

27th Malaysian Finance Association International Conference 2025

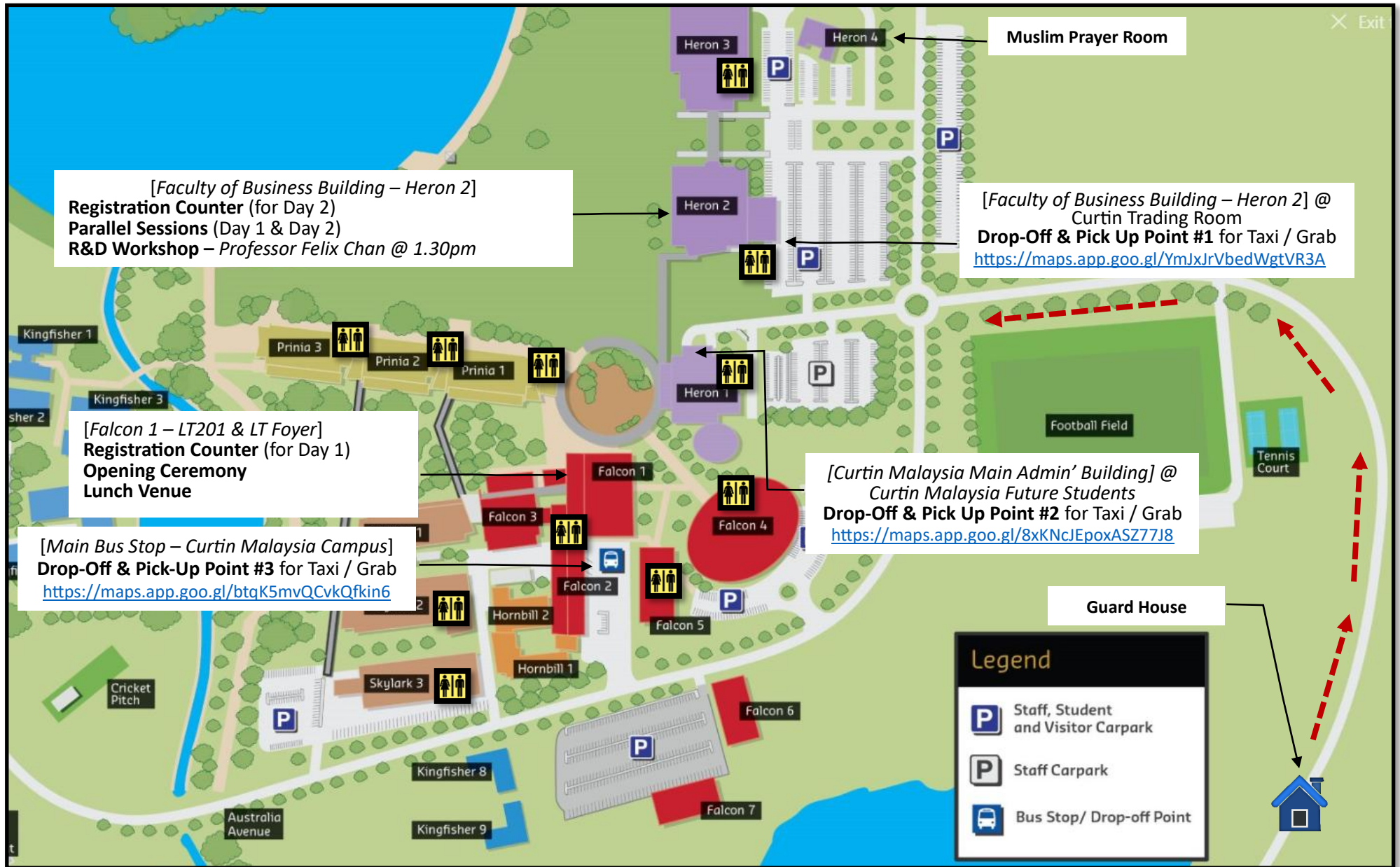
26th – 27th November 2025

Curtin University, Malaysia Campus

Tentative Conference Program

Day 1: 26 th November 2025 (Wednesday)		
Time	Program	Venue
0800 – 0825	Registration of Participants @ Borneo Pavilion	Falcon 1 – LT Foyer
Note: Guests are kindly requested to arrive by 8:00 a.m. for registration. <i>The event will commence promptly at 8:30 a.m.</i>		
0825 – 0830	Arrival of Guests and Participants	Falcon 1 – LT 201
0830 – 0845	Curtin University (Malaysia) Safety Briefing	Falcon 1 – LT 201
0845 – 1000	▪ Arrival of Guest of Honour – Arrival of Guest of Honour, YB Datuk Sebastian Ting Chiew Yew [Deputy Minister for Tourism, Creative Industry & Performing Arts I (Tourism), Sarawak] ▪ National and State Anthems: “Negaraku” and “Ibu Pertiwiku” ▪ Welcoming Speech by Dr Lynn Ling, Chair, MFAIC2025 ▪ Opening Speech by Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tuong Thu Vu ▪ Special Remarks by Professor Hooy Chee Wooi, President, MFA ▪ Special address by Sarawak Digital Economy Corporation (SDEC) ▪ Keynote Address by Guest of Honour ▪ Official Launch of the 27th Malaysian Finance Association International Conference 2025 ▪ Presentation of Souvenir from Curtin University Malaysia to Guest of Honour ▪ Presentation of Tokens of Appreciation to Partners and Supporters	Falcon 1 – LT 201
1000 – 1030	Keynote Speech – Professor Jonathan A. Batten, RMIT University Topic: Digital Transformation in Corporate Risk Management	Falcon 1 – LT 201
1030 – 1100	Light Refreshment	Falcon 1 – LT Foyer
1100 – 1230	Conference Parallel Sessions 1	Heron 2
1230 – 1400	Luncheon and Prayer Break	Falcon 1 – LT Foyer
1400 – 1530	Conference Parallel Sessions 2 & PhD Colloquium I	Heron 2
1530 – 1545	Light Refreshment	Heron 2 – FOB Foyer
1545 – 1700	Conference Parallel Sessions 3 & PhD Colloquium I	Heron 2
1700 – 1800	MFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Heron 2 - LTBS LT II
Day 2: 27 th November 2025 (Thursday)		
Time	Program	Venue
0800 – 0900	Registration of Participants (For the Late Arrivals) and HRDF Delegates	Heron 2 – LTBS LT II
0900 – 1100	Conference Parallel Session 4	Heron 2
1100 – 1130	Keynote Speech – Professor Felix Chan, Curtin University (Australia) Topic: The future of data and its intersection with financial research: A reflection	Heron 2 – LTBS LT II
1130 – 1330	Luncheon and Prayer Break	Falcon 1 – LT Foyer
1330 – 1530	Research Workshop Speaker: Professor Felix Chan Title: Introduction to Data Wrangling and Visualisation Using Open-Source Tools	Heron 2 – LTBS LT II
1530 – 1600	Tea Break	
1600 – 1700	Closing Ceremony and Awards Ceremony ▪ Presentation of Awards ▪ Presentation of Tokens of Appreciation to Invited Speakers and MFA ▪ Announcement of next year MFAIC2026 host and closing.	Heron 2 – LTBS LT II

