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KEYNOTE LECTURES (to be confirmed)



Professor Ugo PANIZZA, Ph.D **Geneva Graduate Institute**

Ugo PANIZZA is Professor of Economics and Pictet Chair in Finance and Development at the Geneva Graduate Institute where he also serves as head of the Department of Economics. He is a Vice President and Fellow of CEPR and Fellow of the Fondazione Einaudi, Director of the International Center for Monetary and Banking Studies, Editor in Chief of Oxford Open Economics, and deputy director of the Center for Finance and Development. Before joining the Graduate Institute, he was Chief of the Debt and Finance Analysis Unit at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and a Senior Economist at the Inter-American Development Bank. He also worked at the World Bank and taught at the American University of Beirut and the University of Torino. He holds a PhD in Economics from the Johns Hopkins University and a Laurea in Political Sciences from the University of Torino.

Dr. Gabriel MITRACHE **Senior Bank Expert, European Banking Authority**



Gabriel MITRACHE is a seasoned economist and Senior Bank Expert at the European Banking Authority, specialising in bank resolution and financial stability. With over 15 years of experience spanning roles at the European Banking Authority, National Bank of Romania and commercial banks, he is playing an active role in enhancing banking resilience across Europe. Gabriel holds a Ph.D. in Economics (Finance) from the Bucharest University of Economic Studies (Romania), with research on the topic of “too big to fail”. As a conference speaker, he has shared his expertise on banking regulation, financial supervision, and crisis management at major industry events.

We are pleased to invite you to the XXII International Conference on Finance and Banking FI BA 2025

This year's conference will bring together leading researchers, practitioners, and industry experts to explore the latest developments, challenges, and opportunities in the world of finance and banking.

Conference Highlights

- insightful keynote lectures
- panel discussions on specific topics
- doctoral workshop
- networking opportunities with professionals, academics, and policy-makers

Regular Parallel Sessions

Regular parallel sessions will be organised with the presentation of referred papers followed by a discussion session. The discussant assignments will be made by the Conference organizers, which will send the paper to the discussant.



Researchers are invited to submit empirical and theoretical papers that are broadly consistent with the special topics of the Conference, but not limited to them: banking, cybersecurity and data privacy in banking, derivatives and risk management, insurance, financial markets and institutions, investments, sustainable finance and green investments, behavioral finance and investor psychology, corporate finance, operational research in finance, public finance and macroeconomic stability, monetary policy and financial stability, climate risk and financial stability, quantitative finance and financial mathematics, economic and financial resilience post-pandemic.

INFER Special Session



During the FI BA 2025 Conference, we organize an INFER special session which is open to contributions from all areas of economics. We welcome both empirical and theoretical papers related to the following non-exhaustive list of topics: applied econometrics (micro and macro), computational economics, development economics, economic integration, emerging market economies and globalization, empirical economics, energy economics, environmental economics, experimental economics, growth and business cycle, fiscal policy and public debt, health economics, housing and real state economics, industrial economics and innovation, international trade and FDI, international macroeconomics, labor economics, monetary economics, urban and regional economics.

Best Ph.D. Paper Award (500 Euros) will be assigned in line with the tradition of the International Conference on Finance and Banking FI BA. The awarding ceremony will take place during the event. Candidate(s) for the Best Ph.D. Paper Award must be registered for the FI BA 2025 Conference at the time of submission of the paper. He/she (or they) cannot hold a Ph.D. at the time of submission of paper.



Papers for the Best Ph.D. Paper Award can only be authored by Ph.D. students.

The Conference language is English.

Doctoral Workshop: *Becoming a Researcher – Insights for Finance Doctoral Students*

The workshop, organized by Finance Doctoral School on May 29, aims to help Finance Ph.D. students navigate the ups and downs of becoming a researcher. We will cover how to approach your research, generate impactful ideas, write effectively, and present with confidence. Additionally, we will share tips on the publishing process, preparing for academic and industry job markets, acing interviews, and writing a standout job market paper. It's a chance to learn from the experiences of our invited speakers and ask questions about the journey ahead.



Urban ULRYCH is a postdoctoral researcher in quantitative finance at ETH Zurich and EPF Lausanne. He obtained his PhD in Finance from the Swiss Finance Institute at the University of Zurich, where his research focused on statistical learning in quantitative finance. Additionally, he worked as a Quantitative Strategist at Credit Suisse. His work has been published in leading finance journals, including Quantitative Finance, The Journal of Portfolio Management, Journal of International Money and Finance, and Frontiers of Mathematical Finance. Urban's academic contributions have been recognized with awards such as the Plexus Advancement Award for Artificial Intelligence in Finance.

Patrick Matei LUCESCU is a Ph.D. student in quantitative finance at University of Zurich. Previously, he obtained his Bachelor Degree in Mathematics at University of Cambridge and his Master in Quantitative Finance at University of Zurich and ETH Zurich. Additionally, he worked at UBS as a Quantitative Analyst and AI Researcher. His research has focused on applications of News Sentiment in finance as well as risk management, and statistical learning in quantitative finance.



Conference venue

FACULTY OF FINANCE AND BANKING, Bucharest University of Economic Studies
(Address: 5-7 Mihail Moxa Street, Bucharest, Romania)

Important deadlines

Paper Submission Deadline: April 18, 2025

Notification of paper acceptance/rejection: April 28, 2025 by e-mail to the corresponding author

Deadline for payment of fees for accepted papers: May 05, 2025

Submission of papers

The papers must be original research, consisting of max. 15 pages. The submission deadline is **April 18, 2025**.

Papers for the **regular parallel sessions** will be submitted to fiba@fin.ase.ro. Submissions to the regular parallel sessions are limited to two papers per participant.

Papers for the **INFER special session** must be submitted to the session organizer, Professor Andreea STOIAN, Ph.D. (andreea.stoian@fin.ase.ro). Authors are allowed to submit only one paper for this special session.

All submitted papers will be peer reviewed according to a fast and high-quality referee process. Authors will be notified whether their paper is accepted for presentation no later than **April 28, 2025**. Papers accepted for the Conference will be discussed, and we expect participants to act as a discussant for the paper assigned.

Publication opportunities

The participants are eligible to submit to the conference's partner-journals the revised paper based on discussants' and participants' recommendations. The papers will follow the editorial process of the journals. Among the conference's partner-journals there is, for example, Review of Finance and Banking (<http://rfb.ase.ro/>), but the list will be continuously updated.

Registration

The authors are invited to register for the XXII International Conference on Finance and Banking FI BA 2025 after receiving the acceptance of the paper. The deadline for fee payment is **May 05, 2025**.

Conference fee

The Conference fee is **EUR 200** (or equivalent in lei at NBR exchange rate) for each paper and covers Conference registration and materials, access to all Conference sessions, snacks & coffee breaks, lunch, Gala Dinner (May 29, 2025), the social program (organized in the afternoon of May 30, 2025). A discount Conference fee of **EUR 100** is available for Ph.D. students and is applicable only if all the authors are Ph.D. students.

Payment details

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Social program

We invite the participants to the Conference for a half-day excursion to Casa Comana (<https://casacomana.ro/>), Giurgiu, a charming estate amidst the majestic Codrii Vlăsiei Forests and the impressive Neajlov Delta. Just a short trip from Bucharest, this natural sanctuary offers guests the chance to explore lush landscapes, serene waters, and rich biodiversity.

Further information

Updated information on FI BA 2025 will be provided in due course on the Conference website.

For any question, please contact us at fiba@fin.ase.ro.