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Entrepreneurship, Entrepreneurial finance, Investment and financing decisions, SME business issues, Concepts, theories and applications in modern Economics and Finance in Emerging Markets, Public Economy and Policy, Central Banking and regulation, Financial Information Systems, Financial, Economic and Monetary Crisis - Corporate Governance issues, Ethics – Basel III and Risk Management, Conventional and Islamic Banking and Finance, Entrepreneurship, Derivatives markets; Management- Information Technologies and e-finance - Mediterranean integration and emerging market issues (capital flows) - Financial and econometric modeling and empirical issues- Conventional and Islamic economics and finance, Cases studies in economics and finance: Tunisian economy: present and future.

### Keynote & Guest of Honour Speakers

**Giovanni Barone-Adesi**, University of Lugano & Swiss Finance Institute, SWITZERLAND  
**Ephraim Clark** (Middlesex University, UK)

### Other Speakers

**Nizar Touzi**, Ecole Polytechnique, FRANCE  
**Aman Agarwal**, Indian Institute of Finance & Finance India, INDIA  
**Farid Aitsahlia**, University of Florida, USA

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### Conference Scope

The globalization of financial markets, the impact of financial crisis, the creation of new monetary zones and the development of international trade impose new methods in governance, investment and financing decisions, risk management and Basel II and III, corporate governance, value creation, Islamic and conventional economics and finance and empirical testing. Therefore, it is important to develop new tools to evaluate the changes in risk management at the national and international levels. It is also fundamental to implement and use modeling and forecasting techniques for risk management, definition and assessment of investment and financing decisions. Other economic issues could help these decisions, such as FDI, multilateral strategies, firms' integration within the Mediterranean region. This international conference offers the opportunity to academics and professionals to discuss some issues in international investment and financing decisions. At the macroeconomic level, the ongoing economic opening and the new evolutions of prices on the international markets impose new challenges to central banks and governments. Islamic finance and banking are also embedded as one of the key issues. In fact, the rise of Shari'ah-based financial instruments is considered as a challenge to the practitioners of the conventional financial and banking industries, as well as to the researchers in financial economics who confront a huge set of theoretical premises inferred from the staples of Shari'ah (Qur'an & Sunnah). A separate PhD Workshop is scheduled. The first page must mention "Special Workshop". The objective is to help students to present scientific papers issued from their PhD thesis.

### Scientific Committee

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### Submission Guidelines, Reviewing Process & Best Three Papers Awards

Authors are invited to submit in word or pdf files on [www.ifc-tunisia.com](http://www.ifc-tunisia.com) then by e-mail to: [mondher.bellalah@gmail.com](mailto:mondher.bellalah@gmail.com). All submitted articles will be reviewed. The best three papers will be awarded at the conference. The conference chair and the scientific committee will decide the best three papers presented during the conference. The maximum number of papers accepted by each author as leading author is one.

<b>Important Dates</b>	Deadline for paper Submission :	Feb15, 2019
	Acceptance / Rejection :	March 15, 2019
	Definitive camera-ready version & Registration of Authors:	March 30, 2019

## Publications Opportunities

A selection of the best articles will be published in special issues in Prominent Scientific journals such as *Annals of Operations Research*, *International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business*, And others under discussion such as : *La Revue des Sciences de Gestion* etc...

**Giovanni BARINE-ADESI (Switzerland)** held an SFI Distinguished Services Chair from October 2006 to October 2011; since then, he has held an SFI Senior Chair. He acts as Head of the SFI Center at the University of Lugano. His research interests lie in derivative pricing and studies of market volatility. In recent research, Prof. Barone-Adesi tackles the topic of system-wide volatility from a behavioral finance perspective. More specifically, he studies the influence of investor sentiment on the risk of collapse of the entire financial system. He shows that things might get more dangerous when markets are less – rather than more – volatile. Although this result might at first sound somewhat counterintuitive, he argues that when market volatility is high, anxiety prevails and investors become more prudent. Prof. Barone-Adesi is a founding partner at Open Capital, an asset management firm based in Lugano. He has been developing specialized investment funds to support international trade.



**Ephraim CLARK (UK)** Ephraim Clark is Professor of Finance at Middlesex University. He has taught at EDHEC Business School, the Catholic University of Lille, HEC Paris and Vrije Universitat. He is the author of eight books and over one hundred academic and professional papers. Honours and awards include numerous research grants and best paper awards. He serves on the editorial boards of a number of scholarly journals and is the founding editor of the *European Journal of Finance* and *Frontiers in Finance and Economics*. He has been elected as president of the Multinational Finance Society, president of the International Society for the Intercommunication of New Ideas, vice-president of the International Association of Finance and Banking and is currently the vice-president of the International Society for the Advancement of Financial Economics (ISAFE). He is also a member of numerous professional organizations and is a permanent member of the Académie Européenne.

**Nizar TOUZI (France)** is Professor at the École Polytechnique, Department of Applied Mathematics (CMAP) in Palaiseau. A world expert in control problems of stochastic differential equations, he obtained major results in probabilistic representations of solutions of nonlinear partial derivative equations. His work on non-Markovian backward stochastic equations has enabled the construction of new viscosity solutions for Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman-type equations on action-spaces. He has been granted the Bachelier Award for his work on controlling the volatility of derivative products in finance and for his algorithms of derivative hedging with constraint in using backward stochastic differential equations as well as for the development of adapted numerical methods.



**Farid AITSAHLIA (USA)** is Assistant Professor at the University of Florida. His undergraduate degree in Mathematics is from the University of Algiers. My M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Operations Research are from Stanford University. He has spent several years in industry before moving to academia. He has been at Hewlett-Packard Laboratories before and right after he obtained doctoral degree. He then joined Silicon Valley start-ups, Financial Engines and DemandTec, before joining the University of Florida. His research areas are Asset pricing models, computational methods in finance, risk management, financial engineering, market microstructure.



**Aman AGARWAL (India)** is currently heading as Professor of Finance at INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FINANCE. He is editing the quarterly journal of finance - *FINANCE INDIA* as its Executive Editor. He has been felicitated by being Enthroned to a Chair position of the St. Emillion Brotherhood (from 8<sup>th</sup> Century AD) by the Heritage City of Bordeaux, France (on 28th June 2007). A special Honour and Privilege given to World figures in Business, Arts and Science. He has also been felicitated by a nomination for the Honorary Doctorate of Finance by University of Cergy-Pontoise Thema, France (in 2007) and the Honorary Professorship as Professor of Uzbekistan by Tashkent State University of Economics, Uzbekistan (in 2002), a 76 years old prestigious university in Uzbekistan (estd. 1931), in recognition of his contribution to academics and literature. He has studied at some of the most illustrious Institutions like *Delhi University*, *Indian Institute of Finance*, *London School of Economics* and *Columbia University*. He has also pursued a specialized program in Finance on Options, Futures and Other Derivatives from *London School of Economics*. He has also pursued the joint *Japan/World Bank* initiated Senior Executive program in Economic Policy Management from Columbia University at School of International & Public Affairs and has had a short stint at The World Bank in Washington DC, USA.

