

4th joint research conference on firm financing, organization and dynamics: “New challenges facing firms in the post-Covid world”

Banca d'Italia, Rome, 9-10 December 2021

Banque de France, Banca d'Italia, Sciences Po and EIEF, in cooperation with the CEPR, are organizing their fourth joint research conference on trends in firm financing, firm organization and firm dynamics, to be held in Rome on 9-10 December 2021.

The conference aims to create a forum for discussion on issues related to the recent patterns of firms' activity, the organization of production and financing decision, as well as their determinants, consequences and implications for policymaking. This year's issue of the conference particularly welcomes contributions highlighting and investigating new challenges facing firms in the post-Covid world, including the need to adapt to climate change risks, as well as assessing the cost and benefits of policies targeted at firms during the pandemic.

The conference will feature two keynote lectures by **Antoinette Schoar** (MIT) and **Ralf Martin** (Imperial College).

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Firms' adaptation to climate change risks and policies: enhancing resilience and contributing to mitigation
- Trade and the future of global supply chains after the pandemic: re-onshoring or business as usual?
- The effects of public bailouts and guarantee programs on firm dynamics and the efficiency of resource allocation.
- Impact of the pandemic on digitalization, organization and innovation in the private sector and the public administration.
- Changes and challenges in financing patterns.
- The surge of e-commerce, the rise of BigTechs and competition policies
- The rise of corporate responsibility: responsible investing, ESG regulations and their impact
- Designing new rules for the taxation of multinational corporations.

Depending on sanitary constraints at the time of the meeting, **the conference may be held partly or entirely online**. For organizational purposes, we kindly ask submitters to mention whether they will be unwilling or unable to travel to Rome in case of an in-presence or mixed-mode event.

Paper submission: Interested authors should submit a detailed extended abstract or, preferably, a complete paper in PDF format accessing <https://editorialexpress.com/conference/FirmOrgDyn> by **August 22, 2021**. Decisions of acceptance by the program committee will be announced by the end of September.

Financial support: Accommodation and travel expenses (economy class) for academic authors of accepted papers will be covered. The CEPR reimbursement limits will apply.

Program committee: Christophe Cahn (Banque de France), Federico Cingano (Banca d'Italia), Stéphane Guibaud (Sciences Po), Francesca Lotti (Banca d'Italia), Thierry Mayer (Sciences Po and CEPR), Jean-Stéphane Mésonnier (Banque de France), Claudio Michelacci (EIEF and CEPR).

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