



10th AFRICAN ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE CONFERENCE

Annual (Virtual) AAFA Conference and Colloquium

Main Conference: 2nd – 3rd September 2021

Emerging Scholars Colloquium: 1st September 2021

1. Second Call for Papers (April 2021)

The African Accounting and Finance Association (AAFA), established in 2011, is Africa's continent-wide accounting and finance academic association. One of the distinguishing features of AAFA is to embrace all African regions including Anglophone and Francophone countries. The quality and reputation of AAFA's activities are reflected in its wide membership across Africa and the close involvement of leading African Diaspora academics from universities across the globe.

The AAFA will be hosting the 10th virtual annual AAFA conference and emerging scholars' colloquium for accounting and finance participants. The annual conference and colloquium will provide doctoral students, early career researchers and academic staff with an opportunity to present their ongoing work to panel of experts and established scholars to receive helpful feedback. This event will also help participants build scholarly networks with peers and experts in their field. The conference and colloquium will feature parallel sessions in English and French.

2. Research areas of interest to the Conference

The conference welcomes full paper submissions in area(s) of accounting and finance including, but not limited to:

- Financial Accounting and Reporting
- Auditing and Internal Audit
- Financial Management
- Management Accounting and Control
- Taxation
- Accounting Information Systems
- Integrated Reporting
- International Financial Reporting Standards
- Accounting History and Developments
- Public Sector Accounting and Finance
- Accounting Education and Training
- Professional Ethics and Standards
- Non-profit Accounting
- Sustainability Accounting and/or Reporting
- Social and Environmental Accounting
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- IFRS for Small and Medium Entities (SMEs)
- International Finance and Financial Markets
- SME Accounting and Finance
- Regulation of Accounting and Financial Services
- Accountability and Governance
- International Public Sector Accounting Standards
- Accounting and Finance in Oil and Gas

3. Submission of Manuscripts

Submissions in English should be sent electronically to conference@aafassociation.com with subject line: **2021 AAFC English Track**. Submissions in French should be sent electronically to conference@aafassociation.com with subject line: **2021 AAFC Français**. **Only full papers**, including an abstract of no more than 300 words, will be considered for the conference. Authors' names and details (affiliations and addresses, including that of co-authors), and email address of the corresponding author should appear on a separate cover page. By submitting a paper, you agree that, if the paper is accepted, you or one of your co-authors undertakes to present it during the conference. **In addition, one corresponding author should not be listed as presenter for more than one submission.**

The deadline for submission of manuscripts is **Monday 1 June 2021**. Authors are encouraged to register upon acceptance of their paper, and in any case the corresponding author (or the presenter) must register no later than **Monday 2 August 2021**.

4. Emerging Scholars Colloquium

The 2021 AAFA Annual Emerging Scholars Colloquium (ESC) will take place on **1st September 2021**. The colloquium aims to bring together young researchers (doctoral and MPhil Students) to present their work-in-progress and receive feedback from established scholars in the field and to network with their peers and other delegates. Submissions to the Colloquium (in English or French) should be sent electronically to conference@aafassociation.com with the subject line: **2021 AAFA ESC**. Submissions should be in the form of an abstract of no more than 500 words, together with a cover page with details of the author and a confirmation of PhD student status. The deadline for submission of manuscripts for this session is **Monday 1 June 2021**. The ESC will feature a qualitative and quantitative research method workshops.

5. Supporting Journals

The AAFA 2021 conference is gratefully supported by a number of high-profile journals:

- [*Journal of Accounting in Emerging Economies*](#)
- [*Cogent Business & Management*](#) (*Accounting, Corporate Governance & Business Ethics*),
- [*African Accounting and Finance Journal*](#) (AAFJ) – AAFA's peer-refereed journal.
- [*Corporate Governance*](#) Special issue of on [*Corporate Governance and Sustainable Development Goals in Africa*](#).
- [*Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies*](#)
- **Special Issue Workshop on Corporate Governance and Sustainable Development Goals in Africa**

For authors planning to submit their papers to this special issue of [*Corporate Governance*](#), the guest editors will hold a workshop during the conference to provide constructive feedback to help strengthen papers and improve the chances of acceptance. Only fully developed papers intended for submission to the special issue will be considered for presentation at the special issue workshop. Please submit to the workshop via the normal AAFA submission process, indicating if you are planning to submit to the special issue by the submission deadline of 1 November 2021. You will be advised if your paper has been accepted for presentation during the workshop stream. *Please note that presentation at this workshop is not a prerequisite for submission to the special issue and nor is a guarantee that the paper will eventually be accepted for publication.*

- **Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies (JCEBS) Best Paper Awards 2021**

This year, JCEBS gratefully supports the AAFA conference with two JCEBS Best Paper Awards (150 USD each). Accepted submissions will be considered for the award and if agreeable, the shortlisted papers will be considered through the journal's review process. The scope of the journal broadly addresses economics, business, accounting and finance. Submissions do not necessarily need to focus on the Chinese context.

- **African Accounting and Finance Journal (AAFJ) Best Paper Prizes 2021**

In collaboration with AAFJ's editorial board, AAFA will award two conference paper prizes (USD 100 each), respectively in accounting and in finance. Accepted submissions will be considered for the award and if agreeable, the shortlisted papers will be considered through the journal's review process.

6. AAFA 2021 Invited Speakers

We are pleased to welcome a number of speakers for our emerging scholars' colloquium and our conference. These presentations will provide developmental opportunities for the benefit of doctoral and emerging scholars in quantitative and qualitative approaches together with coverage of emerging issues in accounting and finance. We are grateful for the support of the [PhD Project](#) and the [International Association for Accounting Education and Research \(IAAER\)](#).

