



7th Canadian Sustainable Finance Conference
University of Alberta, Edmonton
June 11–12, 2026

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Location: University Commons, Room 2-450 [[map](#)] [[Google](#)]

8:00 – 8:30 am | Registration and Light Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 am | Welcome Remarks by Dr. Vikas Mehrotra, Dean of the Alberta School of Business

8:45 – 10:15 am | Session 1

Session chair: **Karl Lins** (University of Utah)

1. [When Trade Dries Up: Infrastructure Constraints and Firm Performance](#) | **Nora Pankratz** (University of Toronto).
Discussant: **Poorya Kabir** (National University of Singapore).
2. [Green Products](#) | Wan-Chien Chiu (National Tsing Hua University), Po-Hsuan Hsu (National Tsing Hua University), Kai Li (University of British Columbia), **Joy Tianjiao Tong** (Western University).
Discussant: **Johannes Klausmann** (University of Houston).
3. [The Value of Compliance Carbon Offsets in Cap-and-Trade Markets](#) | Aymeric Bellon (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), **Deeksha Gupta** (Johns Hopkins University), Tarun Ramadorai (London School of Economics), Federica Zeni (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne).
Discussant: **Alexander David** (University of Calgary).

10:15 – 10:45 am | Break

10:45 am – 12:15 pm | Session 2

Session chair: **Miguel Palacios** (University of Calgary)

4. [Outside Stakeholder Governance](#) | Tanja Artiga González (VU Amsterdam), Paul Calluzzo (Queen's University), **Alison Taylor** (Queen's University).
Discussant: **Xuyuanda Qi** (NYU Shanghai).
5. [The Value of Non-Value-Maximizing Managers](#) | **Pierre Chaigneau** (Queen's University), Alex Edmans (London Business School), Nicolas Sahuguet (HEC Montréal).
Discussant: **Nico Inostroza** (University of Toronto).
6. [Sustainable Investment Decisions: Heterogeneous Beliefs and Preferences](#) | Philippe d'Astous (HEC Montréal), **Iwan Meier** (HEC Montréal), Pierre-Carl Michaud (HEC Montréal).
Discussant: **Mohammadhossein Lashkaripour** (University of Victoria).

12:15 – 2:15 pm | Lunch & Sustainable Finance Panel

Taking Stock: Navigating Sustainable Investing in an Ever-Changing World

Alison Schneider (Principal, Encompass ESG Corporation)

Jane Humberstone (Managing Director, Environment & Sustainability, ATB)

Amanda Mesluk (Manager, Sustainability and Compliance, PCL Construction)

Ashton Rudanec (Senior Director, Sustainable Investing, AIMCo)

2:15 – 3:45 pm | Session 3

Session chair: **Madhu Kalimipalli** (Wilfrid Laurier University)

7. [*Information Frictions and the Real Effects of Sustainable Investing*](#) | Minsu Ko (Cornell University), **Cynthia Yin** (Cornell University).
Discussant: **George Malikov** (Western University).
8. [*Passing the Torch: Climate Activism, Asset Sales, and Changes in Gas Flaring?*](#) | Mark Huson (University of Alberta), **Sheng Xu** (University of Alberta).
Discussant: **Pouyan Foroughi** (York University).
9. [*Betting Against ESG? Insights from US Short Selling*](#) | John Coadou (Université Paris Dauphine-PSL), **Serge Darolles** (Université Paris Dauphine-PSL), Fabrice Riva (Université Paris Dauphine-PSL).
Discussant: **Valeri Sokolovski** (University of Alberta).

3:45 – 4:15 pm | Break

4:15 – 5:45 pm | Keynote Address

The Pricing of Nature and Biodiversity Risks

Prof. Stefano Giglio

Frederic D. Wolfe Professor of Finance, Management, and Entrepreneurship
Yale, School of Management

6:30 pm | Conference Reception and Dinner

Location: University Club of the University of Alberta, 11435 Saskatchewan Drive [[map](#)] [[Google](#)]

Friday, June 12, 2026

Location: University Commons, Room 2-450 [[map](#)] [[Google](#)]

8:00 – 8:30 am | Registration and Light Breakfast

8:30 – 10:30 am | Young Scholars Session

Presentations and audience Q&A

Session chair: **Olaf Weber** (York University)

10. [Mutual Fund Flows and Corporate Payouts](#) | **Sinhyeong Cho** (McGill University).
11. [Unmasking the Greenium with Machine Learning](#) | Si Cheng (Syracuse University), **Jing Wen** (Syracuse University).
12. [Fragmented Beliefs and Willingness to Pay for Environmental Protection](#) | **Mohammadhossein Lashkaripour** (University of Victoria), Basma Majerbi (University of Victoria), Katya Rhodes (University of Victoria).
13. [How Lobbyist CEOs Manage Climate Risks: Lobbying versus Innovation](#) | **Dorsa Ghamkhar** (York University).

10:30 – 11:00 am | Break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm | Session 4

Session chair: **Adelina Barbalau** (University of Alberta)

14. [Decarbonizing Institutional Investor Portfolios](#) | **Vaska Atta-Darkua** (Bucknell University), Simon Glossner (Federal Reserve Board), Philipp Krueger (University of Geneva), Pedro Matos (University of Virginia).
Discussant: **David Schumacher** (McGill University).
15. [The Traffic Light Effect: Stability Bias in Investor-Paid ESG Ratings](#) | Florian Berg (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Jess Cornaggia (Pennsylvania State University), Cristian Foroni (University of Bologna), **Francesco Tripoli** (Harvard Business School).
Discussant: **Sehoon Kim** (University of Florida).
16. [It's not Easy Being Green](#) | Jonathan Brogaard (University of Utah), Nataliya Gerasimova (BI Norwegian Business School), **Daniel Kim** (University of Waterloo), Maximilian Rohrer (Norwegian School of Economics).
Discussant: **Runjing Lu** (University of Toronto).

12:30 pm | Best Paper and Discussant Awards, Closing Remarks, and Lunch