

# WHAT IS GREEN FINANCE?

The objective of the global green finance movement is clear: to provide the full range of financial services and products to support the transition to a low-carbon world.

Two distinct approaches seem to have emerged, with one focusing on fund mobilisation, and the other targeting risk management. The first places focus on the promotion of an adequate flow of capital towards activities and projects that address environmental and climate concerns through product innovation and new instruments. The risk management perspective places focus on the potential for environmental and social risks associated with climate change.

Find more about the “green finance” buzzwords by reading the Energy Studies Institute’s Eco-Business article [here](#)



Want to learn more about green financing? Check out this series of talks organised by the Energy Studies Institute (ESI) at NUS!

## Green Finance Opportunities in ASEAN

**Mr Mikkel Bilyk Larsen, Managing Director, Chief Sustainability Officer, DBS**

11 April 2018,  
3 - 4pm  
ESI Conference  
Room @  
29 Heng Mui  
Keng Terrace

In this seminar, Mr. Larsen will shed some light on the regional challenges and opportunities for green finance, given that ASEAN remains a relatively nascent market. In addition, Mr. Larsen is also expected to share his experience on aligning sustainability considerations in the broader corporate strategy.



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## Exploring Green Bond Premium: What Makes Green Bonds Different from Conventional Bonds

**Dr Donghyun Park, Principal Economist, and Dr Shu Tian, Economist  
Asian Development Bank**

26 April 2018,  
3 - 4pm  
ESI Conference  
Room @  
29 Heng Mui  
Keng Terrace

In this session, Dr Park and Dr Tian explore factors that contribute to green bond pricing, and identify possible solutions to further develop green bond market. After matching green bonds with their closely related conventional bonds, Dr Park and Dr Tian find that after controlling for illiquidity in the green bond market, larger issue size and financial sector issuers tend to enjoy lower green bond premium compared to conventional bonds.



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