



## *Call for Papers*

### *4<sup>th</sup> Paris Spring Corporate Finance Conference Paris, May 31 - June 1, 2012*

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#### **Keynote Speaker: David Scharfstein (Harvard Business School)**

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**Paper Selection Process:** For this conference, we are soliciting papers, both theoretical and empirical, from a wide range of topics in corporate finance. We expect the paper selection process to be highly selective since only about a dozen papers will be chosen.

**Paper Submissions:** Electronic submissions of unpublished papers can be made **until November 20, 2011** via the conference website: <http://www.pariscorporatefinance.fr>. Only one submission per author will be reviewed. Authors will be notified at the end of January 2012. Authors will need to cover their own travel costs.

**Website:** Additional information and contacts can be found at <http://www.pariscorporatefinance.fr>. The website also gives access to details of our previous conferences.

**Review of Financial Studies Dual Submission Option:** Submissions to the conference can also be submitted to the Review of Financial Studies under its dual review system, with the same submission deadline of November 20, 2011. Authors must indicate on the conference submission website whether they are interested to have their paper considered under this dual review option with the RFS that works as follows:

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