

Call for Papers
**The Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia
is pleased to announce the**

8th ANNUAL DARDEN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CONFERENCE

**Major Players in Emerging Markets:
The Role of Investors, Borrowers, Governments, and
Non-Governmental Organizations**

Presented jointly with
State Street Global Markets
Saw Centre for Financial Studies at the NUS Business School
In partnership with
The International Monetary Fund
and the World Bank

US Event: The Darden School of Business, Virginia, *March 19-20, 2009*
Singapore Event: Saw Centre for Financial Studies, NUS Business School,
Singapore, *May 8, 2009*

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Keynote speaker US Event: *TBA*

Keynote speaker Singapore Event: *TBA*

Conference Purpose: This Eighth Annual Darden International Finance Conference seeks to highlight the effects of major players on global business decisions, including capital raising, capital allocation, and public policy. As always, a principal goal is to bring together top academic research and influential practitioners to share insights and exchange views on current issues of importance. The conference will comprise two related events – an event in the United States and an event in Singapore. Authors may submit to one or both events. The events will have the same theme and similar programs,

though the Singapore event will place more emphasis on Asia through the inclusion of regional speakers and panels.

We will entertain a wide range of topics for this conference, but will seek clusters of work that complement one another. Possible sessions could include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ *Sovereign wealth funds, hedge funds and private equity*
- ◆ *The effect of governmental and non-governmental institutions on public policy, financial markets, and business strategy*
- ◆ *Design and impact of capital market institutions and securities exchanges*
- ◆ *Institutional investing*
- ◆ *Global linkages, financial crises and contagion*
- ◆ *The impact of inflation on financial stability and markets*
- ◆ *Corporate governance, transparency, and shareholder rights*
- ◆ *Capital market liberalization and financial development*
- ◆ *Government bond markets*

Submission and selection process: The conference will consider only completed papers. The conference website, <http://www.darden.virginia.edu/EM>, has been set up to accept electronic paper submissions, through the “Online Paper Submission” link. Please fill the submission form online, paste the abstract of your paper in the appropriate text box, and upload your paper in PDF format (preferred) or as a Microsoft Word document. The program committee will review these materials and assemble sessions addressing similar substantive issues. You will be asked to select whether you are submitting to one or both events.

Deadlines: Relevant dates for the submission process are as follows:

- ◆ *Now through November 26, 2008:* Submission of papers
- ◆ *January 5, 2009:* Notification by program committee of accepted papers
- ◆ *US Event:*
 - *February 11, 2009:* Submission of first draft of slides or other materials for presentation
 - *March 4, 2009:* Deadline for authors to submit final versions of slides for presentation
- ◆ *Singapore Event:*
 - *April 8, 2009:* Submission of first draft of slides or other materials for presentation
 - *April 22, 2009:* Deadline for authors to submit final versions of slides for presentation

Prior to the conference the full text of all accepted abstracts and papers will be available on the web <http://www.darden.virginia.edu/EM>.

Expenses: The conference will grant an honorarium of US\$1,000 for each paper accepted for presentation at the US event and an honorarium of US\$3,000 for each paper accepted for presentation at the Singapore event. In addition, the conference will pay for reasonable travel expenses (business class for those making long trips to Singapore) and will provide accommodations for paper presenters and discussants (for more details on travel reimbursement contact the administrative liaison identified below). The conference is open to invited guests only.

Locations: The United States event will be held at the *Darden School of Business, 100 Darden Boulevard, Charlottesville, Virginia* the Singapore event will be held in Singapore, *exact location to be determined.*

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