

2026 FIRN Asset Management Meeting

Address: [308 Queen Street, Brisbane City, QLD 4000](#)

Thursday, 16 th July 2026 (Room 227)	
Morning Sessions (Chair: Eric Tan)	
9:00 – 9:50 am	Registration
9:50 – 10:00 am	Welcome by Head of Finance Discipline
10:00 – 10:40 am	<p>“Attention Allocation and Fund Flows: Evidence from Institutional Investors”</p> <p><i>Authors:</i> Zhi Da (University of Notre Dame), and Thanh D. Huynh (Monash University)</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Thanh D. Huynh (Monash University)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Jerry Parwada (University of New South Wales)</p>
10:40 – 11:20	<p>“Asset Reclassification and Mutual Fund Flows”</p> <p><i>Authors:</i> Nicolas P.B. Bollen (Vanderbilt University), Veronika K. Pool (Vanderbilt University), and Alexey Vasilenko (Vanderbilt University)</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Alexey Vasilenko (Vanderbilt University)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Shuang Chen (University of Melbourne)</p>
11:20 – 12:00	<p>“The Visibility of Portfolio Composition and Mutual Fund Capital Allocation”</p> <p><i>Authors:</i> Tengjia Shu (University of Illinois Chicago)</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Tengjia Shu (University of Illinois Chicago)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Jiali Gao (Queensland University of Technology)</p>
12:00 – 01:30 pm Lunch Break	
Afternoon Sessions (Chair: Jacquelyn Humphrey)	
01:30 - 02:30 pm	<p>Keynote Address: Professor Charles Cao (Chinese University of Hong Kong)</p> <p><i>Title:</i> Delegated Leverage and Asset Prices: Evidence from the Hedge Fund Industry</p>
02:30 - 03:10 pm	<p>“Money for Nothing: Long-Horizon Performance of Active Corporate Bond Funds”</p> <p><i>Authors:</i> Pramod Kumar Yadav (University of Sydney)</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Pramod Kumar Yadav (University of Sydney)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Ronghong Huang (University of Queensland)</p>
03:10 – 03:40 pm	Afternoon Tea Break
03:40 - 04:20 pm	<p>“Hiring Your Own: Alumni Networks and Inequality in Mutual Fund Manager Hiring”</p> <p><i>Authors:</i> Yuan Zhou (Texas A&M University)</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Yuan Zhou (Texas A&M University)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Ang (Leo) Li (Lingnan University)</p>

04:20 - 05:00 pm	<p>“Heterogeneous Institutional Investor Response to Firm Environmental Regulatory Risk”</p> <p><i>Authors:</i> Chunxiao Lu (University of Canterbury), Linxiang Ma (University of Strahclyde), and Yuyang Zhang (University of Sydney)</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Yuyang Zhang (University of Sydney)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Elizabeth Zhu (University of Queensland)</p>
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6:00pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner at Custom House
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09:00 - 09:30 am	Tea/Coffee on Service
09:30 - 10:10 am	<p>“The Impact of Active Managers on the Pricing of Underlying Assets in ETFs”</p> <p><i>Authors:</i> Charles Trzcinka (Indiana University), and Ziwei Zhao (University of Lausanne)</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Ziwei Zhao (University of Lausanne)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Kingsley Fong (University of New South Wales)</p>
10:10 - 10:50 am	<p>“Incident-Driven ESG Engagement”</p> <p><i>Authors:</i> Hao Liang (Singapore Management University), Yongheng Sun (Singapore Management University), and Mandy Tham (Singapore Management University)</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Yongheng Sun (Singapore Management University)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Zigan Wang (Tsinghua University)</p>
10:50 - 11:20 am	Morning Tea Break
11:20 -12:00 am	<p>“Beyond Greenwashing: ESG Disclosure Substance, Investor Flows, and Fund Behavior”</p> <p><i>Authors:</i> Da Chen (Lancaster University), Tao Shu (Chinese University of Hong Kong), and Chelsea Yaqiong Yao (Lancaster University)</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Tao Shu (Chinese University of Hong Kong)</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Anna Rozhkova (HSE University)</p>

12:00 - 12:30 pm	Wrap up and Announcement of Award Winners
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12:30 – 02:00 pm	Lunch Break
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Afternoon Sessions (Chair: Shirina Lin)	
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02:00 - 03:30 pm	<p>FIRN Early Career Researchers (ECR) Workshop: Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Finance Research</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Professor Charles Cao (Chinese University of Hong Kong)</p>
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3:30pm – 4:30 pm	Networking Drink Session
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