



[The School of Finance, HSE University](#), invites colleagues from different institutions to participate in the 2nd edition of the **International Annual Conference «ESG Corporate Dynamics: the Challenges for Emerging Capital Markets» 2024** on **6-7 December 2024** at HSE Moscow campus.

We aim to create an effective and regular forum for worldwide academic exchange of research in the area of ESG transformation of companies in greater BRICS and other emerging capital markets. We aim to push forward the discussions on the impact of global ESG regulations on the national drivers of ESG agenda in these countries, how they respond to sustainability challenges at country and corporate levels and how corporate models, investing and financing policies are changing to implement sustainability principles.

The School of Finance launched this initiative in December 2023 to provide the framework for regular annual international discussions and contribute to the *Series of academic books "Advanced studies in Emerging Markets Finance"* at Springer:

[Strategic Deals in Emerging Capital Markets. Are there Efficiency Gains for Firms in BRIC Countries?](#)

[Risk Assessment and Financial Modelling in Emerging Markets' Banking: Trends and Prospects.](#)

We also plan the Special issue in the ["Journal of Corporate Finance Research"](#), indexed in Scopus.

The conference will push forward networking among universities, other institutions and ESG professionals in BRICS and other developing countries. In addition to academic papers, we encourage to submit analytical reports and practical case studies on the topic of the upcoming workshop. We plan to start the series of case studies on emerging capital markets published in internationally and in Russia.

We propose to discuss a variety of topics in the following areas, but not limited to:

- Comparative analysis of ESG national regulations and the trends in global agenda;
- The twin transformation. Interaction of digitalization and ESG;
- ESG strategies and corporate performance;
- ESG ratings, their efficiency in measuring business and credit corporate risks for BRICS and other emerging capital markets;
- Islamic finance practices in Middle East and other BRICS economics;
- Green & Sustainable Finance in financial institutions. Climate finance;
- ESG implementation in financial institutions (stock exchanges, banks, insurance companies, etc);
- Impact investing and investor's behavior in emerging capital markets;
- Sustainable finance and spillover effects over emerging capital markets;
- ESG reporting & impact Accounting;
- Integrated reporting and digitalization of non-financial reports;
- Sustainability reporting assurance (SRA);
- The quality of non-financial data and reports, their influence on corporate valuations and risk- returns framework;
- Sustainability-related risks, stakeholders and risk management practices;
- Managerial accounting and internal controls implications of ESG transformation;
- Sustainable governance, emerging trends in the board rooms;
- Greenwashing, ESG Data and Business.

Key speakers and papers:

Changhee Kim, Assistant Professor of Sustainable Business, Deputy Director of Global Affairs, HeXie (Harmony) Management Research Centre, College of Industry-Entrepreneurs, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (China) – «*Trends in ESG Policies in South Korea and China: A Comparative Perspective*»,

Kai Wu, Associate Professor of Finance, Executive Director of Private Fund Investment Research Center, School of Finance, Central University of Finance and Economics (China) - «*Climate Change Exposure and Institutional Ownership: International Evidence*».

The conference will be held in mixed (offline and online) format. In parallel with the face-to-face session, participants will be connected by special software tools. The full-time part of the conference will be held at the [HSE Moscow campus](#): Pokrovsky Boulevard, 11.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLICATIONS

The best academic papers will be selected for publication in a Special Issue of "[Journal of Corporate Finance Research](#)" (JCFR) (English version) / "Корпоративные финансы" (Russian version).

The journal is published by Higher School of Economics in the electronic format (ISSN: 2073-0438) since 2007. The Journal has been indexed by Scopus, RSCI (Russian Science Citation Index), EBSCO, SSRN, Crosref, DOAJ, etc. Since 2015, it has been included in the 1000 best Russian journals of RSCI (based on Web of Science.)

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Extended abstracts should include up to 1800 words. All abstracts must be submitted in Microsoft Word format in English (including the title, authors' names, affiliation and contact information of the authors). Abstracts should clearly state the research question, the sample and novelty of the findings and conclusions.

Conference sessions will be accompanied by simultaneous translation. At some of sessions the presentations may be organized in oral Russian language with the slides prepared in English.

Provisional topic submission deadline - **15 November 2024**.

Abstract submission deadline - **25 November 2024**.

The topics and abstracts should be sent to the Organizing Committee - df@hse.ru.



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