

**Date of the event:**

On Thursday 24th June 2010  
From 01:00 PM to 2:00 PM

**Location:**

Luxembourg School of Finance  
University of Luxembourg  
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- Free seminar (with lunch included)
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Structural credit risk models for companies provide the base methodology for different credit risk rating models. The distance to default and probability of default concepts appear in all structural rating models. A distance to default concept as it is applied in the case of company credit risk cannot be used for sovereign risk due to the fact that countries decide themselves about bankruptcy. The literature reports three concepts for determining sovereign credit risks: (i) macroeconomic models, (ii) econometric models, and (iii) signaling models. This paper uses three signaling models in a general first passage- time framework for sovereign credit risk. The models are introduced and the applied to a unique dataset of vulnerable sovereign bonds of 20 emerging countries between January 1993 and December 2004. Moreover, for illustrative purposes, the model is applied to Greek government bonds but also to government bonds of countries outside the EMU.

