



**28 September 2023**

Workshop organized by

University of Leicester School of Business (UK) and Renmin University of China School of Finance (China)

Venue: College Court, University of Leicester

28 September

10:00-10:05 Welcome: **Ania Zalewska**, Associate Dean of Research for ULSB

10:05-10:15 Opening speech: **Daniel Ladley**, Dean of ULSB

10:15-11:00 Keynote speech: **Shiyang Huang**, University of Hong Kong  
**Sustainable finance under regulation** (with Alexandr Kopytov)

11:00-11:15 General discussion

11:15-12:15 Session A, Chair: **Shiyang Huang**, University of Hong Kong  
**Are green firms safer places to work?** (with Yiwei Li, Dragon Yonjun Tang, and Yupu Zhang)  
Presenter: **Yupu Zhang**, University of Edinburgh  
Discussant: **Agnieszka Trzeciakiewicz**, University of York  
**Retail customer reactions to private equity acquisitions** (with Tereza Tykova)  
Presenter: **Vesa Pursiainen**, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland  
Discussant: **Emiel Jerphanion**, University of Manchester

12:15-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Session B, Chair: **Ania Zalewska**, University of Leicester

**Pollution abatement investment under financial frictions and policy uncertainty** (with Ming Fang and Po-Hsuan Hsu)

Presenter: **Chi-Yang Tsou**, University of Manchester

Discussant: **Jun Li**, University of Warwick

**Backing away from ESG? The effect of sovereign rating downgrades on corporate ESG policies** (with Periklis Boumparis and Sushil Sainani)

Presenter: **Chris Florackis**, University of Liverpool

Discussant: **Lucy Ferdous**, University of Leicester

14:45-15:45 Session C, Chair: **Xin Liu**, Renmin University of China

**Bao or not to Bao? Payments, innovation and money market mutual funds** (with Yue Zhang and Zhe Zong)

Presenter: **Ania Zalewska**, University of Leicester

Discussant: **Shiyang Huang**, University of Hong Kong

**The sustainability and environmental effects of QE via bond issuance** (with Mahmoud Fatouh and Meryem Duygun)

Presenter: **Simone Giansante**, University of Palermo, Sicily

Discussant: **Yupu Zhang**, University of Edinburgh

16:00-17:00 Panel discussion hosting

**Stuart Doole**, MSCI, UK

**Benjamin Grout**, Moody's, UK

**David Humphry**, Bank of England, UK

**Ana Paula Serra**, University of Porto, Portugal

## PhD Workshop, 29 September

**Yue Xiang** (University of Bath), **Competitive pressure and ESG** (with Vesa Pursiainen & Hanwen Sun)

**Jiayu Dai** (University of Manchester), **Carbon-information opacity and loan price** (with Ning Gao & Alice Liang Xu)

**Mattia Chiappari** (Politecnico di Milano, Italy), **How system connectedness interacts with herding behavior within the EU ETS framework** (with Francesco Scotti and Andrea Flori)

**Mohamed Nassar** (University of Leicester), **The value relevance of IFRS 15-based accounting information: UK evidence**

**Richard Yeboah** (University of Leicester), **Climate risks and accounting conservatism: An international evidence** (with Lucy Ferdous and Yifang Zhou)