CURTIN UNIVERSITY (MALAYSIA) CAMPUS MAP



Session Tabulation, Session Chair, Host & Assess Key

Concurrent Room	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Room 6	Room 7	Room 8	Room 9
Session 1 11.00am-2.30pm	A1: Fintech I Impact on Firm & Market (4 papers)	B1: Green Finance I Driver for Going Green (4 papers)	C1: Climate Finance I Impact on Firm (4 papers)	D1: Accounting Disclosure & Audit (4 papers)	E1: Financial Economics I – Policy Shift & Economic Performance (4 papers)	F1: Finance I – Corporate Finance (4 papers)	G1: Firm ESG Performance (4 papers)	H1: Sustainability & Productivity Studies (4 papers)	I1: Islamic Finance I (4 papers)
26 Nov 2025	Lau Wee Yeap (UM)	Go You-How (UTAR)	Jonathan A. Batten (RMIT, Australia)	Akmalia Mohamad Ariff (UMT)	Quazi Mohammed Habibus Sakalayen (UBD, Brunei)	Effiezal Aswadi Abdul Wahab (Curtin, Australia)	Irene Wei Kiong Ting (UMP)	Evan Lau (UNIMAS)	Mohd Edil Abd Sukor (UM)
Session 2 2.00pm-3.30pm	A2: Fintech II Impact on Firm & Market (4 papers)	B2: Green Finance II Impact of Going Green (4 papers)	C2: Climate Finance II Uncertainty & Risk (4 papers)	D2: Financial Inclusion & Wellbeing (4 papers)	E2: Financial Economics II – Asset & Firm Performance (4 papers)	F2: Finance II – Optimization of Financial Assets & Portfolio (4 papers)	G2: ESG on Firm Risk and Performance (4 papers)	H2: Business Sustainability Issues I (4 papers)	I2: PhD Colloquium I (4 PhD proposals)
26 Nov 2025	Maricon R. Biron (NUP, Philippines)	Tingqian Pu (GUC, China)	Wahida Ahmad (UiTM)	Siti Nurazira Mohd Daud (UUM)	Sobhith Mathew Jose (Bennett University, India)	Myint Moe Chit (Nottingham)	Nur Hazimah Amran (UiTM)	Nor Afiza Abu Bakar (UNIMAS)	Wong Woei Chyuan (UUM)
Session 3 3.45pm-5.00pm	A3: Fintech III Impact on Youth (3 papers)	B3: Green Finance III Green Bond (3 papers)	C3: Climate Finance III Policy Making (3 papers)	Rest	E3: Financial Economics III – Market integration (3 papers)	F3: Finance III – Financial Markets & Investments (3 papers)	G3: ESG on Finance & Earning Management (3 papers)	H3: Financial Issues in Services Sector (3 papers)	I3: PhD Colloquium II (3 PhD proposals)
26 Nov 2025	Kok-Haur Ng (UM)	Kenny Tee (JCU, Singapore)	Oana Ramona Lobont (WUT, Romania)		Abd Halim Ahmad (UUM)	Darlin Aulia (Airlangga, Indonesia)	Erni Ekawati (UKDW, Indonesia)	Tanusree Chakravarty Mukherjee (Curtin)	Hooy Chee Wooi (USM)
Session 4 9.00am-11.00am	A4: Fintech IV Impact on Consumer & Youth (4 papers)	B4: Green Finance IV: Carbon Emissions, Disclosure & Trading (4 papers)	C4: Climate, ESG, Green, and Market Behaviour (5 papers)	D3: Financial Literacy & Financial Planning (4 papers)	E4 Financial Economics IV – Asset Behaviour & Market Performance (4 papers)	F4: Finance IV – Forecasting in Finance (4 papers)	G4: Corporate Governance (4 papers)	H4: Business Sustainability Issues II (4 papers)	I4: Islamic Finance II (5 papers)
27 Nov 2025	Iftekhhar Ahmed (Newcastle, UK)	Anh Le (Lincoln, New Zealand)	Fayrene Chieng (Curtin)	Mohammad Abdul Matin Chowdhury (Curtin)	Zainudin Arsad (USM)	Tayyab Raza Fraz (UoK, Pakistan)	Karren Lee Hwei Khaw (Monash)	Lynn, Ling Yew Hua (Curtin)	Fauzias Mat Nor (USIM)

Note: Each paper has 22 minutes - presentation (15 minutes); discussant (5 minutes); Q&A (2 minutes); The only exceptional case is Session I3, with 4 papers in session 3, it can be extended to 5.20pm. in the list of presentation, the asterisk * denote presenter for each paper.

A1: Fintech I – Impact on Firm & Market Chairman: Lau Wee Yeap (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)	11.00 am - 12.30 pm, 26 Nov
Does Financial Technology Affect Bank Performance? Evidence from Malaysia Xiao Yuxuan (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia) Lau Wee Yeap (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)* Discussant: Abd Halim Ahmad (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)	
Threat or Thrive? The Impact of Fintech Development on Bank Performance Abd Halim Ahmad (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)* Siti Nurazira Mohd Daud (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Anusha Annathurai (Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah, Malaysia)	
Impact of Cross-Border Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) Interoperability Announcements Towards Malaysia's Stock Market Anusha Annathurai (Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah, Malaysia)* Norwazli Binti Abdul Wahab (Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah, Malaysia) Zetty Ain Binti Kamaruzzaman (Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah, Malaysia) Nurul Syafidah Binti Jamil (Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia) Discussant: Hafezali Bin Iqbal Hussain (Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei Darussalam)	
Unravelling the Heterogenous Effect of Fintech on Renewable Energy Transition: A Multi-country Quantile-on-quantile Analysis Hafezali Bin Iqbal Hussain (Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei)* Discussant: Lau Wee Yeap (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)	
A2: Fintech II – Impact on Firm & Market Chairman: Maricon R. Biron (National University Philippines, Philippines)	2.00 pm - 3.30 pm, 26 Nov
The Influence of Chatbot-Enabled Financial Innovation in Enhancing Service Efficiency Dr Goi Chai Lee (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)* Discussant: Abhilash C Shaji (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)	
An AI Driven Financial Score Card for Assessing Bank Performance Anakha K. Saji (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)* Devi Sekhar R. (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India) Discussant: Maricon R. Biron (National University Philippines, Philippines)	
The Role of Entrepreneurial Orientation and Financial Technology in Improving Sustainability Reports of Petroleum Enterprises in the National Capital Region Maricon R. Biron (National University Philippines, Philippines)* Lorna C. Lim (National University Philippines, Philippines) Froilan L Calixto (National University Philippines, Philippines) Floydeth V. Cortez (Asian Institute of Management, Philippines) Rowena M Subaran (FarEastern University, Philippines) Catherine D Sotto (Polytechnic University of the Philippines, Philippines) Discussant: Sani Alhaji Saidu (Adamawa State University, Mubi, Nigeria)	
Effectiveness of Fiat Fractional Reserve System and the Role of Centralised Cryptocurrency on Economic Stability in Nigeria's Digital Economic System Sani Alhaji Saidu (Adamawa State University, Mubi, Nigeria)* Fauziah Md Taib (University Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Dr Goi Chai Lee (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)	

