



## Research Network on Public Authorities and Financial Distress (RPAFD) Virtual Seminar on “Local Accountability” 23 April 2024 @ 2.00 pm BST

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### 14:00 – 14:05 | Welcome & Introduction

- André Lino (University of Essex)
- Emanuele Padovani (University of Bologna)



### 14:05 – 14:45 | Local Accountability

Join André Lino (University of Essex) and Emanuele Padovani (University of Bologna) as they speak with **Eric Scorsone** (University of Virginia) and **Jeffrey Matsu** (CIPFA - Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy) about accountability metrics in use by local governments in the USA and the UK to identify and mitigate financial distress and build financial resilience.

Eric, Executive Director of the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at University of Virginia, is an expert in city and state government finance issues -- including those in the cities of Flint and Detroit -- and the national credit crisis. He is an expert in local government public finance, intergovernmental cooperation and consolidation, local government fiscal health, and community economic development. Similarly, Jeffrey, the Chief Economist of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy - CIPFA, has worked with a range of tools such as the CIPFA financial resilience index, and the CIPFA Financial Resilience Model that envisage to help local authorities to act in anticipation of different scenarios and to navigate this context – critically linked to the recent S114 (i.e. a declaration that the Local Authority has no prospect of setting a balanced/lawful budget) explosion in the UK.

### 14:45 – 14:55 | Q&A

Please engage in a discussion with our panellists, and feel free to ask any questions arising from the presentation.

### 14:55 – 15:00 | Closing remarks

- Geo Quinot (Stellenbosh University)
- Yseult Marique (University of Essex)



**IMPORTANT:** The meeting will be recorded. The presentation from Eric Scorsone and Jeffrey Matsu and potentially some of the questions will be uploaded on our [YouTube channel](#). If you don't wish to be recorded, please do let us know (either at the beginning or during the call/before your question) and we will remove your comments and questions from the final video clip.