

**Conference on “Financial Intermediation in Emerging Markets”
Call for Papers**



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Cape Town, South Africa**

A well-functioning financial system is key for emerging markets to unlock their growth potential. The financial system of many emerging markets remains in its infancy, however. This conference will address the challenges faced by financial intermediaries in emerging markets.

Keynote speakers are:

Manju Puri (Fuqua School of Business, Duke University)
and
Lesetja Kganyago (Governor, South African Reserve Bank)

Submissions of both theoretical and empirical work are welcome as long as they fit into the broad topic of the conference. Of particular interest are papers addressing the following questions:

- Cross-border banking in emerging markets
- Bank efficiency and stability in emerging markets
- Government’s role in banking – arbiter, regulator or provider?
- SME finance in the developing world
- Financial innovation and digital finance
- The bank-lending channel of monetary policy in emerging markets
- Spillovers from quantitative easing in industrialized countries on emerging markets
- The impact of recent regulatory reforms on financial systems in emerging economies

Papers in related areas are also acceptable.

A **special issue** of the Review of Finance will be published under the editorship of Thorsten Beck and Franklin Allen. Papers submitted for this special issue will undergo the standard journal review process.

Authors whose papers are accepted for presentation at the conference are encouraged to submit their papers to the special issue. The submission fee will be waived for conference papers submitted to the Review within six months after the conference takes place.

Economy class travel and accommodation for academic presenters will be covered. There is no conference fee, and all meals are included.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Submissions should be sent to aifmrm@uct.ac.za by **August 15, 2016**. Papers will be selected by the program committee and corresponding authors will be notified of acceptance by October 3, 2016. Given capacity constraints and to promote an active discussion, preference will be given to authors who can attend the whole workshop.

Non-presenters should submit a brief motivation (of maximum 100 words) to Ms Yoemna Mosaval by **21 August 2016** at workshops@econrsa.org with the subject title: **Financial Intermediation in Emerging Markets**. Junior scholars and advanced PhD students are particularly encouraged to apply. ERSA covers the travel and accommodation expenses for a limited number of participants from South African institutions. Places are limited, and funding to attend the workshop is entirely at the discretion of the workshop organizers.

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