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## 3<sup>rd</sup> IAF PhD Conference

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Venue: The Johnstown Estate, Enfield, Co. Meath, Ireland

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### 14.00 -15.45 Session A: Hoban Suite (1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Manor House)

Session Chair: Prof. Geraldine Ryan

- 14.00-14.35 **Yuwei Wang** (University College Dublin)  
*Does Venture Capital and Private Equity Reputation Influence IPO and deSPAC Selection?*  
Discussant: Dr. Yanyi Wang
- 14.35-15.10 **Kyle Doherty** (Maynooth University)  
*CEO Labour Mobility and Firm Risk: A Causal Analysis of Non Compete Agreement Enforceability*  
Discussant: Dr. Jiadong Liu
- 15.10-15.45 **Jeffery Dongwei Li** (Queens University Belfast)  
*Innovation Direction and Firm Value: The Role of Disruptive and Consolidating Technologies*  
Discussant: Dr. Shivam Agarwal

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### 15.45-16.15 Tea/Coffee Break

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### 16.15-18.00 Session B: Hoban Suite (1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Manor House)

Session Chair: Prof. Gareth Campbell

- 16.15-16.50 **Keelan McMahon** (University of Limerick)  
*The Relationship Between ESG Ratings and Financial Risk*  
Discussant: Dr. Tom Flavin
- 16.50-17.25 **Sherry Ya Gao** (Dublin City University)  
*Cross-Listing, ESG Disclosure and ESG Performance: Does Where Firms Cross-List Matter*  
Discussant: Dr. Tom O'Connor
- 17.25-18.00 **Le Zheng** (Queens University Belfast)  
*Macroeconomic Conditioning of Momentum Profits: Evidence from 155 Years of UK Equity Markets*  
Discussant: Dr. John O'Brien
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