



Call for papers: FIRN Women hybrid research workshop with Kai Li + flipped lightning discussant presentation session

FIRN Women invites submissions from early career female academics in finance for a hybrid research workshop on Friday 16 July 2021.

Format of the conference

This year, the conference will take a different format. The conference will open with a presentation by Professor Li (via zoom), followed by a short interview with FIRN's VP Women. Session two will be lightning discussant presentations. Presentations will be approximately 10 minutes in duration and papers will be presented by **discussants** (not authors). Submitting authors therefore commit to presenting a paper written by another author. Session three is mentoring session where each submitting author will meet with a senior faculty member from a FIRN institution (via zoom) to discuss her paper.

Government restrictions allowing, it is anticipated that the conference will be run in centralised 'hubs' in capital cities to allow for some in-person networking. Each hub will be connected to other hubs via zoom.

The research day is open to all FIRN members to attend at no cost.

Submission guidelines:

Applicants must be female academics at level B or C at a FIRN institution. Please note PhD students are not eligible to present at this workshop.

- Accepted papers will be presented **by a discussant**. If your paper is accepted, you commit to presenting another author's paper
- The purpose of the workshop is to provide feedback, therefore submitted papers should not already be under review at a journal.
- It is an expectation that accepted applicants will attend from the conference hub in her capital city, if available.
- Accepted applicants will be expected to read all papers on the program to enable collegial peer review and discussion. All papers will be distributed by FIRN before the conference.

Submission process:

Please submit **two** copies of your paper, one **blind** copy with all identifying information removed, and a second copy which is a full paper including author names, institutional affiliations etc to info@firn.org.au

Submission closing date: 31 May, 2021

About Kai Li

Professor Kai Li is the W.M. Young Chair in Finance and Senior Associate Dean, Equity and Diversity at the UBC Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia. She is an Associate Editor of the Review of Financial Studies, Journal of International Business Studies, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis and Journal of Financial Stability. She has also served on the Editorial Board of the Review of Finance, Management Science, Journal of Corporate Finance, Journal of Banking and Finance, and Financial Management. Her current research interests are human capital and technological synergies in mergers and acquisitions, machine learning in finance, and rent extraction in syndicated loans market. Her research has appeared in the Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Management Science, Journal of International Business Studies, and many other leading journals in Finance and Economics. Her research has also been featured in several leading news outlets including the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post, Financial Times, Time Magazine, Reuters, Bloomberg, BBC, and Harvard Business Review.

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