

Call for Papers

Maastricht Observatory for Responsible, Resilient and Sustainable Societies, Economies and Enterprises

4th Annual Conference

Track: Finance and Resilience

Maastricht, the Netherlands, 23-25 October 2024

Track Chairs:

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Description of the track:

The financial sector plays a crucial role in building a resilient and sustainable economy. With the increasing awareness of the risks and opportunities of climate change, environmental degradation, and social inequality, there is a growing demand for responsible and sustainable finance. Financial institutions are facing new challenges, such as measuring and managing climate risks, promoting sustainable investments, and supporting the transition to a low-carbon economy. At the same time, the financial sector is also exposed to these risks and needs to ensure its own resilience in order to contribute to a resilient real economy. This track aims to explore the role of finance in building resilience and to discuss the challenges and opportunities for responsible and sustainable finance in the face of environmental, social, and economic pressures.

Key topics and research questions of the track:

- Sustainable finance: What are the challenges and opportunities for sustainable finance, and how
 can financial institutions promote sustainable investments and support the transition to a lowcarbon economy?
- Climate risk management: How can financial institutions measure and manage climate risks, and what are the implications for risk management practices and financial stability?

- Climate finance: how can we use finance to protect and preserve biodiversity, finance and facilitate transitions to a low carbon and more resilient economy?
- Green and healthy real estate: how do we value, finance and transact the buildings of the future?
- Resilient financial systems: How can financial systems become more resilient to external shocks, such as climate change, pandemics, and financial crises? What are the implications for financial regulation and supervision? What role does the financial sector play in the resilience of the real economy?
- Socially responsible investing: How can investors integrate environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors in their investment decisions, and what are the effects on financial performance and risk? What is the role of green bonds and other sustainable financial instruments in promoting sustainable investments, and how can they be designed to maximize their impact?
- Financial innovation for sustainability: How can financial innovation contribute to sustainable development, and what are the challenges and opportunities for new financial technologies, such as blockchain, fintech, and digital currencies?

The deadline for submissions is 15 June 2024.

All submissions must **use the submission procedure** on the webpage otherwise they will not be considered for review.

Papers must be submitted sending an email to morse-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

The registration for the MORSE Conference 2024 will open soon.