A3: Fintech III – Impact on Youth Chairman: Kok-Haur Ng (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)	3.45 pm - 5.00 pm, 26 Nov
The Influence of Financial Socialisation and Fintech Literacy on Financial Behaviour Among Youth Pick-Soon Ling (University of Technology Sarawak)* Liing-Sing Ling (University of Technology Sarawak) Angela Ee Ling Tiong (University of Technology Sarawak) Kelvin Yong Ming Lee (Taylor’s University, Malaysia) Discussant: Chung-Sin Yoon (Alan Yoon Associates Chartered Accountants, Malaysia)	
Reintermediaries as the Shield for Youth Fintech Borrowing - a Financial Behavior Perspective Chung-Sin Yoon (Alan Yoon Associates Chartered Accountants, Malaysia)* Marvello Yang (Sunway University, Malaysia & Institut Teknologi Dan Bisnis Sabda Setia, Indonesia) Teik-Wei Yoon (Alan Yoon Associates Chartered Accountants, Malaysia) Discussant: Muhamad Fauzi bin Zainal Abidin (Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), Malaysia)	
Exploring the Intention to Adopt Financial Technologies Among Diploma Students in Entrepreneurship Programme Muhamad Fauzi bin Zainal Abidin (Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), Malaysia)* Discussant: Pick-Soon Ling (University of Technology Sarawak, Malaysia)	
A4: Fintech IV – Impact on Consumer & Youth Chairman: Iftekhhar Ahmed (Newcastle, UK)	9.00 am - 11.00 am, 27 Nov
Electric Vehicle Green Financial Sustainability Behavior - Indonesian Digital Generation Perspectives Marvello Yang (Sunway University, Malaysia & Institut Teknologi Dan Bisnis Sabda Setia, Indonesia) Chung-Sin Yoon (Alan Yoon Associates Chartered Accountants, Malaysia)* Discussant: Mohommad Ali Tareq (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)	
Consumer Behaviour and Trust in Malaysian Fintech Services Mohommad Ali Tareq (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)* Discussant: Angela Ee Ling Tiong (University of Technology Sarawak)	
The Effect of Financial Influencers (Finfluencers) on the Financial Management Behaviour of Young Adults Angela Ee Ling Tiong (University of Technology Sarawak)* Pick-Soon Ling (University of Technology Sarawak) Liing-Sing Ling (University of Technology Sarawak) Kelvin Yong Ming Lee (Taylor’s University, Malaysia) Discussant: Jasni Ahmad, Mohamad Hanif Abu Hassan (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)	
Digital Payment Adoption in Higher Education: Evaluating the Cashless Campus Model at Universiti Utara Malaysia Jasni Ahmad, Mohamad Hanif Abu Hassan (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)* Sahadah Abdullah (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Chung-Sin Yoon (Alan Yoon Associates Chartered Accountants, Malaysia)	

B1: Green Finance I – Driver for Going Green Chairman: You-How Go (Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia)	11.00 am - 12.30 pm, 26 Nov
Driving Green Finance in High Agricultural Development Toward Biodiversity Conservation You-How Go (Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia)* Chen Fanyu (Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia) Vivien Zi-Wen Wong (Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia) Kwang-Jing Yii (Swinburne University of Technology, Sarawak Campus, Malaysia) Discussant: Mohammad Abdul Matin Chowdhury (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)	
Illusive or Inclusive? Digital Economy's Impact on the Green Growth in the ASEAN Region Mohammad Abdul Matin Chowdhury (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)* Pauline Ho (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Umami Junaidda Binti Hashim (Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin, Malaysia) Anwar Hossain (East Delta University, Bangladesh) Mohammad B Hossain (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Mai Hong Nguyen (Taylor's University, Malaysia)	
Sustainable Financial Literacy as a Catalyst for Green Cryptocurrency Investment Intention: Insights from the Value-Belief-Norm Framework Mai Hong Nguyen (Taylor's University, Malaysia)* Wan Nordin Wan-Hussin (Taylor's University, Malaysia) Md Sharif Hassan (Taylor's University, Malaysia) Discussant: Nur Syahirah Rokeman (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia)	
Bank Capital Resilience in HIMI Countries: The Role of Cost Efficiency under Physical Climate Risk Nur Syahirah Rokeman (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia)* Wahida Ahmad (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia) Nur Hazimah Amran (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia) Discussant: You-How Go (Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Malaysia)	
B2: Green Finance II – Impact of Going Green Chairman: Tingqian Pu (Guizhou University of Commerce, China)	2.00 pm - 3.30 pm, 26 Nov
Green Finance Between Momentum and Maturity: A Field Rich in Data, Still Seeking Depth? Oana Ramona Lobont (West University of Timisoara, Romania)* Anastasia Doraş (Lisnic) (West University of Timisoara, Romania) Ran Tao and Sorana Vătavu (West University of Timisoara, Romania) Discussant: Tingqian Pu (Guizhou University of Commerce, China)	
The Green Innovation Gains of Digital Transformation: Evidence from China Tingqian Pu (Guizhou University of Commerce, China)* Yuanba Li (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Akmalia Mohamad Ariff (Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia)	
Environmental Innovation, Political Stability and Financial Constraints: Evidence from Energy Firms Abdullahi Zaharadeen Musa (Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia) Khairul Anuar Kamarudin (University of Wollongong in Dubai, United Arab Emirates) Akmalia Mohamad Ariff (Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia)* Ahmad Shauqi Mohamad Zubir (Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia) Discussant: Mahwish Rani, Rm (UTP, Malaysia & Département of Management, Malaysia)	
Improving Triple Bottom Line Performance: A Conceptual Framework on Digitalization in Circular Economy Mahwish Rani, Rm (UTP, Malaysia & Département of Management, Malaysia)* Fong-Woon Lai (Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, Malaysia) Kashif Muhammad Shad (Universiti Teknologi Petronas, Malaysia & Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, Malaysia) Discussant: Oana Ramona Lobont (West University of Timisoara, Romania)	

B3: Green Finance III – Green Bond Chairman: Kenny Tee (James Cook University in Singapore, Singapore)		3.45 pm - 5.00 pm, 26 Nov
Palm GreenChain Malaysia: a Blockchain-Based Framework for Enhancing Green Bond Transparency in the Palm Oil Sector Kenny Tee (James Cook University in Singapore, Singapore)* Glulame Rubbaniy (University of the West of England, United Kingdom) Discussant: Javed Bin Kamal (Monash University Malaysia, Malaysia)		
Do Geopolitical Risks Accelerate or Decelerate Corporate Credit Spreads? New Evidence from the Green and Non-Green Bond Market Javed Bin Kamal (Monash University Malaysia, Malaysia)* Mohammad Hasan (University of Kent, United Kingdom) Discussant: Devika Sabu (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)		
Prophet-Based Forecasting of Indian Equity Market Trends: Sensex and Nifty Devika Sabu (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)* Devi Sekhar R. (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India) Discussant: Kenny Tee (James Cook University in Singapore, Singapore)		
B4: Green Finance IV – Carbon Emissions, Disclosure & Trading Chairman: Anh Le (Lincoln, New Zealand)		9.00 am - 11.00 am, 27 Nov
Estimating Volatility with a Log-BiACARR Model: Evidence from Guangdong's Carbon Emissions Trading Market Kok-Haur Ng (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)* Junlin He (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia) Discussant: Muhammad Aldi Malik Syahputra (Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia)		
Greenwashing or Genuine Sustainability? Examining ESG and Its Environmental Subscores on Carbon Emissions in ASEAN Companies Muhammad Aldi Malik Syahputra (Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia)* Alfin Rhesa Affandi (Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia) Aghnan Yarits Anggara (Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia) Discussant: Liu Na (Taylor's University, Malaysia)		
Unraveling the Interplay Between ESG-Linked Executive Compensation, Board Climate Oversight, and Carbon Disclosure Liu Na (Taylor's University, Malaysia)* Wan Nordin Wan-Hussin (Taylor's University, Malaysia) SokFun Chin (Taylor's University, Malaysia) Discussant: Kashif Muhammad Shad (Universiti Teknologi Petronas)		
Impact of Carbon Trading Mechanisms on Triple Bottom Line Performance in Malaysian Manufacturing Kashif Muhammad Shad (Universiti Teknologi Petronas)* Discussant: Kok-Haur Ng (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)		