Emerging Scholar Colloquium Guest Speakers



Anywhere Sikochi (Siko)

Anywhere Sikochi (Siko) is an assistant professor at Harvard Business School, where he teaches the Financial Reporting and Control course in the MBA required curriculum. His research studies factors affecting information, decision making, and dynamics in the capital markets. His work has been published in the *Journal of Corporate Finance* and *The Accounting Review*. He is a faculty affiliate to the Gender Initiative at HBS and the Center for African Studies at Harvard University. Professor Sikochi earned his PhD in business administration at the Pennsylvania State University Smeal College of Business. He previously received an MBA from the University of Virginia Darden School of Business. Before his graduate studies, Professor Sikochi was a consultant at Lexecon and Charles River Associates. A native of Zimbabwe, Professor Sikochi attended Middlebury College in United States where he graduated with majors in economics and Russian. He is an alumnus of the United States Student Achievers Program (USAP) and a member of the PhD Project. He and his wife are parents of four children. For information about Siko's research and activities, please visit his faculty profile www.hbs.edu/ssikochi



Catalin N. Albu

Catalin N. Albu is Professor of Accounting with the Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania, where he conducts research and teaches in several areas of accounting, with a focus on the application of western models in emerging economies. Catalin's research has been published in *Accounting, Auditing and Accountability Journal*, *Critical Perspectives on Accounting*, *Accounting Forum*, *Accounting and Business Research*, *Australian Accounting Review*, and *Journal of Accounting in Emerging Economies*, among others. Catalin serves as Associate Editor of the *Journal of International Accounting, Auditing and Taxation* and member of the editorial board of *Accounting Forum*. Catalin acts as Vice-President Conferences for the International Association for Accounting Education and Research (IAAER), whose mission is to promote excellence in accounting education and research on a worldwide basis and to maximize the contribution of accounting academics to the development and maintenance of high quality, globally recognized standards of accounting practice.



Nadia Albu

Nadia Albu is Professor of Accounting with the Bucharest University of Economic Studies Romania. She focuses her research on the institutional factors influencing the implementation of global standards and models in emerging economies. Nadia’s research has recently been published in Accounting, Auditing and Accountability Journal, Critical Perspectives on Accounting, Accounting Forum, Accounting in Europe, Journal of Accounting in Emerging Economies and Journal of International Financial Management & Accounting, among others. Nadia serves as Editorial Board member of Accounting in Europe and Accounting Forum and as a member of the IAAER Advisory Panel to the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).

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Annual Conference Keynote Speakers



Meryem Duygun

Meryem Duygun is a Professor of Banking and Finance at Nottingham University Business School in the UK. Professor Duygun holds an endowed chair in Risk and Insurance funded by the UK largest insurance company, Aviva. She co-directs the Global Centre for Banking and Financial Innovation. She is the Founding President of IFABS-International Finance and Banking Society and the University of Nottingham Fintech Research Network. Her expertise is in the areas of risk, financial technologies (FinTech) and Insurtech, and her research attracted funding from UK Research and Innovation ESRC and the British Academy. Her recent funded research, which is in collaboration with the Bank of England and Confederation of British Industry (CBI), uses Artificial intelligence techniques to examine the impact of COVID-19 on risk exposures of UK SMEs. Meryem has been recognized by influential industry titles. She has been named on the “Women in FinTech Powerlist 2020” by UK Innovate Finance. She was listed among the seventeen most influential women in insurtech by FinTech Global. Meryem has also been consistently named in the Top 30 of the most influential women in Islamic business and finance (ranked 20th in 2020). She is a member of the CBI Financial Services Innovation Forum. She is regularly consulted by international organizations. Meryem has published numerous studies in leading international journals, and she serves as an editorial board member for internationally recognized journals in the areas of finance, risk and artificial intelligence. Meryem is a regular speaker at national and international events organised by academia, industry or policymakers.

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Warren Maroun

Warren Maroun is a professor at the School of Accountancy at the University of the Witwatersrand. He teaches courses on auditing, financial reporting and integrated reporting at an undergraduate and postgraduate level. Warren served at PricewaterhouseCoopers in different roles from 2010 to 2018. He consults widely on corporate reporting issues. His research interests include financial accounting, integrated reporting, external audit, and corporate governance with a specific focus on the functioning of mechanisms of accountability. Warren has published over 60 academic publications. He has produced technical and practitioner-focused reports for different accounting bodies and firms. Warren has contributed to several books, including two on integrated thinking and reporting. He is a member of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and holds a PhD from King’s College London.

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7. Registration and Fees

The conference registration fee (inclusive of the AAFA annual membership fee of 30 USD for 2021-2022) is as follows:

Category	Amount
Academic staff and practitioners (delegate) rate - Outside Africa	USD 100
Academic staff and practitioners (delegate) rate - African-based	USD 50
PhD Discounted (students) rate	USD 30

Click [here](#) to register for the conference.

Please note we have made arrangements with an online payment provider based in Ghana (expressPay) for a rapid and relatively affordable system to effect payment (using credit card).

Please note you will be asked to pay in Ghana Cedis (GHS), at the equivalent rate (+ 1% for the transaction charge). The payment link is available via the conference registration link. Should you encounter difficulties with this method of payment, please contact the Secretariat at conference@aafassociation.com.

Reminder of key dates

Paper submission (conference and colloquium):	Monday, 1 June 2021
Notification of acceptance for papers/submissions:	Wednesday, 30 June 2021
Final date for registration for presenters:	Monday, 2 August 2021
Final date for registration for other delegates:	Monday, 16 August 2021
Emerging Scholars' Colloquium:	Wednesday, 1 September 2021
Main Conference:	Thursday, 2 & Friday 3 September 2021

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