

Call for Papers

5th ENTREPRENEURIAL FINANCE CONFERENCE **25 and 26 June 2021**

The Entrepreneurial Finance Association, the University of Aix/Marseille (France), and Aurélie Sannajust as conference chair are delighted to host the 5th Entrepreneurial Finance Conference as online venue on 25 and 26 June 2021. We are very happy to have commitments for keynotes by

Josh Lerner (Harvard University),

Antoinette Schoar (MIT Sloan School of Management),

and

Sabrina Howell (NYU Stern School of Business),

and solicit submissions of empirical and theoretical research papers on entrepreneurial finance related topics. The goal of the conference is to provide a platform for multidisciplinary knowledge spillovers among academics and practitioners interested in the development of entrepreneurial finance, financial innovation & technology, regulation, banking, and the evolution of digital finance.

The conference aims at exploring topics such as, but not limited to:

- Start-up and SME financing
- The role and development of Cryptocurrencies, Blockchains, and Smart Contracts
- Initial Public Offerings and less regulated forms of raising capital such as Crowdfunding, Peer-to-Peer Lending, Initial Coin or Token Offerings
- Incubators, Business Angels, Venture Capital, and Private Equity
- Banks, Banking, and Fintechs in Entrepreneurial Finance Markets
- Entrepreneurial Finance Contracting.

There will be a special conference track discussing the impact of COVID 19 on the entrepreneurial finance landscape. For this track, we expect submissions on, but not limited to:

- Assessments of the impact and damage of COVID on the entrepreneurial finance market and start-up activity in general
- The COVID crisis as an opportunity for young ventures and their investors
- COVID used as a quasi-experimental setting for entrepreneurial finance research
- The impact and effectiveness of COVID-related government support programs of young ventures and SMEs
- COVID and relocation of entrepreneurial and financial ecosystems.

Publication opportunities:

Several editors, associate editors, and editorial board members of renowned entrepreneurship, entrepreneurial finance, finance, and economics journals are fellows of our association. They will also attend this year's conference and scout interesting contributions. For example, papers presented at our association's conferences in the past have been published in (in alphabetical order) the *British Journal of Management*, *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*, the *European Economic Review*, the *Journal of Banking and Finance*, the *Journal of Business Venturing*, the *Journal of Corporate Finance*, the *Review of Corporate Finance*, *Small Business Economics*, the *Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal*, or *Venture Capital*.

Furthermore, the editors of *Venture Capital: An International Journal of Entrepreneurial Finance* will run a young scholar conference session and aim to invite selected PhD papers for fast-track publication.

Please submit your paper by 20 May 2021 to submission@entfin.org.

Notifications about paper acceptance for presentation will be sent on 31 May 2021. We expect that each presenting author also discusses a paper at the conference. We will do our best to accommodate the different time zones of the conference participants.

The association requires a small conference participation fee of € 50,-- to cover its expenses.

The final conference program will be sent to the participants and posted on the association's website www.entfin.org.

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