



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS:

THIRD INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON EMPIRICAL APPROACHES TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING

20 - 21 JANUARY, 2022
BAHA MAR RESORT AND CONVENTION CENTRE
NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS

The Central Bank of The Bahamas is pleased to invite scholar and practitioner submissions to the third iteration of this international research conference series.

Courtesy of the Inter-American Development Bank, we are planning for bilingual conference capacity. Papers in Spanish will be considered for acceptance. Spanish language presentations and listeners will be welcome, with two way translation capability.

We are seeking submissions on any aspect of empirical research into anti-money laundering and financial crime, including terrorist and proliferation finance, and tax evasion. Our definition of “empirical” is broad: papers should focus upon observed experience rather than theory, or use facts to validate theory. Large datasets are unnecessary for a selected paper, though papers reliant upon large datasets are certainly welcome.

Papers and other material from the first two conferences can be reviewed at: <http://bahamasamlconference.com/>. For the third iteration, we continue to encourage submissions not only from established scholars but from emerging scholars, including current PhD students. We welcome submissions from academics and from AML practitioners in the public and private sectors.

We particularly welcome paper submissions from the Global South, broadly defined, to balance the strong flow of submissions we expect to receive from western Europe and the United States.

We welcome papers on any AML topic, but note a particular interest for 2022 in papers on currency-linked or property-linked financial crime.

One accepted author for each paper will be offered financial assistance to attend the conference in Nassau, which will include economy class round trip airfare, accommodation, and most meals. We intend to host the conference at the Baha Mar Convention Centre, which is among the leading resort and conference facilities in the Caribbean.

Some logistical details:

- 1) Papers may be submitted in either English or Spanish.



- 2) Papers will be reviewed by a reader panel comprising AML academics and practitioners. Professors Michael Levi (Cardiff) and Julia Morse (UC-Santa Barbara) will co-chair the reader panel.
- 3) Papers may be submitted in full or as abstracts. Experience suggests that reasonably complete drafts, or at least well-developed abstracts with outlines, will be more competitive for selection than are bare abstracts.
- 4) We request paper/abstract submissions by 30 September 2021. The selection panel will meet in October, with successful authors notified by 31 October. Final drafts for selected papers will be due by 31 December 2021.
- 5) Submitted papers must represent new work, and must not have been already published, or accepted for publication, when submitted to this conference. Authors submitting a paper that has also been submitted for publication should provide relevant details in their submission.
- 6) We do not impose any style or length restrictions on submissions. We note that successful submissions generally adhere to one of the recognized style guides, and that most papers range from around 12 to 40 pages.
- 7) Selected papers will usually be arranged in groups of two to three submissions, allowing for an average of 40 minutes of presentation and discussion per paper.
- 8) Considerable time outside the formal paper sessions is made available for ad hoc discussions.

In addition to authors, the conference will include approximately 75 in-person experts from the academic, regulatory, finance, and multi-lateral sectors. In-person participation will be by invitation only, in order to create a highly intense and useful discussion environment. In-person participation is free of charge, but participants will be responsible for their own travel expenses. Please note that the in-person aspect of this conference is dependent upon reasonably available post-pandemic travel, which we expect will be the case in The Bahamas.

We intend to facilitate virtual participation on a free and unlimited attendance basis, which experience suggests will allow for effective observation of the conference, but limited opportunities to contribute to discussions.

Please refer any questions or comments on this conference to Charles.littrell@centralbankbahamas.com.

We look forward to receiving your submissions. We would also greatly appreciate your on-forwarding of this invitation to any other potentially interested scholars or practitioners.