Northeastern University Finance Conference  
May 12 – 13, 2017, Boston, MA

Location:  
**May 12 - 170 Dodge Hall**  
**May 13 - 50 Dodge Hall**  
D’Amore-McKim School of Business  
Northeastern University  
360 Huntington Avenue  
Boston, MA – 02115

**Friday, May 12, 2017**  
**170 Dodge Hall**

11:30 am – 12:45 pm: Lunch and pick up conference materials

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm: Opening remarks: Hugh Courtney, Dean, D’Amore-McKim School of Business  
Announcements: Jayant Kale

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: “Import Competition and Household Debt”  
**Chair:** K. C. Zheng  
**Presenter:** Jean-Noel Barrot (MIT)  
**Discussant:** Amiyatosh Purnanandam (University of Michigan)

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm: Break

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm: “Bankruptcy Spillovers”  
**Chair:** Tiantian Gu  
**Presenter:** Benjamin Iverson (Northwestern University)  
**Discussant:** Gordon Phillips (Dartmouth College)

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm: Break

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm: “Proxy Advisory Firms: The Economics of Selling Information to Voters”  
**Chair:** Felipe Cortes  
**Presenter:** Nadya Malenko (Boston College)  
**Discussant:** Suresh Sundaresan (Columbia University)

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Conference Reception at Skywalk Observatory, Top of the Hub, 50th floor, Prudential Building
Saturday, May 13, 2017  
50 Dodge Hall

8:00 am – 9 am: Breakfast

9:00 am – 10 am: “Measuring Social Connectedness”
   Chair: John Bai
   Presenter: Theresa Kuchler (New York University)
   Discussant: N. R. Prabhala (University of Maryland)

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Break

10:15 am – 11:15 am: “Credit Rating Changes and Stock Price Informativeness”
   Chair: Anya Mkrtchyan
   Presenter: Felipe Cortes (Northeastern University)
   Discussant: Lukas Schmid (Duke University)

11:15 am – 11:30 am: Break

11:30 am – 12:30 pm: “Unemployment Insurance with Informal Labor Markets: Evidence from Brazil”
   Chair: Pegaret Pichler
   Presenter: Janis Skrastins (Washington University)
   Discussant: Andrew Samwick (Dartmouth College)

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm: Lunch

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm: “Drivers of Effort: Evidence from Employee Absenteeism”
   Chair: Nicole Boyson
   Presenter: Margarita Tsoutsoura (University of Chicago)
   Discussant: Todd Gormley (Washington University)

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm: Break

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm: “Incentives and Competition in the Airline Industry”
   Chair: Linlin Ma
   Presenter: Carola Schenone (University of Virginia - McIntire)
   Discussant: Jun Yang (Indiana University)

Thanks – Rajesh Aggarwal

Conference Ends