

The Finance Department Concludes its Fall Seminar Series

The Department of Finance at the School of Business concluded its Fall Seminar Series. The seminars were held on a bi-weekly basis during the fall term 2015/2016. Dr. Ghada Tayem, the series coordinator, stated that the faculty members at the department of finance wanted to organize this series to discuss research ideas relevant to their academic interests and to policy makers. The following working papers were presented during the Fall Seminar Series:

1. Corporate Governance and Dividends Policy, presented by Dr. Adel Bino.
2. Ownership Concentration and Investment Sensitivity to Market Valuation, presented by Dr. Ghada Tayem.
3. How Short Term Returns Affect Trading Costs? Presented by Dr. Majd Iskandrani and Dr. Tariq Al-Zoubi.
4. Ownership Concentration, Analysts Following and Market Liquidity, presented by Dr. Majd Iskandrani and Dr. Mohammad Tayeh.

Seminar participants concluded the series with the recommendation that future research should focus on the fields of Governance, Banking, Islamic Finance, and Asset Pricing, as these topics are relevant to policy makers on the national and regional levels. In addition, participants recommended inviting speakers from other local and international institutions to increase the research outreach. Seminar participants also recommended merging and sharing data gathered separately by the department's faculty with the intention of making it publicly available in the near future (for more information regarding data availability please contact Dr. Adel Bino).

This series was attended by faculty members from the Department of Finance and the School of Business and by postgraduate students. The Department of Finance plans to organize a Spring Seminar Series where names of speakers and titles of working papers will be announced shortly.