C1: Climate Finance I – Impact on Firm Chairman: Jonathan A. Batten (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia)		11.00 am - 12.30 pm, 26 Nov
Supply Chain Finance and Small Business Resilience to Climate Shocks: Firm Level Evidence from 150 Countries Myint Moe Chit (University of Nottingham Malaysia, Malaysia)* Discussant: Karren Lee Hwei Khaw (Monash University Malaysia Campus, Malaysia)		
Institutional Investors Heterogeneity and Climate Change Exposure Gek Xuen Sim (Monash University Malaysia Campus, Malaysia) Karren Lee Hwei Khaw (Monash University Malaysia Campus, Malaysia)* Sheena Sara Suresh Philip (Monash University Malaysia Campus, Malaysia) Discussant: Iftekhar Ahmed (Newcastle University, United Kingdom)		
Performance and Climate Risk in Microfinance Institutions Iftekhar Ahmed (Newcastle University, United Kingdom)* Ivan Diaz-Rainey (Griffith University, Australia) Helen Roberts (University of Otago, New Zealand) Discussant: Jonathan A. Batten (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia)		
Natural Disasters, Investor Uncertainty, and the Cost of Going Public Jonathan A. Batten (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia)* Peyman Kheyr (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia) Di Mo (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia) Armin Pourkhanali (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia) Discussant: Myint Moe Chit (University of Nottingham Malaysia, Malaysia)		
C2: Climate Finance II – Uncertainty & Risk Chairman: Wahida Ahmad (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia)		2.00 pm - 3.30 pm, 26 Nov
Growth Under Transition Pressures: The Risks Interactions in Banking Across Economies Wahida Ahmad (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia)* Nur Hazimah Amran (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia) Nur Syahirah Rokeman (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia) Discussant: Tajeb Ullah (INCEIF University, Malaysia)		
Moderating Role of Climate-Induced Risk in Shaping Credit Access: Empirical Evidence from Smallholder Farmers in Pakistan Tajeb Ullah (INCEIF University, Malaysia)* Ziyaad Mahomed (INCEIF, Malaysia) Discussant: Zhang Hengchao (INCEIF, Malaysia)		
Climate Change Risk and Default Risk: The Case of Non-Financial Sector in Malaysia Nurfarahin Mazlan (INCEIF University, Malaysia) Turalay Kenç (INCEIF University, Malaysia) Zhang Hengchao (INCEIF, Malaysia)* Discussant: Abdullahi Ahmed (Adamawa State University, Nigeria)*		
Impact of Internal Corporate Governance Mechanism on Environmental Disclosure of Listed Oil and Gas Companies in Nigeria Abdullahi Ahmed (Adamawa State University, Nigeria)* Discussant: Wahida Ahmad (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia)		

C3: Climate Finance III – Policy Making Chairman: Oana Ramona Lobont (West University of Timisoara, Romania)		3.45 pm - 5.00 pm, 26 Nov
The Enforceability of Climate Finance Obligations Under the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement: Implications for Accountability and Climate Justice Md. Irfanul Islam (China University of Political Science and Law, China)* Mohammad Belayet Hossain (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Jiapeng Dai (University of Wollongong Malaysia, Malaysia)		
Asymmetric Effects of Environmental Policy Stringency on Sustainable Financing Costs: Evidence from OECD Countries Jiapeng Dai (University of Wollongong Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Sorana Vătavu (West University of Timisoara, Romania)		
Green Conditionality and Fiscal Reform: Tracing the EU's Post-Crisis Policy Evolution Ana-Elena Varadi (West University of Timișoara, Romania) Oana Ramona Lobont (West University of Timisoara, Romania) Sorana Vătavu (West University of Timisoara, Romania)* Discussant: Md. Irfanul Islam (China University of Political Science and Law, China)		
C4: Climate, ESG, Green, and Market Behaviour Chairman: Fayrene Chieng (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)		9.00 am - 11.00 am, 27 Nov
The Impact of Corporate ESG on Innovation Performance: The Moderating Effects of Financing Constraints and Internal Control Wong Wai Yan (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia)* Discussant: Vanessa Ming Miin Chan (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)		
Green Finance Under Pressure: How Energy Price Volatility and Policy Uncertainties Affect Green Bond Performance? Vanessa Ming Miin Chan (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)* Ramez Abubakr Badeeb (Nottingham University Business School, Malaysia) Pauline Ho (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Ivy Siaw Hung Hii (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Nik Hadiyan Nik Azman (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)		
Financial Literacy, Risk Aversion, and Religiosity: Behavioral Determinants of Investment Decisions in Indonesia Girang Permata Gusti (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Nik Hadiyan Nik Azman (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)* Discussant: Nur Hazimah Amran (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia)*		
Liquidity Under Climate Pressure: Size and Physical Risk Interactions in Banking Nur Hazimah Amran (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia)* Wahida Ahmad (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia) Nur Syahirah Rokeman (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia) Discussant: Lu Wei (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)*		
Investor Sentiment as a Mediator Between EPU and Herding: Evidence from Text-Based Analysis Lu Wei (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)* Zamri Ahamad (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Wong Wai Yan (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia)		

