:30 – 12:45	Jian Zhang (The University of Hong Kong) <i>A Tale of Two Zoos: Machine Learning Insights on Fifteen Million Retail Investors</i>
12:45 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 7 – Chair: Lai Wei (Lingnan University)	
14:30 – 15:10	Ran Duchin (Boston College) <i><u>Interlocked Benchmarking: How Do Directors Evaluate CEOs Across Multiple Boards?</u></i> 📄
15:10 – 15:50	Jarrad Harford (University of Washington and ECGI) <i><u>The Value of Corporate Patent Utilization</u></i> 📄

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