



CALL FOR PAPERS / PRESENTERS

MANAGING SECURITIZATION for Lebanon & the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) REGION

Full details on this will be shown on the conference website: www.lau.edu.lb/securitization

Annual Finance and Accounting International Conference (FAIC) December 3-4, 2004

Hosted by the School of Business
at Lebanese American University (LAU), Irwin Hall, Beirut, Lebanon

DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadline for Abstract: August 31st 2004

Notification of Acceptance: September 20th _ 2004

Deadline for Paper Submission: October 31st 2004

PURPOSE

The aim of this FAIC series this year is to provide a forum for both academic and practitioner's debate over the unique nature and the future potential of Securitization in Lebanon and the MENA (Middle East North Africa) region.

This conference is then intended to be interdisciplinary. It is configured to bring together academics, finance and accounting professionals, and policy makers who have an interest in, wish to learn more, or discuss issues in securitization as it potentially applies to Lebanon and the MENA region. Your perspective may be international, regional or local. The conference welcomes contributions and papers from anyone on this important issue or any related topic.

Offers to run symposia, or themed presentations and discussions are especially welcome and should be discussed with the organizers at the earliest opportunity. This applies equally to academic contributors and organizationally based participants.

TOPICS

The following are suggested themes, but not limited to:

Risks, Rewards and trends in Securitization	Case studies: International and Local Presenters
Legal Issues, regulations and Securitization	Securitization, Fundamental Markets and Marketing
Investment Strategies and Securitization	Rating Agency Securitization Theory
Impact of Basel II agreement on Securitization	Credit Enhancement Techniques
The Accounting Foundations	Financial Structures in Securitizations
Securitizations and Globalization: international issues in cross-border securitization	Complex structures and Securitization

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DEADLINES

The official language of the Conference is English. **Abstracts** of between 500 and 700 words should be sent to securitization@lau.edu.lb no later than **August 31st, 2004**. Accepted papers will be notified by **September 20th, 2004**. All papers will be double blind refereed. **Deadline for paper submission** at the above mailing address is **October 31st, 2004**. *Presenters will be offered free accommodation and airline ticket/economy class.*

EVALUATION AND JOURNALS

All papers will be double blind refereed. It is anticipated that selected papers will be put forward for publication in one special edition journal and discussions are taking place with editors. Delegates wishing their papers to be considered for journal publication should submit a full paper electronically to the organizers at the above e-mail address by **October 31st, 2004**. As layout and format conventions become known to us, we will then notify contributors. But you should limit your word count to 6000 in the first instance.

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The LAU organizing committee on Managing Securitization looks forward to welcoming you to the conference in Beirut, Lebanon, December 2004.