D1: Accounting Disclosure and Audit Chairman: Akmalia Mohamad Ariff (Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia)	11.00 am - 12.30 pm, 26 Nov
Enhancing Social and Environmental Accounting Disclosure Quality: Exploring the Roles of Board and Audit Governance Structure in Nigerian Non-Service Listed Companies CHinda Philip Bamenda, Bpc (Adamawa State University Mubi & Bestable Universal Concept, Nigeria)* Discussant: Noraizan Ripain (Universiti Utara Malaysia & Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia)	
Chief Internal Auditor Certification, Auditor Gender, and Audit Fees: Evidence from FTSE Russell ESG-Rated Malaysian Firms Noraizan Ripain (Universiti Utara Malaysia & Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia)* Wan Nordin Wan-Hussin (Taylor's University, Malaysia) Mohd 'Atef Md Yusof (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Jerry Musa (Adamawa State University, Nigeria)	
Building Transparency: How Audit and Risk Committees, with Firm Size, Shape Risk Disclosure in Nigerian Financial Institutions Jerry Musa (Adamawa State University, Nigeria)* Usman Sulei Muhammed (Federal Polytechnic Mubi, Nigeria) Ormin Koholga (Adamawa State University, Nigeria) Discussant: E. Geetha (Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, India)	
A Quasi-Natural Experiment on the Effect of Bankruptcy Law on Earnings Management in Share-Pledging Firms: Evidence from India's IBC E. Geetha (Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, India)* Discussant: CHinda Philip Bamenda, Bpc (Adamawa State University Mubi & Bestable Universal Concept, Nigeria)	
D2: Financial Inclusion and Wellbeing Chairman: Siti Nurazira Mohd Daud (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)	2.00 pm - 3.30 pm, 26 Nov
Measuring Islamic Financial Inclusion and Its Role in Promoting Economic Growth: The Case of Malaysia Zakaria Lacheheb (International Islamic University Malaysia)* Husna Jamaludin and Sharifah Nabilah Syed Salleh (International Islamic University Malaysia) Massinissa Ameziane (University of Algiers) Discussant: Ummi Junaidda Binti Hashim (Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin, Malaysia)	
Assessing Climate Change Exposure and Financial Outreach on Socio-Economic Development: Evidence from Selected ASEAN Economies Ummi Junaidda Binti Hashim (Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin, Malaysia)* Mohammad Abdul Matin Chowdhury (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Zahid Hasan (University of Notre Dame, Australia)	
Goats, Growth, and Inspiration: A Home-Grown Strategy for Decent Work and Economic Resilience in Bangladesh Zahid Hasan (University of Notre Dame Australia)* Fazle Rabbi (Crown Institute of Higher Education) Laurel Jackson (Western Sydney University) Discussant: Joanne Shaza Janang (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia)	
Explicating Modified Society Disclosure Index to Improve Society's Quality of Life Joanne Shaza Janang (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia)* Corina Joseph (Universiti Teknologi MARA Sarawak, Malaysia) Salawati Sahari (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia) Discussant: Zakaria Lacheheb (International Islamic University Malaysia)	

D3: Financial Literacy and Financial Planning**9.00 am - 11.00 am, 27 Nov****Chairman: Mohammad Abdul Matin Chowdhury (Curtin)**

Financial Health Literacy and Emerging Demand for Hypothetical Long-Term Care Takaful in Malaysia

Siti Nurazira Mohd Daud (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)*

Abd Halim Ahmad (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia);

Mohammad Mafrukhin Mokhtar (Agensi Kaunseling dan Pengurusan Kredit (AKPK), Malaysia)

Discussant: Yarti Fangooa Deonaran (Curtin Mauritius, Mauritius)

How Personality, Emotion, and Culture Shape Household Financial Decisions: A Comparative Case Study Analysis

Yarti Fangooa Deonaran (Curtin Mauritius, Mauritius)*

Discussant: Nurul Jannah Fatehah Kamarul Zaman (Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Malaysia)

The Interplay of Financial Knowledge as a Mediator in Determining Retirement Planning Among Malaysian Gig Workers

Nurul Jannah Fatehah Kamarul Zaman (Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Malaysia)*

Shafinar Ismail (Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), Malaysia);

Khairunnisa Abd Samad (University of Technology MARA & Alor Gajah)

Discussant: Zulkefly Abdul Karim (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia)

The Impact of Collateral on Access to Finance: A Threshold Regression Analysis Using Selected ASEAN Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Firms

Sulhie Izyani Binti Mahathir (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia)

Zulkefly Abdul Karim (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia)*

Discussant: Siti Nurazira Mohd Daud (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)

E1: Financial Economics I – Policy Shift and Economic Performanc Chairman: Quazi Mohammed Habibus Sakalayen (Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei)	11.00 am - 12.30 pm, 26 Nov
Global Policy Shifts on Indian Economy Ricky Jose (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)* Bejoy Joseph (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India) Discussant: Alan Thomas Mullackal (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)	
War And Economic Shifts: Analysis of Pre, Post, And Current Phases Alan Thomas Mullackal (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)* Devi Sekhar R. (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India) Discussant: Quazi Mohammed Habibus Sakalayen (Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei)	
Unpacking the Maritime Dividend: Heterogeneity in the Shipping Connectivity–Growth Nexus Quazi Mohammed Habibus Sakalayen (Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei)* Hafezali Iqbal Hussain (University Brunei Darussalam, Brunei) Hassanudin Bin Mohd Thas Thaker (International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia) Raja Rehan (rajarehan3@hotmail.com) Discussant: Souparnika T. (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)	
Assessing Efficiency in India’s IT Industry Souparnika T. (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)* Bejoy Joseph v. (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India) Discussant: Ricky Jose (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)	
E2: Financial Economics II – Asset & Firm Performance	2.00 pm - 3.30 pm, 26 Nov
The Impact of Brent Crude Oil and Crude Palm Oil Prices on the Performance of Banks in Malaysia Mohd Edil Abd Sukor (University of Malaya, Malaysia)* Adri Shahfizal Shah Zarin (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia) Discussant: Abhilash C Shaji (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)	
Predictive Financial Score Card for Assessing Performance of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NNFCS) Abhilash C Shaji (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)* Devi Sekhar R. (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India) Discussant: Sneha Mohandas (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)	
AURUM Analytics: Modelling the Price of Gold with Trend Analysis and Machine Learning Models Sneha Mohandas (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)* Bejoy Joseph (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India) Discussant: Sobhith Mathew Jose (Bennett University, India)	
Exploring the Role of Talent Development in Enhancing Firm Performance: Insights from Nordic Countries Sobhith Mathew Jose (Bennett University, India)* Discussant: Mohd Edil Abd Sukor (University of Malaya, Malaysia)	

E3: Financial Economics III – Market integration Chairman: Abd Halim Ahmad (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)		3.45 pm - 5.00 pm, 26 Nov
Economic Proximity and Regional Integration: A Framework for Analysis Nayna Warriar (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)* Devi Sekhar R. (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India) Discussant: Roshiny Roy (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)		
Establishing Cointegration Between GDPs of 10 Best Economy of the World Roshiny Roy (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)* Bejoy Joseph (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India) Discussant: Harisankar Asokan (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)		
The GDP–FDI–FII Nexus In India: A Cointegration Analysis Harisankar Asokan (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)* Devi Sekhar R. (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India) Discussant: Nayna Warriar (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)		
E4: Financial Economics IV – Asset Behaviour & Market Performance Chairman: Zainudin Arsad (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)		9.00 am - 11.00 am, 27 Nov
Application of Extreme Value Theory in Estimating Catastrophic Insurance Losses Chew Peng Gan (Taylor's University, Malaysia)* Hong Yiee Chin (Taylor's University, Malaysia) Discussant: Zainudin Arsad (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)		
The Turn-Of-The-Month Effect in Six Selected Stock Indices: Evidence During and After the COVID19 Pandemic Zainudin Arsad (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)* Teoh Jian Ting (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Ng Kin Lik (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Nursyahidah Razali (University Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia)		
Empirical Analysis of Entrepreneurial and Dynamic Capabilities in Sabah's Manufacturing Sector Nursyahidah Razali (University Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia)* Ang Hong Loong (Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia) Pang Yeng Yuan (Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology, Malaysia) Discussant: Suthasinee Suwannapak (Khon Khen University, Thailand, & Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)		
The Effect of Exchange Rate Volatility and Export of Thailand: The Role of Economic Policy Uncertainty (EPU) Suthasinee Suwannapak (Khon Khen University, Thailand, & Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)* Hooy Chee Wooi (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Chew Peng Gan (Taylor's University, Malaysia)		

