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CompNet The Competitiveness Research Network

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## 1st Finance and Productivity Conference (FINPRO)

on December 2nd and 3rd, 2019 at the EBRD, London, UK

The Great Financial Crisis of 2007/2008 still casts a shadow on many developed economies in terms of real outcomes, such as investment, innovation, employment, or trade. Whereas a plethora of macroprudential measures strengthened the resilience of financial systems, immediate liquidity assistances provided by lenders of last resort around the globe created potentially hazardous dependencies of financial institutions and markets on loose re-financing conditions. This environment alleviated credit constraints for non-financial firms, but it might also have contributed to the rise of unsustainable leverage in the corporate sector and poor governance and monitoring that leads ultimately to the misallocation of real resources.

The [Competitiveness Research Network \(CompNet\)](#), the [European Bank for Reconstruction and Development \(EBRD\)](#) and the [Department of Financial Markets at the Halle Institute for Economic Research \(IWH\)](#) invite submission for the 1st FINPRO conference on the intersection of these two research fields. In line with the mission of CompNet to act as a hub to connect researchers and (micro) data providers from both the realm of policy making and academia, we seek to attract papers of the highest academic quality that include, but are not limited to the following topics:

- ↗ productivity measurement at the micro level
- ↗ micro productivity and aggregate real activity
- ↗ credit constraints and investment
- ↗ inefficient lending
- ↗ funding innovation and entrepreneurs
- ↗ financial repression, factor accumulation, and re-allocation
- ↗ macroprudential and monetary policy effects on productivity
- ↗ transmission and interaction of financial and factor market policies
- ↗ feedback loops between financial and non-financial agents
- ↗ FinTech and venture capital

### Keynote lectures will be given by:

[Şebnem Kalemlı-Özcan](#) (University of Maryland)

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We welcome both empirical and theoretical contributions. Whereas we are particularly interested in studies that utilise CompNet data, this feature is not a prerequisite.

Papers should be submitted to [FINPRO@iwh-halle.de](mailto:FINPRO@iwh-halle.de) by July 31, 2019. Decisions will be mailed to authors by August 31, 2019. We aim for a high-quality workshop with ample time dedicated to a selected set of around ten papers that are discussed by an expert in the field.

We assume that by submitting your paper and personal data, you agree that these information will be used exclusively for purposes of conference planning. The data and your paper will be passed to the scientific committee for the review process. After the conference, these data will be deleted.

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