



Lake District Workshop in Corporate Finance Lancaster University Management School

Day 1 - June 1st, 2026

Location: [The Belsfield Hotel](#)

8:30 - 9:00 Registration and welcome coffee

Session 1. Chair: Roberto Pinto

9:00 - 9:35 [Old Workers, New Capital](#). Philippe d'Astous (HEC Montreal), **Thomas Geelen** (Pennsylvania State University), and Jakub Hajda (HEC Montreal)

Discussant: **Tony Hu** (University of Warwick)

9:35 - 10:10 [Biased Promotions](#). Daniel Ferreira (London School of Economics), **Radoslaw Nikolowa** (Queen Mary University of London), and Elena S. Pikulina (University of British Columbia)

Discussant: **Adam Winegar** (BI Norwegian Business School)

10:10 - 10:25 Coffee Break

Session 2. Chair: Grzegorz Pawlina

10:25 - 11:00 [Collateral Law and Enforcement Risk: Evidence from Native American Reservations](#). **Leo Leitzinger** (Goethe University)

Discussant: **Mayur Choudhary** (Indiana University)

11:00 - 11:35 [Judicial Enforcement and the Transmission of Bankruptcy through Firm Networks](#). Geraldo Cerqueiro (Catolica Lisbon), **Gil Nogueira** (Banco de Portugal)

Discussant: **Yafei Zhang** (American University of Sharjah)

11:35 - 12:10 [Lobbying Congress versus Agencies](#). Michelle Lowry (Drexel University), Ekaterina Volkova (University of Melbourne)

Discussant: **Guosong Xu** (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

12:10 - 13:20 Lunch Break

Keynote Presentation. Chair: Zexi Wang

13:20 - 14:20 Keynote: Isil Erel (Ohio State University) - When Protectionism Kills Talent

14:20 - 14:35 Coffee Break

Session 3. Chair: Shiqi Chen

14:35 - 15:10 [Loan-funded Loans: Equity-like Liabilities inside Bank Holding Companies](#).

Jennie Bai (Georgetown University), Murillo Campello (University of Florida), Pradeep Muthukrishnan (Tulane University)

Discussant: **Yushi Peng** (Tilburg University)

15:10 - 15:45 [Patent Disclosure and Reliance on External Financing](#). **Donald Bowen** (Lehigh University), Sungjoun Kwon (Wayne State University), Qianqian Yu (Lehigh University), Kathleen Weiss Hanley (Lehigh University), and William Mann (Emory University)

Discussant: **Chelsea Yaqiong Yao** (Lancaster University)

15:45 - 16:20 [Financial Flexibility and Debt Maturity Concentration](#). Negar Ghanbari (BI Norwegian Business School), **Stefan Hirth** (Aarhus University), Anil Kumar (Aarhus University)

Discussant: **Kevin Schneider** (University of Oxford)

17:30 – 18:30 Windermere Lake Cruise

19:30 – 21:30 Dinner at The Belsfield Hotel

End of Day 1

Day 2 – June 2nd, 2026

Location: [The Belsfield Hotel](#)

8:40 - 9:00 Morning coffee and biscuits

Session 4. Chair: Chelsea Yaqiong Yao

9:00 - 9:35 [Entrepreneurship on a Safety Net: Evidence from the World's Largest Cash Transfer Program](#). Murillo Campello (University of Florida), Guilherme Junqueira (University of Florida), and **Spyridon Lagaras** (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

Discussant: **Dan Li** (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen)

9:35 - 10:10 [Corporate Liquidity Supply from Non-Bank Intermediaries and the Real Effects of Factoring](#). Victor Orestes (University of Pennsylvania), Thiago Silva (Central Bank of Brazil), **Henry Zhang** (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Discussant: **Chi-Yang Tsou** (University of Manchester)

10:10 - 10:45 [Asset-specific Fiscal Stimulus during Financial Downturns](#). **Hui-Jun Chen** (National Tsing Hua University) and Spyridon Gkikopoulos (University of Manchester)

Discussant: **Konrad Adler** (University of St. Gallen)

10:45- 11:00 Coffee Break

Session 5. Chair: Grzegorz Pawlina

11:00 - 11:35 [Oracles of the Vote: Predicting the Outcomes of Proxy Contests](#). Scott Hirst (Boston University School of Law), Oğuzhan Karakaş (University of Cambridge), **Ting Yu** (University of Cambridge)

Discussant: **Noah Lyman** (University of Warwick)

11:35 - 12:10 [Machine Learning M&A Strategies](#). Dragon Yongjun Tang (University of Hong Kong), **Fangming Xu** (University of Bristol), Xiaohan Xue (University of Bath)

Discussant: **Amedeo De Cesari** (University of Manchester)

Closing Remarks

12:30 Lunch

13:40 Informal voluntary outdoor activity

End of Day 2