

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Lapland Investment Fund Summit (LIFS)**

### **Call for Papers**

March 19-20, 2025 Levi Summit, Levi (Kittilä), Lapland, Finland

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The objective of this boutique conference is to present state-of-the-art academic research on topics related to all types of investment funds. There will be one track of presentations for two days. The relatively small scale and exotic location of the conference will not only provide an environment for in-depth discussions, but also an opportunity to together enjoy winter activities in the beautiful scenery and ski resort that lies above the Arctic Circle, and with some luck, a possibility to see Aurora Borealis.

ORGANIZERS: Juha Joenväärä (Aalto University), Michael Ungeheuer (Aalto University) and Russell Wermers (Center for Financial Policy at the Smith School of Business, University of Maryland).

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: George Aragon (Arizona State University), Daniel Barth (Federal Reserve Board), Nick Bollen (Vanderbilt University), Greg Brown (University of North Carolina), Samuel Hartzmark (Boston College), Wei Jiang (Emory University), Juha Joenväärä (Aalto University), Petri Jylhä (Aalto University), Robert Kosowski (Imperial College), Veronika Krepely Pool (Vanderbilt University), Matthijs Lof (Aalto University), Christian Lundblad (University of North Carolina), Stefan Ruenzi (University of Mannheim), Cristian Tiu (University at Buffalo), and Russell Wermers (Chair; Center for Financial Policy at the Smith School of Business, University of Maryland).

TOPICS: We welcome submissions from all areas related to investment funds. Complete papers in an early stage will also be considered. Sample topics include, but are not limited to:

- Fund performance measurement and manager selection
- Capital raising, clientele effects, compensation contracts, and fees
- ESG, DEI, and sustainability, especially in private equity funds and hedge funds
- Machine learning and artificial intelligence in predicting fund risk and performance
- Trading activity, transparency (reporting), conflict of interest, and due diligence
- Broad macroeconomic issues such as systemic risk, liquidity, and contagion
- Innovations in fund design (e.g., theme-based ETFs)

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Interested authors should submit their papers as a pdf-file by November 17, 2024 through the submission form: <https://link.webropol.com/s/lifs2025>.

Authors of accepted papers will be notified by end of the year 2024. Please indicate if you are interested in acting as a discussant or session chair even if your paper is not selected to the conference.

SISTER CONFERENCES: The Lapland Household Finance Summit is organized on March 18-19 and the Lapland Financial Institutions Summit on March 20-21 at Levi Summit. The conferences have overlapping non-academic program.

EXPENSES AND PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS: Travel expenses are expected to be covered by presenters. The conference has a negotiated price with the conference hotel (<https://levipanorama.fi/en/>). There is no conference fee. Please contact the organizers (email: [lifs@aalto.fi](mailto:lifs@aalto.fi)) for any queries on practical arrangements. Levi is served by Kittilä-airport (KTT) with four daily flights from Helsinki. Some international destinations may also offer direct flights to Kittilä during the season 2024-25.