Regional International Accounting Research Forum in Hong Kong

Programme rundown

Saturday, 19 December 2026 | Room G7-603, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building, CityUHK

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Time	Programme
08:30 - 09:00	**Registration**
09:00 - 09:10	**Welcome and opening remarks** Professor Yangyang Chen, JIAR Guest Editor for RIARF-HK Head of the Department of Accountancy, City University of Hong Kong Professor Ling Lei Lisic, JIAR Senior Editor, Virginia Tech
09:10 - 10:00	**Full paper 1 | Why Do Firms Assure Their ESG Reports? Evidence from Hong Kong** Authors: Yige Jin, Minhang Deng, Jingyi Wang, Peixin Wang and Ruiyao Xu **Presenter:** Peixin Wang, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics
10:00 - 10:50	**Full paper 2 | Voluntary Certification in Unregulated Markets: The Choice and Economic Consequences of the Sustainability-Linked Bond External Reviewers** Authors: Eric Luk, Yiheng You and Gaoguang (Stephen) Zhou **Presenter:** Eric Luk, The University of Hong Kong
10:50 - 11:20	**Coffee break**
11:20 - 12:10	**Full paper 3 | The Certification Effect of Government at IPO** Authors: Allen Huang, Anthony Poon, Shuyi Wu and Xin Zhang **Presenter:** Anthony Poon, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
12:10 - 12:20	**Group photograph**
12:20 - 14:00	**Lunch** - CityUHK Chinese Restaurant 8/F, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Complex, CityUHK (Lift 19)
14:00 - 14:40	**Proposal 1 | Compromise or Scrutiny? The Real and Reporting Consequences of Mandatory Trading Suspensions under HKEX Listing Rule 13.50A** Authors: Zhenyang Shi and Ling Na Belinda Yau **Presenter:** Belinda Yau, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
14:40 - 15:20	**Proposal 2 | Audit Committee Oversight under Concentrated Ownership: Field Evidence from Hong Kong** Authors: Michelle R. Lowry and Jingran Zhao **Presenter:** Michelle Lowry, Virginia Tech
15:20 - 16:00	**Proposal 3 | Multitasking and Hybrid Incentives: Theory and Evidence from China's Mixed-ownership Reform** Authors: Dong Chen, Yi Li, Phyllis Lai Lan Mo and Ying Zhang **Presenter:** Yi Li, Central South University
16:00 - 16:15	**Coffee break**
16:15 - 17:15	**Practitioner panel | The Role of AI in Asset Management and Investor Relations** **Jacky Tang**, Chief Investment Officer, Global Emerging Markets, Deutsche Bank **Eva Chan**, Chairman, Hong Kong Investor Relations Association (HKIRA), and Head of Investor Relations, C C Land Holdings Limited **Moderator: Professor Louis Cheng**, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
17:15 - 17:25	**Closing remarks** Professor Agnes Cheng, Incoming JIAR Co-Senior Editor, University of Oklahoma
17:30 - 19:30	**Dinner for invited guests** - CityUHK Chinese Restaurant 8/F, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Complex, CityUHK (Lift 19)