



Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

2019 University of Oklahoma Energy and Commodities Finance Research Conference

Norman, Oklahoma, September 19-20, 2019

Co-sponsored by the Review of Financial Studies

The University of Oklahoma's Price College Energy Institute and the Price College Center for Financial Studies are organizing the third OU Energy and Commodities Finance Research Conference, to be held on the OU campus in Norman, Oklahoma September 19-20, 2019. The conference is again co-sponsored by the *Review of Financial Studies* under its dual review system.

Keynote Speaker: Robert Engle (New York University)

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Organizing Committee/Conference Co-chairs: Chitru Fernando (University of Oklahoma), Scott Linn (University of Oklahoma), Bill Megginson (University of Oklahoma), and Philip Strahan (Boston College).

Conference Structure. About 12 papers will be accepted for presentation in plenary sessions over a day and one-half. The day after the conference, interested participants will be invited to join a complimentary tour of the oil transport and storage facilities at Cushing, Oklahoma. Cushing is the pricing hub of the NYMEX WTI crude oil futures contract.

Paper Submissions: Electronic submissions of unpublished papers can be made via the conference website: <http://www.ou.edu/price/finance/energyfinanceconf>. The deadline for submissions is **May 15, 2019**, and authors will be notified by July 15, 2019. We expect the selection process to be highly competitive.

Review of Financial Studies Combined Submission Option: At the authors' option, papers submitted to the conference will, in addition, be considered for publication at the *RFS* free of charge. The rules for the dual submission process are as follows:

1. Authors must expressly indicate interest in consideration by the *RFS*.
2. At the discretion of the *RFS* Sponsoring Editor (Philip Strahan), a small number of dual submissions will be invited to submit to the *RFS*. The *RFS* will waive the fee on such submissions, and have the submission formally reviewed. In these cases, authors will receive a copy of the *RFS* reviewer report(s).
3. Papers submitted for dual consideration must not be under review at another journal or the *RFS*, nor can they be considered for dual submission if previously rejected by the *RFS*. **Moreover, papers cannot be submitted for dual consideration if they are simultaneously under dual consideration at another journal sponsored by the Society for Financial Studies.**
4. In the event that a dual submission that has been invited to submit to the *RFS* is subsequently rejected, its authors have the option to submit a future version of their paper to the *RFS* without prejudice.
5. While under consideration as a dual submission by the Energy and Commodities Finance Research Conference and the *RFS*, a paper may not be submitted to another journal (or the *RFS*) until the author has been notified of the dual submission outcome.

Paper Submissions. The Conference will provide a venue for presentation of the very best academic research on energy and commodities finance, as well as on related environmental topics. We solicit papers, both theoretical and empirical, including but not limited to the following topics:

Financial Markets and Investments/Asset Pricing

- The Financialization of Energy and Commodity Markets
- The Links between Energy/Commodities and Financial Markets
- Energy Derivatives and Pricing (includes pricing of energy/commodity futures and options)
- Energy Risk Management Techniques and Challenges
- Financial Engineering in Energy and Commodity Finance
- Energy and Commodity Real Options and Valuation

Corporate and International Finance

- Energy and Commodity Risk Management Techniques and Challenges
- Financing Renewable and Alternative Energy Technologies
- The Financial Economics of Fracking
- Mergers & Acquisitions in the Global Energy and Commodity Extraction Industries
- Capital Structure Dynamics and Payout Policies of Energy and Commodity Companies
- Taxation and the Rise of Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)
- Private Equity's Role in Energy Finance
- Partnerships and Competition between State-Owned and Private Oil Majors
- Accumulating Oil Export Earnings and the Rise of Sovereign Wealth Funds
- Privatization and Nationalization of National Oil, Gas, and Mineral Resources
- Project Finance and the Funding of Energy Infrastructure Projects
- Taxation and Regulation of Energy Production

Environmental Finance

- The Financial Economics of Climate Change and Regulation
- Weather and Climate Derivatives and Financial Engineering
- Assessing and Pricing Climate and Environmental Risk Exposures
- Environmental and Climate Related Disclosures
- Financing Renewable Energy

- Environmental Risk Management
- Corporate Environmental Policy
- Social Responsibility pertaining to Energy and Environment