



GRASFI 4TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021

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GLOBAL RESEARCH ALLIANCE
FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCE
AND INVESTMENT



CALL FOR PAPERS

We are excited to announce the Call for Papers for the largest ever convening of academic researchers working on sustainable finance and investment.

The Global Research Alliance for Sustainable Finance and Investment ('GRASFI') was founded in 2017 to promote multi-disciplinary academic research on sustainable finance and investment. The Alliance currently consists of 27 global research universities.

The Paris Climate Change Agreement, the 2030 Agenda, and the Aichi targets/the post-2020 biodiversity framework aim to set policymakers, the private sector, and civil society on a common path to advance global environmental sustainability and human wellbeing.

In this context, academic research into sustainable finance and investment plays a crucial role to provide evidence-based theory and practice to guide global cooperation efforts in an effective direction. This research must come from a diverse range of approaches and fields in order to constructively address what are extremely complicated and multi-disciplinary problems in the sustainability and finance fields.

GRASFI organises a major annual academic conference on sustainable finance and investment. GRASFI is also supporting academic collaboration between researchers working on sustainable finance and nurturing the growth and development of graduate students and junior academics working on these topics.

The 1st Annual Conference was held at the University of Maastricht in 2018, the 2nd at the University of Oxford in 2019, and the 3rd at Columbia University in 2020.

The 4th Annual Conference in 2021 is currently being planned by the International Institute of Green Finance (IIGF) of the Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE). This will be the first GRASFI conference in an emerging economy and the first in Asia, one of the most dynamic regions for sustainable finance and investment.

The Conference Committee is seeking 40 high-quality papers for the conference with each paper having a 30-minute slot. Within each session, papers are likely to come from different disciplines to foster interdisciplinary collaboration and learning.

DRAFT SESSION THEMES

- Adaptation and resilience
- Biodiversity and nature
- Central banks, regulation and supervision
- Data and metrics
- Emerging markets
- Environmental and climate risk analysis
- Financial disclosure and reporting
- Green and resilient recovery
- Sustainable sectors (agriculture, healthcare, infrastructure investment, etc.)
- FinTech
- Taxonomies
- Transition finance
- International cooperation
- Corporate sustainable performance

PAPER SUBMISSION

We invite submissions from any disciplinary, theoretical, or methodological perspective as long as they address topics within sustainable finance and investment.

Submissions must be academic working papers, which by the time of submission are not yet accepted for publication.

The Paper Selection Committee will be undertaking a double-blind peer review process. The Paper Selection Committee is chaired by Professor Rob Bauer.

Please anonymise your submission (double-blind reviewing policy) by excluding authors' names.

Please submit your paper via EasyChair at:
<https://easychair.org/cfp/GRASFI2021>

The deadline for submission is May 10th, 2021.

All authors are welcome to join the conference. However, registration fees will still be due.





PAPER PRIZES

There will be at least 7 paper prizes awarded at the discretion of the Conference Committee:

- GRASFI Best Paper Prize (sponsor TBC) - £TBC
- GRASFI Best Novel Methods Paper Prize (sponsor TBC) - £TBC
- GRASFI Best PhD Paper Prize (sponsor TBC) - £TBC
- GRASFI Best Paper Prize for Research on Sustainable Investment (sponsor TBC) - £TBC
- GRASFI Best Paper Prize for Research that Supports Central Banks and Financial Regulators to Green the Financial System (sponsor TBC) - £TBC
- GRASFI Best Paper Prize for Research on Emerging Markets (sponsor TBC) - £TBC
- GRASFI Best Paper Prize for Research on China (sponsor TBC) - £TBC

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PHD WORKSHOP

A special PhD workshop will be held on Tuesday, 31st August 2021, the day before the conference. Pre-selected PhD students will be invited to present their papers or projects and faculty and senior researchers from GRASFI universities will provide feedback, as well as advice on research, publications, and careers.

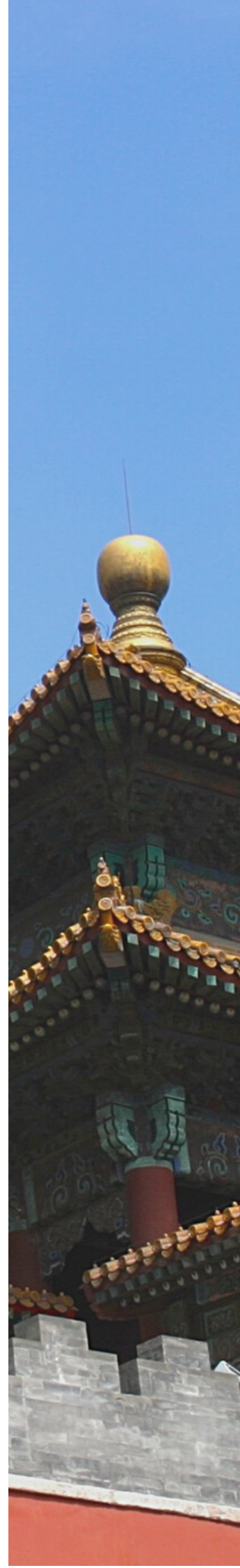
To apply for the PhD workshop, you must be an enrolled PhD student at the time of the conference. To apply for a place, you must submit a draft journal article-length paper or a detailed research proposal to grasfi2021@sustainablefinancealliance.org.

The deadline for submission is Friday, April 9, 2021.

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