F1: Finance I – Corporate Finance Chairman: Effiezal Aswadi Abdul Wahab (Curtin University, Australia)	11.00 am - 12.30 pm, 26 Nov
CFO Gender and Ethnicity: Intersectional Influences on Investment Efficiency Effiezal Aswadi Abdul Wahab (Curtin University, Australia)* Janice How (Queensland University of Technology, Australia) Ismaaanzira Ismail (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Nurfarahin Mazlan (INCEIF University, Malaysia)	
Determinants of Firms' Default Risk: A Panel Analysis on Non-Financial Firms in Malaysia Nurfarahin Mazlan (INCEIF University, Malaysia)* Turalay Kenç (INCEIF University, Malaysia) Hengchao Zhang (INCEIF University, Malaysia) Discussant: Teoh Hoong-Yang (Universiti Sains Malaysia & Vitrox College, Malaysia)	
Female CEO and Excess Cash Holdings During Uncertainty: Evidence from Malaysian Publicly Listed Firms Teoh Hoong-Yang (Universiti Sains Malaysia & Vitrox College, Malaysia)* Foong Swee-Sim (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Ha Le Hong Ngoc (The University of Danang, University of Economics, Vietnam & Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)	
Risk-Taking and CEO Age: The U-Shape Relationship: Evidence from an Emerging Market Ha Le Hong Ngoc (The University of Danang, University of Economics, Vietnam & Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Hooy Chee Wooi (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Effiezal Aswadi Abdul Wahab (Curtin University, Australia)	
F2: Finance II – Optimization of Financial Assets & Portfolio Chairman: Myint Moe Chit (Nottingham)	2.00 pm - 3.30 pm, 26 Nov
Portfolio Optimization Through the Single Index Model from the Shares of Best Five Performing Sectors in India: An Empirical Study Bharat V. (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)* Devi Sekhar R. (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India) Discussant: Alan Prahutama, Maharani Anis Wardati (Diponegoro University, Indonesia)	
Application of Partitioning Around Medoids (PAM) in Optimizing Stock Portfolio Formation Using the Mean-Semivariance Approach Alan Prahutama, Maharani Anis Wardati (Diponegoro University, Indonesia)* Triastuti Abdul Wuryandari (Diponegoro University, Indonesia) Discussant: Jackie Zhanbiao Li (Curtin University Malaysia)	
Optimizing Hospital Operational Efficiency through Business-Finance Integration: Evidence from China's Public Healthcare System Jackie Zhanbiao Li (Curtin University Malaysia)* Qiwen Jiang (Chongqing Medical University, China) Yingqian Lao (Chongqing Medical University, China) Haichang Jiang, Yuyan Shen (Chongqing Medical University, China) Lynn Yew Hua Ling (Curtin University Malaysia) Discussant: John Shibu Myalil (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)	
Empirical Study of Portfolio Construction With 30 Shares Under Sensex Using the Markowitz Models John Shibu Myalil (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)* Bejoy Joseph (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India) Discussant: Bharat V. (Bharata Mata Institute of Management, India)	

F3: Finance III – Financial Markets and Investments Chairman: Darlin Aulia (Airlangga University, Indonesia)	3.45 pm - 5.00 pm, 26 Nov
China's Economic Policy Uncertainty and US Variance Risk Premium: Evidence of Cross-Border Volatility Spillovers Ooi Kok Hwa Ooi (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)* Hooy Chee Wooi (University Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Anh Le (Lincoln University, New Zealand)	
Is the Grass Always Greener on the Other Side? Investor Regret and the Australian and New Zealand Stock Returns Anh Le (Lincoln University, New Zealand)* Harvey Nguyen (Massey University, New Zealand) Cuong Nguyen (Lincoln University, New Zealand) Baiding Hu (Lincoln University, New Zealand) Discussant: Darlin Aulia (Airlangga University, Indonesia)	
The Effect of Media Supervision, Online Social Networks, on Investment Efficiency in Indonesia Darlin Aulia (Airlangga University, Indonesia)* Ardianto Ardianto (Airlangga University, Indonesia) Discussant: Ooi Kok Hwa (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)	
F4: Finance IV – Forecasting in Finance Chairman: Tayyab Raza Fraz (University of Karachi, Pakistan)	9.00 am - 11.00 am, 27 Nov
Assessment of Nonlinear Autoregressive with Exogenous Input Multi-Step Forecast Accuracy to Predict the Kuala Lumpur Composite Index Li Jie Lau (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)* Pauline Ho (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Tanusree Chakravarty Mukherjee (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Ivy Siaw Hung Hii (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Rubaiyat Ahsan Bhuiyat (University of Southhampton Malaysia, United Kingdom) Discussant: Tayyab Raza Fraz (University of Karachi, Pakistan)	
The Efficacy of Random Forest Models as an Alternative to Traditional Volatility Models: Forecasting Evidence from Pakistan's Islamic and Conventional Stock Markets Tayyab Raza Fraz (University of Karachi, Pakistan)* Fayaz Hussain Tunio (Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law, Pakistan) Discussant: Muhammad Zaim Razak (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Malaysia)	
Analysis of Return Predictability and Volatility of Malaysian REITs, Property Companies and Stocks Market During COVID-19 Muhammad Zaim Razak (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Malaysia)* Naddwa Ellysha Toilan (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Abdulmalik Yusuf Umar (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)*	
Climate Change Risks and Firm Performance: The Moderating Role of Risk Preferences of Matured CEOs Abdulmalik Yusuf Umar (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)* Zamri Ahmad (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Li Jie Lau (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)	

