Call for Working Papers

Sustainability & Finance Symposium

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The University of California, Davis Graduate School of Management and the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) seek working papers from scholars and investment practitioners in the fields of finance, economics, accounting, and business for our Sustainability & Finance Symposium on June 7, 2013. This is a small, high-quality, symposium held in the vicinity of Napa Valley’s wine country in Davis, California. There will be hosted dinners on Thursday and Friday.

We seek submissions that will contribute to a rigorous debate and discussion on long-term value creation and capital market stability. This symposium will be an inquiry into the definitions and relevance of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors and related policy issues for long-term capital providers. It will also consider the potential impact of ESG issues on capital markets, companies, and intermediaries in the investment chain, such as asset managers. We welcome both theoretical and empirical working papers. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- **Financial Capital**: Alignment of interest through corporate governance – shareowner rights, executive compensation, fund manager terms and conditions

- **Physical Capital**: Climate change – resource scarcity, water stress, carbon emissions, energy efficiency, clean technology and renewable energy

- **Human Capital**: Including issues such as labor practices, health and safety, responsible contracting and diversity

Selected papers will inform and advance our understanding of factors relevant to sustainability and the impact they may have on investment risk and return from the perspective of a large, global, long-term, and multi-class institutional asset owner. This research will also inform CalPERS Total Fund Sustainability strategy and development of investment beliefs.
**Background**

**Submission Information**
Submissions will be accepted through February 15, 2013. To submit a paper, please use the following website: [LINDSAY PLEASE INSERT LINK TO SUBMISSION PAGE HERE]

**Program Review Schedule**
Submitting authors will receive an email confirmation immediately from the UC Davis Graduate School of Management and will be notified of the results of the review process during March.

**Honorarium**
All selected authors’ reasonable travel expenses associated with the symposium will be reimbursed. Presenters will also receive an honorarium.

**Program Committee**
Submitted papers will be reviewed. Details of the review process can be found on the following website: [LINDSAY PLEASE INSERT LINK TO SYMPOSIUM PAGE HERE]. The final program selection will be made by the Program Chairs:

Brad M. Barber, Program Chair
Gallagher Professor of Finance
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