

## 23rd Melbourne Money & Finance Conference 2018 – “Business Finance: Current Issues and Developments”

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July – 9am – 9pm (including dinner)**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – 8 – 11.30am (no lunch)**

### **Location:**

Brighton Savoy Conference Centre, 150 Esplanade, Brighton  
Limited Car Parking, train station near by

**Dress Code:** Smart Casual

**Pre Conference Reading requirements:** All papers to be presented (to be emailed to participants)

### **About MMFC:**

The Melbourne Money and Finance Conference (MMFC) has been conducted since the late 1980s.

This unique conference series brings together invited academics, industry participants and regulators under the Chatham House rule to discuss specially prepared and selected papers on emerging matters of significance in the finance sector. The Australian Centre for Financial Studies (ACFS – now a part of Monash Business School) has been hosting the conference since the Centre was established in 2005.

The theme of the conference is selected annually and is aligned with the current issues affecting the financial services industry. The Conference is by invitation only, and limited to between 70 – 80 individuals (one third from academia, one third from industry, one third from regulatory bodies).

The standard format for the conference is that 11 or 12 papers of the specified theme are presented to and discussed by the audience. The success of this conference series can be attributed to the calibre of delegates attending and the quality of discussion among the delegates under the Chatham House rule. Through the open exchange of views and opinions from delegates of various backgrounds, many of whom are Australia’s foremost experts in finance, MMFC has been successful in anticipating key developments in the Australian and global financial services sector, affecting public policy and academic research in the industry.

Papers presented at past conferences have been published in books and academic journals individually or together as a special conference edition. Annually, JASSA, Finsia’s quarterly Journal of Applied Finance publishes an issue devoted to papers from MMFC. Papers are also available online on the ACFS website.

The MMFC in 2018 is sponsored by APRA and the RBA.

### **Registration:**

An invitation only event.

Interested in attending notify – Frieda Kukulka on [frieda.kukulka@monash.edu](mailto:frieda.kukulka@monash.edu)

**Registrations CLOSED**

**PROGRAM:  
SUNDAY 8th July 2018**

7pm

**BUFFET DINNER**

Optional networking for interstate and offshore early arrivals – must register attendance

**MONDAY 9th July 2018**

7.30 – 9.00am

*BREAKFAST (in-house guests only) / MORNING COFFEE (on arrival)*

9.00 – 9.45am

**D1P1 – Gianni La Cava (RBA) *The Financial Lifecycle of Businesses***

*Discussant: Maurice Peat*

9.45 – 10.30am

**D1P2 – Brad Scott (NAB) *Developments in Corporate Debt Capital Markets: Bond funding opportunities evolve for Australian corporates***

*Discussant: Dr Jean-Pierre Fenech*

10.30 – 11.00am

**MORNING TEA**

11.00 – 11.45pm

**D1P3 – Loretta Venten (CBA) *Syndicated Loans – A Stable Cornerstone of Debt Capital Financing Strategies***

*Discussant: Prof Christine Brown*

11.45 – 12.30pm

**D1P4 – Stephen Anthony (ISA) *Should Super Funds Do More Direct Lending?***

*Discussant: Dr Banita Bissoondoyal-Bheenick*

12.30 – 1.45pm

**LUNCH**

1.45 – 2.30pm

**D1P5 – Gavin McCosker (AFSA) *Public Sector Role in Supporting Business Lending: An Operational Perspective***

*Discussant: Darren Scammell*

2.30 – 3.15pm

**D1P6 – Sasan Bakhtiari (DIIS) *Government Financial Assistance as a Catalyst for Private Financing***

*Discussant: John Bailey*

3.15 – 3.45pm

**AFTERNOON TEA**

3.45 – 4.30pm

**D1P7 – Joe Healy (Judo Capital) *The Demise of SME Banking***

*Discussant: David Robinson*

4.30 – 6.00pm

**D1S8 – Panel Session: *Fintechs and Small Business Finance*: Chair – TBA**

Panellists: Anne Scott (ASBFEO), Lisa Schutz (Verifier), Neil Slonim (theBankDoctor.org)

FinTech Australia, ASBFEO, and theBankDoctor.org have recently released a report on FinTechs and Small Business Financing. This session will, *inter alia*, examine issues raised in that report including: current fintech role and growth; product features; self-regulation; advise and disclosure; default/dispute management.

6.00 – 7pm

**PRE-DINNER DRINKS**

6.15 – 7pm

**Dinner Speaker: Dr Stephen King – Productivity Commissioner**
**“Data, technology and competition: The uncertain future for banking and regulation”**

Dr Stephen P King joined the Productivity Commission as a Commissioner from 1 July 2016. He was recently a Professor of Economics at Monash University in Melbourne where he also held the position of Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics from 2009-2011.

Prior to joining Monash, Stephen was a Member of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), where he chaired the Mergers Review Committee. Previous roles include, Professor of Economics at the University of Melbourne and a Professor of Management (Economics) at the Melbourne Business School.

Stephen's main areas of expertise are in microeconomic theory, competition economics, regulation and industrial organization. His research has been published widely, including articles in major international economics journals.

Stephen is an adjunct professor at Monash University, a member of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and a Lay Member of the High Court of New Zealand. He has a PhD in economics from Harvard University.

Dr King is currently working on the inquiry into Competition in the Australian Financial System.

7 – 9pm

**CONFERENCE DINNER**
**TUESDAY 10th JULY 2018**

7.00 – 8.00am

*BREAKFAST (in-house guests only) / MORNING COFFEE (on arrival)*

8.00 – 8.45am

**D2P1 – Swati Dave (EFIC) *Export Finance – an enabler of International Trade?***
*Discussant: Prof Rodney Maddock*

8.45 – 9.30am

**D2D2 – Yasser El-Ansari (AVCAL) *Injecting More Equity Capital Investment into SMEs in Australia***
*Discussant: Maria Wilton*

9.30 – 9.10am

**MORNING TEA**

10 – 10.45am

**D2P3 – Helen Gordon (Australian Finance Industry Association) *Emerging Trends in Business Finance: AFIA Perspective***
*Discussant: Prof Kevin Davis*

10.45 – 11.30am

**D2P4 – Scott Farrell (KWM) *Open for Better – Applying Open Banking to Small Business Banking***
*Discussant: Sam Ferraro*

11.30 - 11.35am

Round Up – Prof Kevin Davis

**CONFERENCE ENDS**

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