INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:
THIRD INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON EMPIRICAL APPROACHES TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND FINANCIAL CRIME

20 and 21 January, 2022
Nassau, The Bahamas

We are pleased to invite you to the third iteration of this research conference. Per the attached list of papers and authors, this conference has become the world’s leading event for empirical work on anti-money laundering. One distinctive conference attribute is the mix between academics and practitioners, both for authors and for conference attendees. Past experience suggests that this mix helps academics ground their work in empirical data, and helps practitioners intensify their insights with better analytic tools.

The Physical Conference

The physical conference will be held at the Baha Mar Convention Centre in Nassau, The Bahamas. Attendance is free, and meals will be provided, but attendees will need to arrange their own travel and accommodation. We have booked a block of rooms at the Grand Hyatt Baha Mar to cater for physical attendees. Please use this room block if you are attending in person.

It is important to note that physical attendance will be limited to fully Covid-Vaccinated attendees. At this point The Bahamas is open for visitors, with reasonable Covid protocols in place, and we seek to ensure minimal exposure for attendees. We have made extensive arrangements to support social distancing at the conference, and will be guided by any change in the local Covid rules by January. Among other things, the room volume allocated for this conference is about six times greater per person than would normally be the case. Nonetheless, we expect that physical attendees will enjoy an intensely focused two days of presentations and discussions on empirical AML and financial crime matters.

We may need to limit the number of in-person attendees, so please indicate your intent to attend as early as possible.

Physical Attendance Scholarships

The Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) is offering to cover flight and accommodation costs for selected attendees. This support is limited to attendees from IADB member countries, and/or attendees who are citizens of IADB member countries. If you are seeking travel funding support, please indicate this in your registration email to us.
The Virtual Conference

Virtual attendance is also free of charge, and we expect to be able to register all interested participants. The online feed will be available during conference hours, which are roughly 9 AM to 5 PM local time. There will be limited ability for virtual attendees to ask questions or make comments, and English to Spanish translation will be available, courtesy of the IADB.

How to Join Us

Please email an expression of interest to: AMLconferences@centralbankbahamas.com, as soon as feasible for physical attendees, and up to 18 January 2022 for virtual attendees. Please include the following items in your email:

a) Name and title  
b) Institution  
c) Whether you would like to attend the physical or the virtual conference  
d) If you wish to attend the physical conference, do you seek IADB funding?

Thank you for your interest in this valuable and interesting event. We look forward to seeing you in January, either in person or online, as we engage with some of the world’s most challenging empirical AML questions.

Charles Littrell  
Inspector of Banks and Trust Companies  
Central Bank of The Bahamas
Investigating the Role of Organisational Culture in Corporate Scandals
- Tom Reader and Alex Gillespie, London School of Economics

Perceptions of Money Laundering and of the Legitimacy of Anti-Money Laundering
- Mike Levi, University of Cardiff

Conceptual Framework for Measuring Illicit Financial Flows
- Diana Camerini, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Pilot Results from Latin America and Africa
- Bojan Nastav, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

How Money Laundering Pollutes the Real Estate Market: an Agent-Based Model
- Raffaella Barone, University of Salento

The Impact of Ownership Transparency Policies on Illicit Purchases of U.S. Property
- Matthew Collin, World Bank
- Florian Hollenbach, Copenhagen Business School
- David Szakonyi, George Washington University

Enabling African Loots: Tracking Nigerian Ill-Gotten Gains
- Tena Prelec and Ricardo Soares de Oliveira, University of Oxford

Testing Money Laundering’s Economic Costs: Evidence from States and Financial Institutions
- Karen Nershi, Stanford University

Economic Consequences of FATF Grey Listing
- Nicholas Morris, John Howell, and Louis de Koker, La Trobe University

Biases in National AML Assessments
- Charles Littrell, Central Bank of The Bahamas

How Much Demand for Money Laundering Services does Drug Selling Create?
- Jonathan Caulkins, Carnegie-Mellon University
- Peter Reuter, University of Maryland

Too Lengthy and Too Low: an Analysis of the Sanctions Imposed by Argentina’s FIU
- Juan Argibay, Universidad del Salvador and Argentine Attorney-General’s Office

Cleaning Mafia Cash: An Empirical Analysis
- Mirko Nazzari and Michele Riccardi, Transcrime—Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Do Banks Profit from Failing to Control Money Laundering?
- Joras Ferwerda, Utrecht University, and Thimo Zwiers, De Nederlandsche Bank

Dirty Money: How Banks Influence Financial Crime
- Janet Gao and Jan Schneemeier, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University
- Joseph Pacelli, Harvard Business School
- Yufeng Wu, University of Illinois

Complex Ownership Structures: Addressing the Risks for Beneficial Ownership Transparency
- Andres Knobel, Tax Justice Network

Circular Ownership and Financial Crime: Risk Profiling of the Malta Gambling Division
- Maria Joffre, Transcrime—Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

- Jason Sharman, University of Cambridge
- Michael Findley and Daniel Nielson, University of Texas at Austin
- Valentina Gullo, United Nations
- Daniel Haberly, University of Sussex

Deep Learning-Based Synthetic Data for Money Laundering Control Simulations
- Edwin Gonzalez, Olmer Garcia-Bedoya, and Oscar Granados, Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano

Financial Statements of Firms Infiltrated by Organised Crime in Italy
- Marco De Simoni, Financial Intelligence Unit, Banca d’Italia

Quantifying Financial Crime Risk at the Individual Entity Level via a Benchmarked Index
- Anjishnu Bandyopadhyay, Rimsha Saif, and Max Heywood, elucidate.co