G1: Firm ESG Performance Chairman: Irene Wei Kiong Ting (Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah, Malaysia)	11.00 am - 12.30 pm, 26 Nov
Toward Net-Zero Emissions: ESG, Regional Eco-Efficiency, and Strategic Insights from the Taiwanese Semiconductor Industry Wen-Chi Yang (National Chengchi University, Taiwan) Wen-Min Lu (National Chengchi University, Taiwan) Irene Wei Kiong Ting (Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah, Malaysia)* Alagu Perumal Ramasamy (Loyola College, India) Discussant: Woei Chyuan Wong (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)	
Do External Certifications Shape the ESG-Performance Nexus? Evidence from Credit Rating and Shariah Compliance Certification Woei Chyuan Wong (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)* Abdullah Farah Farhana Hamzah (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malay) Md. Mahmudul Alam (BRAC University, Bangladesh) Discussant: Irene Wei Kiong Ting (Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah, Malaysia)	
ESG Performance and Risk Premium with Brown Portfolio Benchmarking: Comparative Evidence from Indonesia and China Erni Ekawati (Universitas Kristen Duta Wacana, Indonesia)* Claudia Susanti (Universitas Kristen Duta Wacana, Indonesia) Discussant: Wahidah Shari and Mohamad Hanif Abu Hassan (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)	
Assessing the Readiness of Malaysian Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for ESG Integration: A Resource-Based Perspective Wahidah Shari and Mohamad Hanif Abu Hassan (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)* Selamah Maamor (Univetsiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia) Siti Harun (University of North Malaysia, Malaysia) Yusmani Mohd Yusoff (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Erni Ekawati (Universitas Kristen Duta Wacana, Indonesia)	
G2: ESG on Firm Risk and Performance Chairman: Nur Hazimah Amran (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia)	2.00 pm - 3.30 pm, 26 Nov
ESG Factors and Stock Tail Risk: Evidence from China's A-Share Market Qiyu Li (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)* Wee-Yeap Lau (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia) Kok-Haur Ng (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia) Discussant: Tahira A Fariha (Job Holder, Bangladesh)	
Corporate Environmental Accountability and ESG-Linked Financial Risks in Bangladesh: Legal Shortcomings and Lessons from Singapore's Model Tahira A Fariha (Job Holder, Bangladesh)* Mohammad Belayet Hossain (Curtin University Malaysia) Discussant: Nor Hazirah Mohamad-Shukri (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia)	
Sustainable Banking Excellence: Strategizing ESG Through Financial Lens Across APAC Countries Nor Hazirah Mohamad-Shukri (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia)* Wahida Ahmad (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia) Nur Hazimah Amran (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia) Nur Syahirah Rokeman (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia) Sarah Nursaadah Mohd-Zameri (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia) Discussant: Joshua Benson Nadiyasu (Adamaa State University, Nigeria & Deeper Life, Nigeria)	
Meditating Effect of Firm Performance on the Relationship Between Board Independence and ESG Disclosure in Selected Developing Countries Joshua Benson Nadiyasu (Adamaa State University, Nigeria & Deeper Life, Nigeria)* Discussant: Qiyu Li (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)	

G3: ESG on Financing Constraints & Earning Management	
Chairman: Erni Ekawati (Universitas Kristen Duta Wacana, Indonesia)	
3.45 pm - 5.00 pm, 26 Nov	
Does ESG Alleviate Financing Constraints to Improve Corporate Performance? Evidence from China's New Energy Vehicle Industry Under Economic Policy Uncertainty Ying LI (Universiti of Malaya, Malaysia)* Lau Wee Yeap (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia) Discussant: Anis Amira Binti Mat Razak (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)	
Survey Evidence on Internal and External Drivers of ESG Implementation in Malaysian MSMEs Anis Amira Binti Mat Razak (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)* Wahidah Shari (Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Mohd Sabrun Ibrahim (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia)	
The Intersection of SDG Disclosure, ESG, and Earnings Management from Impression Management Perspectives Mohd Sabrun Ibrahim (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia)* Fatimah Noor Rashidah Mohd Sofian (International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Ying LI (Universiti of Malaya, Malaysia)	
G4: Corporate Governance	
Chairman: Karren Lee Hwei Khaw (Monash)	
9.00 am - 11.00 am, 27 Nov	
State Ownership and Earnings Management: Evidence of a Governance Threshold in Chinese Listed Firms Honglin Li (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)* Elaine Yen Nee Oon (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia) Discussant: Cheng Siew Voon (Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology, & Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)	
Multiple Directorships and Post-Acquisition Board Adjustments: Evidence from Malaysian Listed Firms Cheng Siew Voon (Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology, & Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)* Lok Char Lee (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Hooy Chee Wooi (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Shaista Wasiuzzaman (Universiti Teknologi Brunei, Brunei Darussalam)	
The Politics of Inclusion: How Economic Development, and Women's Political Empowerment Shape Women's Representation on Corporate Boards Shaista Wasiuzzaman (Universiti Teknologi Brunei, Brunei Darussalam)* Discussant: Denis Basila (Adamawa State University & 4Chas Enterprise Nigeria, Nigeria)	
Effect of Board Composition on Financial Performance of Deposit Money Banks in Nigeria Denis Basila (Adamawa State University & 4Chas Enterprise Nigeria, Nigeria)* Discussant: Honglin Li (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)	

H1: Sustainability & Productivity Studies Chairman: Evan Lau (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia)	11.00 am - 12.30 pm, 26 Nov
Sustainability and Efficiency in Malaysia's Banking Sector: Evidence from Total Factor Productivity Under the Financial Blueprint Policy- a New Approach Tanusree Chakravarty Mukherjee (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)* Rubaiyat Ahsan Bhuiyat (University of Southahampton Malaysia, United Kingdom) Discussant: Suthasinee Suwannapak (Khon Khen University, Thailand, & Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)	
The Effect of Exchange Rate Volatility and Export of Thailand: The Role of Economic Policy Uncertainty (EPU) Suthasinee Suwannapak (Khon Khen University, Thailand, & Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Professor Hooy Chee Wooi (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Junlin He (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)	
A Machine Learning-Enhanced Three-Stage SBM-DEA Model with Undesirable Outputs for Measuring Green Total Factor Productivity on a Global Scale Junlin He (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)* Wee Yeap Lau (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia, Malaysia) Kok-Haur Ng (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia) Discussant: Evan Lau (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia)	
Industrial Productivity in Malaysia: The Education-Foreign Worker Nexus Evan Lau (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia)* Neng Long Hii (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia) Dimas Bagus Wiranatakusuma (Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta, Indonesia) Discussant: Tanusree Chakravarty Mukherjee (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)	
H2: Business Sustainability Issues I Chairman: Nor Afiza Abu Bakar (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia, Malaysia)	2.00 pm - 3.30 pm, 26 Nov
Prospects and Challenges of Implementing a Sustainable Salam based agricultural financing in Maldives: A Qualitative Inquiry of Stakeholders Perspective Mohamed Noordeen Mohamed Imtiyaz (Villa College, Maldives)* Shahama Ahmed (Villa College, Maldives) Discussant: Nzubechukwu Muoneke (Universiti Kuala Lumpur Business School, Malaysia)	
Innovations and Hospitality Industry in Developing Nations: Challenges and Options Nzubechukwu Muoneke (Universiti Kuala Lumpur Business School, Malaysia)* Discussant: Nor Afiza Abu Bakar (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia, Malaysia)	
Exploring the Economic Value of Proboscis Monkeys in Bako National Park, Sarawak: An Ecosystem Services Perspective Nor Afiza Abu Bakar (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia, Malaysia)* Dayang Affizzah Awang Marikan (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia) Discussant: Tek Yew Lew (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia, Malaysia)	
Unleashing Innovation: The Role of Creative Self-Efficacy and Inclusive Leadership. Adil Mansoor (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia, Malaysia) Tek Yew Lew (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia, Malaysia)* Malini A/P Sathappan (Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Mohamed Noordeen Mohamed Imtiyaz (Villa College, Maldives)	

