

2026

5th Annual Hong Kong Conference on FinTech and AI in Finance

14 - 15 June, 2026

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Venue:

Room 200 & 221, 14/F
Lau Ming Wai Academic Building
City University of Hong Kong



Allan Timmermann

University of California San Diego

Dr. Harry M. Markowitz Endowed Chair
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INVITED SPEAKERS

Markus Pelger

Stanford University
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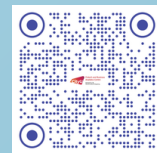
University of Geneva
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14 June, 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

REGISTRATION / COFFEE & SNACKS 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

OPENING SESSION

📍 Room 221, 14/F

9:00 AM - 9:10 AM

Opening Remarks

James Wong (Senior VP in Fintech, Invest Hong Kong)

SESSION 1

Chair: Xiao Qiao (City University of Hong Kong)

9:10 AM - 9:40 AM

How do Users Gain Influence in Social Networks?

Simon Trimborn (University of Amsterdam)

9:40 AM - 10:10 AM

Will Human Creatives Survive Generative AI Shocks?

Bo Hu (George Mason University)

10:10 AM - 10:40 AM

Generative AI for Finance: A New Framework

Fuwei Jiang (Xiamen University)

10:40 AM - 11:10 AM

Beyond Words: The Impact of Fed Chairs' Facial Cues on Global Stock Performance

Xintong Zhan (Fudan University)

COFFEE BREAK 11:10 AM - 11:30 AM

KEYNOTE TALK

Moderator: Yingying Li (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Compute, Complexity, and the Scaling Laws of Return Predictability

Allan Timmermann (University of California San Diego)

INVITED LUNCH 12:35 PM - 2:00 PM

SESSION 2

Chair: Jay Cao (Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

2:05 PM - 2:35 PM

The Economics of Greenwashing Funds

Alan Zhang (Iowa State University)

2:35 PM - 3:05 PM

Discerning Acquirer Value from M&A Transcripts

Wei Wang (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen)

3:05 PM - 3:35 PM

When Machines Disagree: Evidence from Large Language Models

Si Cheng (Syracuse University)

COFFEE BREAK 3:35 PM - 3:55 PM

SESSION 3

Chair: Raymond Kan (University of Toronto & Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

3:55 PM - 4:25 PM

Intraday Correlation Patterns

Zhiyuan Zhang (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)

4:25 PM - 4:55 PM

Noisy Machine Learning

Sofonias Alemu Korsaye (Johns Hopkins University)

COFFEE BREAK 4:55 PM - 5:15 PM

INVITED TALK 1

Moderator: Xinghua Zheng (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM

Green Silence: Double machine learning carbon emissions under sample selection bias

Olivier Scaillet (University of Geneva)

INVITED DINNER 6:05 PM - 8:00 PM

COFFEE & SNACKS 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

INVITED TALK 2 Moderator: Jingyu He (City University of Hong Kong)

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

**Do AI-Algorithmic Traders Lead to Market Instability?
A Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning Approach**

Markus Pelger (Stanford University)

COFFEE BREAK 9:45 AM - 10:05 AM

SESSION 4 Chair: Zhengyang Xu (City University of Hong Kong)

10:05 AM - 10:35 AM

**The Household Impact of Generative AI: Evidence
from Internet Browsing Behavior**

Gregor Schubert (University of California, Los Angeles)

10:35 AM - 11:05 AM

Limits to (Machine) Learning

Zhimin Chen (Nanyang Technological University)

11:05 AM - 11:35 AM

Anonymization and Information Loss

Ke Wu (Renmin University of China)

11:35 AM - 12:05 PM

**Bridging Structured Knowledge and Data: A Unified
Framework with Finance Applications**

Heqing Shi (University of Edinburgh)

CONCLUDING REMARKS 12:05 PM - 12:10 PM

INVITED LUNCH & END 12:15 PM - 2:00 PM

POSTERS

When AI-Washing Meets Initial Public Offerings

Gangxin Guo (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen)

One News, Two Markets: LLM-Derived Sentiment and Trading Volume

Naixin Guo (City University of Hong Kong)

Factor Investing and the Integration of Corporate Bond and Equity Markets

Xin He (University of Science and Technology of China)

The Sound of Silence: AI Language Models, Policy Signals and Risk Premia

Gayeon Hong (Seoul National University)

Predictive Factor Model for Jump Intensities

Shiman Hu (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

Treasury Bond Excess Return Prediction: Machine Learning Insights

Yao Li (University of Lausanne and Swiss Finance Institute)

A Blessing in Disguise: How DeFi Hacks Trigger Unintended Liquidity Injections into US Money Markets

Tingyi Lin (Central University of Finance and Economics)

Macro-Equity Logic Chains in the Stock Market

Zhile Liu (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen)

Deepseeking Investment Value through Analyst Reports

Zilong Niu (Southwestern University of Finance and Economics)

Noisy Truth Beats Precise Lies: Blockchain-Enabled Information Equilibria

Ruize Sun (Monash University)

News Narrative Shocks and Treasury Yields

Yirou Wang (City University of Hong Kong)

Testing Asset Pricing Models Out of Sample: A Bayesian Predictive Approach

Shuhua Xiao (City University of Hong Kong)

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