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# SKEMA brings together top finance researchers and policy makers



*SKEMA Business School Campus at Sophia Antipolis*

**Over two days, on June 8 and 9, SKEMA Business School's Sophia Antipolis campus will host a high-level international academic and policy-maker conference dedicated to "The Industrial Organization of Financial Markets". The event will bring together leading global finance specialists from institutions including Princeton University, Columbia Business School, The Wharton School, Toulouse School of Economics, HEC Paris, the US Federal Reserve, the Bank of Canada, the Bank of England and the Bank for International Settlements alongside academics from SKEMA Business School.**

Against a backdrop of renewed geopolitical tensions, the rise of instant payments, the emergence of financial Big Tech players and ongoing debates surrounding banking regulation, the

conference aims to explore how market structures shape the efficiency of the global financial system.

SKEMA's "Finance & Accounting Insights on Risk and Regulation" (FAIRR) research centre, headed by **Fabio Bertoni** seeks to bridge academic research and public policymakers around a question that has become increasingly central: how can increasingly complex and technology-driven financial markets be regulated without stifling innovation?

### **Researchers from the world's leading universities and financial institutions**

Among the highlights will be a keynote address by **Jakub Kastl**, Professor at Princeton University and an internationally recognised authority on market mechanisms.

The conference will also welcome **Milena Wittwer**, Professor at Columbia Business School and specialist in imperfect competition in financial markets, and **Catherine Casamatta**, Professor at Toulouse School of Economics, renowned for her work on interactions between traditional banks and technology firms.

Beyond the academic presentations, the conference reflects business schools' increasingly importance as global platforms for the generation of expertise capable of influencing public policy and economic regulation.

### **When research shapes financial regulation**

Long regarded as a subject reserved for central banks, financial regulation has now become a matter of economic sovereignty, geopolitical stability and even technological competitiveness, an area in which leading business schools increasingly intend to play a role.

One of the most anticipated moments of the conference will be the plenary session entitled "**The Role of Research in Designing Financial Regulations**", chaired by economist **Florencio Lopez de Silanes**, Professor of Finance at SKEMA and Strategic Director of the school's PhD in Management programme.

The panel discussion will notably bring together **Vicky White**, Executive Director for Prudential Policy at the Bank of England; **Olivier Garnier**, Former General Director for Statistics, Economics and International Affairs at Banque de France and member of the governing board of Institut Montaigne; and **Rodrigo Coelho**, Head of the Financial Stability Institute at the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). Together, they will discuss the growing role played by researchers in the design of monetary, prudential and financial supervision policies.

The sessions also reflect SKEMA's ambition to strengthen its international academic positioning in finance, economics and public policy by bringing world-class researchers together on its campus.

**Access the full conference programme [here](#):**

SKEMA's FAIRR research centre is dedicated to producing high-level academic research in the fields of finance and accounting. The centre brings together more than 30 faculty members in finance and accounting, as well as PhD candidates. FAIRR members place particular emphasis on developing expertise in areas such as digital finance, entrepreneurial finance, governance, financial intermediation, corporate restructuring, disclosure, financial regulation and household finance, alongside other topics related to corporate finance, market finance and accounting and publish in leading finance academic journals.

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## About SKEMA Business School

With 11,000 students from over 130 nationalities, 190 professors, and 63,000 alumni in 145 countries, SKEMA Business School is a global education and research institution that develops committed talent to sustainably transform the world. The hybridisation of social sciences and data sciences is at the heart of its model, and global exposure is its operational mode.

Multi-accredited (AACSB, EQUIS, EFMD Accredited EMBA), the school is recognised worldwide for its research, its more than 70 excellent programmes, and its international multi-campus structure across six countries: South Africa, Brazil, Canada, China, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, and France.

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