H3: Financial Issues in Services Sector Chairman: Tanusree Chakravarty Mukherjee (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)		3.45 pm - 5.00 pm, 26 Nov
The usage of financial services among Malaysian SMEs: an exploratory study Humberto Ramirez (Universiti of Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia)* Thien Sang Lim (Universiti of Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia) Discussant: Shahid Latif (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)		
A Competence Scale in the Behavioural Usage of Financial Services for SMEs (SBUFS): Instrument Development and Validation Humberto Ramirez (Universiti of Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia)* Thien Sang Lim (Universiti of Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia) Discussant: Mohammad Abdul Matin Chowdhury (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)		
The Influence of the Usage of Financial Services on the Performance of Malaysian SMEs Humberto Ramirez (Universiti of Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia)* Thien Sang Lim (Universiti of Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia) Discussant: Mohammad Abdul Matin Chowdhury (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)		
H4: Business Sustainability Issues II Chairman: Lynn, Ling Yew Hua (Curtin)		9.00 am - 11.00 am, 27 Nov
From Integrity to Sustainability: How Ethical Leadership Shapes Culture and Stakeholder Engagement Nazatul Shima Rani (Universiti Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) Nzubechukwu Obi (Universiti Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)* Nurbani Md. Hassan (University Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) Khairul Azizan Suda (UniKL MIDI, Universiti Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) Discussant: Fayrene Chieng (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)		
Building Sustainable Green Brand Relationships: A Systematic Literature Review and Future Research Agenda Fayrene Chieng (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)* Discussant: Lim Hui (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)		
Sustainable Meat Alternatives Through the Lens of the Norm Activation Model: A Conceptual Exploration Lim Hui (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)* Joseph Kee-Ming Sia (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Jie Min Ho (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Quistina Omar (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)		
Beyond Survival: A Conceptual Model of Resilience in Rural Women's Entrepreneurship Lew Tek Yew (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Quistina Omar (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia)* Fidella Tiew (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Nzubechukwu Obi (Universiti Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)		

I1: Islamic Finance I Chairman: Mohd Edil Abd Sukor (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)	11.00 am - 12.30 pm, 26 Nov
Determinants of Islamic Stock Investments Behaviour: An Analysis of Retail Investors Amir Fariz bin Aliazhar (Majlis Amanah Rakyat, Malaysia)* Discussant: Asyraf Bin Abdul Halim (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)	
Accrual-Based Strategies and Alpha Persistence: Insights from U.S. Shariah-Compliant Stocks Asyraf Bin Abdul Halim (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia)* Mohd Edil Abd Sukor (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia) Discussant: Dick Shen Lee and Aidana Alken (INCEIF University, Malaysia)	
Does Islamic Finance Promote Real Economic Growth? Evidence from Malaysia Dick Shen Lee and Aidana Alken (INCEIF University, Malaysia)* Mikail Abiodun Sanusi (INCEIF University, Malaysia & None, Malaysia) Hengchao Zhang (INCEIF University, Malaysia) Discussant: Nurlina Shaharuddin (INCEIF University, Malaysia)	
Designing a Shariah-Compliant Stock Index Futures Contract for Managing Equity Risk Nurlina Shaharuddin (INCEIF University, Malaysia)* Obiyathulla Ismath Bacha (INCEIF University, Malaysia) Ashraf Md Hashim (INCEIF University, Malaysia) Discussant: Amir Fariz bin Aliazhar (Majlis Amanah Rakyat, Malaysia)	
I2: PhD Colloquium I Chairman: Professor Wong Woei Chyuan (UUM) Panel: Professor Fauzias Mat Nor (USIM), Professor Mansor Ibrahim (INCEIF), Professor Evan Lau (UNIMAS)	2.00 pm - 3.30 pm, 26 Nov
Proposal 1 – China's Economic Policy Uncertainty and US Variance Risk Premium: Evidence of Cross-Border Volatility Spillovers Ooi Kok Hwa (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Professor Wong Woei Chyuan (UUM) Proposal 2 – Impact of Energy Prices Volatility on Green Bonds: Role of Green Innovation and Policy Uncertainty in Pre- and Post-Pandemic Era Anqi Zhang (Curtin University Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Professor Mansor Ibrahim (INCEIF) Proposal 3 – The Effect of Exchange Rate Volatility and Export of Thailand: The Role of Economic Policy Uncertainty (EPU) Suthasinee Suwannapak (Khon Khen University, Thailand, & Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Professor Evan Lau (UNIMAS) Proposal 4 – Capital Decision of Islamic and Conventional Banks in High-Income and Middle-Income Countries: An Interaction Effect of Cost Efficiency Nur Syahirah Rokeman (Universiti Teknologi MARA) Discussant: Professor Fauzias Mat Nor (USIM)	
I3: PhD Colloquium II Chairman: Professor Hooy Chee Wooi (USM) Panel: Professor Zulkefly Abdul Karim (UKM), Professor Lau Wee Yeap (UM), Professor Irene Wei Kiong Ting (UMPSA)	3.45 pm - 5.00 pm, 26 Nov
Proposal 5 – The Impact of Brexit on Moment-based Connectedness Across Financial Sectors in UK's Stock Market YiBing Shang (Universiti Malaya, Malaysia) Discussant: Professor Zulkefly Abdul Karim (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia) Proposal 6 – Multiple Directorships and Post-Acquisition Board Adjustments: Evidence from Malaysian Listed Firms Cheng Siew Voon (Tunku Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology, & Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Professor Lau Wee Yeap (UM) Proposal 7 – Risk-Taking and CEO Age, The Role of CEO Power: Evidence from Emerging Markets. Ha Le Hong Ngoc (The University of Danang, University of Economics, Vietnam & Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia) Discussant: Professor Irene Wei Kiong Ting (UMPSA)	

I4: Islamic Finance II**9.00am-11.00am, 27 Nov****Chairman: Fauzias Mat Nor (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Malaysia)****Synergizing Maqasid Shariah and Sustainability: A Framework for Investment Portfolio Management****Fauzias Mat Nor (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Malaysia)*****Syahidawati Shahwan (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Malaysia)****Muhammad Ridhwan Ab Aziz (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Malaysia)****Nur Ainna Ramli (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Malaysia)****Ainulashikin Marzuki (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Malaysia);****Mohamad Yazis Ali Basah and Hisham Sabri (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Malaysia);****Nur Atika Atan (KPJ Healthcare University, Malaysia)****Discussant: Qanit Al-Syed (USA); Ziyaad Mahomed (INCEIF, Malaysia)****Developing a Testing Framework for Applications of LLMs Within Islamic Finance****Qanit Al-Syed (USA); Ziyaad Mahomed (INCEIF, Malaysia)*****Discussant: Mohd Amirul Hafiz bin Ramly (Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), Malaysia)****Franchising in Malaysia's Islamic Finance Sector: Regulatory Issues and Policy Recommendations****Wong Hua Siong (Multimedia University, Malaysia)*****Azwina Wati Abdull Manaf (Multimedia University, Malaysia)****Hafiza Abdul Razak (Multimedia University, Malaysia)****Discussant: Mohd Amirul Hafiz bin Ramly (Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), Malaysia)*****Consumer Awareness and Adoption of Shariah-Compliant Digital Payment Solutions: A Malaysian Perspective****Mohd Amirul Hafiz bin Ramly (Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), Malaysia)*****Discussant: Azwina Wati Abdull Manaf (Multimedia University, Malaysia)*****The Role of Kafalah in Muzakki Empowerment and Its Economic Impact in Malaysia: A Socioeconomic Analysis of Islamic Social Finance Instruments****Azwina Wati Abdull Manaf (Multimedia University, Malaysia)*****Wong Hua Siong (Multimedia University, Malaysia)****Hafiza Abdul Razak (Multimedia University, Malaysia)****Discussant: Fauzias Mat Nor (Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, Malaysia)**

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