

## **Call for Papers**

### **Conference on “Credit Rating Agencies and the Certification Process“**

November 19-20, 2010

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany

Keynote Speaker: Edward Altman (NYU)

Credit rating agencies have been heavily criticized for their role in the current financial crises. Regarding the Lehman bankruptcy rating agencies were accused of acting too late. With respect to the current Greece crisis rating agencies were accused of acting too fast and thus aggravate the country's financial situation. These criticisms have sparked renewed interest in the fundamental role of rating agencies as certifying intermediaries and the possible need for their regulation.

The goal of the conference is to bring together the latest academic research on credit rating agencies and certification in general, and to provide a forum to discuss a wide range of theoretical and empirical issues as well as policy implications relating to credit rating agencies.

#### **TOPICS**

Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Effects of disclosure rules and regulation for rating agencies
- The economics of certification
- The role of credit rating agencies during the financial crises
- Efficient provision of unbiased credit ratings
- Rating performance
- Syndication and securitization

#### **PAPER SUBMISSION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

Authors are welcome to submit papers on any aspect related to credit ratings and the certification process. Only papers, which have not been published or accepted for publication, will be considered. To provide ample time for the discussion of each paper, a maximum of eight papers will be selected for the conference.

If you are interested to present your research at this conference, please submit an electronic copy of your paper (pdf only) to

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by August 1, 2010

Papers will be selected for presentation based on reviews by the program committee:

Tim Adam (Humboldt University)  
Joachim Gassen (Humboldt University)  
Roland Strausz (Humboldt University)

The authors of selected papers will be informed by the end of August.

## PARTICIPATION

We invite all interested academics and practitioners to attend the conference. If you would like to discuss one of the presented papers please contact

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by September 15, 2010.