

7th ICAFT

International Conference on Accounting and Finance in Transition

London, July 23rd to 25th, 2009

(Deadline for papers May 1st 2009)

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

ICAFT is a major international conference devoted to exploring issues raised for accounting and finance academics, practitioners, and policy makers as a result of periods of rapid economic and social change. The conference is the seventh in a row, following earlier conferences organised in London-Greenwich (2003, 2005, and 2007), Kavala, Greece (2004), Adelaide, Australia (2006) and Nagpur, India (2008).

The 7th ICAFT will examine ***not only*** those issues related to transition from a command to a market-oriented economy and their implications for the accounting and finance professions, but also *all other aspects of accounting and finance affected by times of rapid social and economic change*. Papers in any area of accounting and finance and neighbouring disciplines are welcome; especially those addressing issues such as the failure of classical accounting and finance models and methodologies to grasp the nuances of emerging markets. The conference organisers will entertain any innovative and thought-provoking paper that challenges the dominant schools of thought and offers an alternative explanation.

Papers in International Business and Area Studies (*International Finance and International Financial Strategy*) are also welcome, as well as those dealing with the future of the accounting and finance professions. Comparative studies on the development of the accounting profession in emerging markets are of particular interest for one of the conference tracks. The above list of topics is by no means exhaustive, and any paper dealing with any issue facing the accounting and finance professions in the 21st century will find a positive response from the International Programme Committee.

The International Programme Committee is comprised of scholars from Australia, China and SE Asia, Europe and the United States, with a background in accounting, economics, finance, law and other social sciences, including a number of editors of learned journals. The composition of the Programme Committee demonstrates a commitment to select papers that adopt not just traditional but also multi-disciplinary approaches to accounting and finance issues. Indeed, integrative, comparative, cross-cultural, and multi-disciplinary approaches are strongly encouraged.

It is expected that there will be at least four parallel tracks focusing on Accounting, Finance, Public Policy and Accounting/Finance Information Systems. Groups of scholars and practitioners are encouraged to propose a particular session or track, with a minimum of four papers under any of four main tracks. One of the applicants must resume the duty of the leading applicant and ensure that all the panel participants attend the conference and comply with conference regulations.

The Conference will take place in the historical setting of the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich (South East London), which is the home of the University of Greenwich Business School, from 23rd to 25th of July 2009. Participants will be housed in single en-suite rooms in the University's Cutty Sark Halls of Residence or Davenport House. The organisers will provide a list of hotels and B&Bs in the vicinity of the University for participants who may decide to book accommodation themselves. In the past, participants were primarily housed in the *Novotel Greenwich* and *Ibis Greenwich* hotels, which are within walking distance from the Old Royal Naval College. All the accepted participants will be sent information on accommodation and other technical issues with the acceptance letter. The conference fee including accommodation will be GBP725, whilst the 'conference only' fee (covering lunches, dinners, refreshments and a social programme during the conference, along with all the conference materials) will be GBP575. Accompanying person fees will be GBP419 and GBP289 respectively. The full conference fee will be charged to the first and second authors, whilst third, fourth, etc. authors will be charged accompanying person fees.

Authors are invited to submit a full paper (in triplicate or electronically) before April 20th, 2009, although it would be desirable for authors to contact the Organising Committee regarding their intention to submit a paper prior to this date. All papers will be double reviewed by two anonymous referees and the editor. Notification of acceptance will be sent to all successful authors by late May 2009. Completed papers, taking into consideration referees' comments, must be submitted by early July 2009. All accepted conference papers will be published on a conference CD-ROM and book of abstracts. A selection of papers will be published in the Seventh volume of the *Accounting and Finance in Transition*, while other selected papers will be published in a symposium issue of an academic journal. The selected authors will have to agree to work closely with the editor(s) to ensure that their contributions are produced on time and reflect advice given by the anonymous referees and the editors and FULLY comply with ICAFT presentation style. The ICAFT retains the rights to publish the work submitted within two years from the moment the authors were advised of the acceptance of their papers.

The ICAFT is proud to announce strategic partnership with *Inderscience publishers, Ltd.* journals (www.inderscience.com), and it is expected that at least one special issue of journal will be published, although, depending on the quality of papers, more may be prepared.

Further information will be available on the conference website (<http://www.icaft.org.uk>) in due course.

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