Call For Papers International Conference on Global Economy, Policy Challenges & Market Responses

17 September 2012, University of London

Convened by: Centre for the Study of Advanced and Emerging Markets (CSAEM) in collaboration with the European Economics and Financial Centre

CSAEM is pleased to announce its forthcoming international conference on Global Economy Policy challenges & Market Responses. The conference will provide a valuable forum for discussions around the latest developments in international markets and research on policy implications and global challenges. The conference will be of importance to practitioners, policy makers and academics from a wide range of disciplines within Economics and Business sectors.

For more information about the conference visit the CSAEM website at: http://www.csaem.org

CONFERENCE THEME: The conference welcomes papers on any of the following areas:

- Banking and Finance
- Credit Crunch and its Impact on Global Markets
- Economic Transition
- Emerging Markets, Economics and Finance
- European Union and challenges
- Financial Markets
- Foreign Investment and Global diversification
- Hedge Funds and Global Activity
- Human Capital Management
- International Asset Management
- International Economy and Business
- International Finance and Trade
- International Management
- Islamic Finance
- Macroeconomic Reforms and Implications
- Marketing in Global Markets
- Micro Finance
- Portfolio Management
- Risk Management
- Small and Medium size Enterprises in Emerging Markets
- Sovereign Wealth Funds and their Impact on Global Markets
- Strategy in Emerging Markets and Global Business

Papers on any of the above topics or other topics relevant to the theme of the conference are sought.
PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: An abstract of 150 words in (Word or PDF) should be sent by 1st August 2012 to Dr. Sima Motamen-Samadian, info@cseam.org

All the accepted abstracts will appear on the website of the Centre for the Study of Advanced and Emerging Markets, and a selection of papers will be published in the following Journals: 1) Economic and Financial Review, 2) Economic and Financial Modelling, 3) Economic and Financial Computing.

REGISTRATION FEE:
Early Registration by 27th August:
- Professionals and institutions: British Pound 300
- Academics: British Pound 200
- Research Students: British Pound 100

Late Registration after 27th August:
- Professionals and institutions: British Pound 400
- Academics: British Pound 250
- Research Students: British Pound 150

Those who wish to attend the conference without submitting a paper are welcome to register on the basis of the above rates.

The fee will include refreshment at registration and throughout the day, as well as lunch on 17th September.

Call For Papers
Sustainable and Ethical Entrepreneurship, Corporate Finance and Governance, and Institutional Reform in China

Journal of Business Ethics Special Issue Conference

6-7 April 2013, Beijing, China

Conference Link: http://www.chinadrcenter.org

GUEST EDITORS:
- Douglas Cumming, Schulich School of Business, York University, Canada
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- Jiandong Chen, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China
- Xiao Ma, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China
- Huiyao Wang, Center for China and Globalization and Harvard University

SCOPE OF SPECIAL ISSUE: China is an increasingly influential emerging country. Its impressive economic growth has elevated hundreds of millions of people out of poverty, and has therefore
been hailed as one of the greatest achievements of modern history. The rise of China's economy has been contributed by the private sectors where entrepreneurs have played a pivotal role. However, Chinese entrepreneurship was only enabled after institutional reforms began in the late 1970s. Since then, institutional reforms continued to facilitate and expand entrepreneurship in China by improving the business environment. As Chinese entrepreneurs become increasingly competitive, they will also become more dependent on external financial resources to fund their businesses. This increasing reliance on external capital will in turn enhance the demand for business ethics and corporate governance, since accountability and stewardship promotes confidence among outside investors. Thus, there is an interrelationship between entrepreneurship, corporate finance and governance, and institutional reform is crucial to China's past, current and future economic development. The success of China's economy so far warrants studies of these issues to acquire insights and inform the development of other emerging countries. This call of paper invites empirical studies on these issues that are specific to the Chinese setting and could provide useful policy implications.

TOPICS: Specific topics and research questions can include, but are not limited to:
- What kind of regulations or institutional reforms facilitates ethical, sustainable and socially responsible entrepreneurship?
- What kind of regulations or institutional reforms encourages venture capital, private equity, and capital market investment in ethical, sustainable and socially responsible entrepreneurship?
- Do business ethics and corporate governance mechanisms improve capital acquisition and reduce cost of capital for entrepreneurs?
- Do sustainable and ethical entrepreneurs perform better and what type of corporate financing approach or corporate governance mechanism improves their performance?
- What are the appropriate performance metrics for sustainable and ethical entrepreneurs?
- Do sustainable and ethical entrepreneurship lead to more successful IPO and better post-IPO performance?
- What factors exacerbate the frequency of fraud in private and publicly traded companies?
- What regulatory or governance tools mitigate the incidence of fraud among private and publicly traded companies?
- Do political connections deter fraud and facilitate corporate transparency and corporate social responsibility?
- How do central and local governments encourage ethical investment in private and publicly traded companies?
- What is the role of different types of investors (such as private equity, hedge funds, banks, or institutional investors) in mitigating the incidence of fraud among private and publicly traded companies?
- What is the role of different types of investors (such as private equity, hedge funds, banks, or institutional investors) in stimulating new firm creation, particularly those in socially responsible industries?
- How does ethical investment and fraud compare in China with other emerging economics, and what factors (legal, institutional, institutional, or cultural) affect these differences?

NOTE: Studies exploring Chinese listed firms and studies investigating other BRICS emerging economies, e.g. Brazil, Russia, India and South Africa, will be also considered.

To aid in the development of papers, a two-day conference will be held in Beijing, China on 6-7 April 2013. Acceptance to the conference does not guarantee acceptance into the special issue. Likewise, papers may be considered for the special issue that are not presented at the conference.
PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: In your submissions, please indicate whether you want your paper to be considered for the special issue of Journal Business Ethics (JBE). By submitting a paper, authors are certifying (a) that the submission is original, unpublished work, (b) that in whole or material part it is not simultaneously under consideration elsewhere. Papers will be externally double-blind reviewed according to standard journal policy, following which authors will be invited to present their papers at a special issue conference. Interested authors should submit their papers in two PDF files: one with the name, affiliation, and contact information of the authors and one anonymous copy for blind review. Please follow JBE guideline: (*http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/applied+ethics/journal/10551) for manuscript presentation and put “JBE 2013 China Special Issue Conference” as the subject heading of the submission email.

Papers are to be submitted to: Douglas Cumming, dcumming@schulich.yorku.ca

KEY DATES:
Submission Deadline: 1 November 2012
Authors will be notified by: 20 December 2012
Special Issue Conference: 67 April 2013 (Saturday and Sunday)
Revise and resubmit process begins: 30 June 2013
Notification of acceptance to Special Issue: December 2013

ABOUT JBE: The Journal of Business Ethics publishes original articles from a wide variety of methodological and disciplinary perspectives concerning ethical issues related to business that bring something new or unique to the discourse in their field. All research articles in this journal have undergone rigorous peer review, based on initial editor screening and refereeing by two anonymous referees. JBE is one of the top 45 journals used by the Financial Times in compiling the prestigious Business School research rank and is included in the Social Science Citation Index.

Call for Papers
ECB Workshop on "Excess Liquidity and Money Market Functioning"

Deadline for submission: 10 September 2012

PURPOSE: Money markets have taken the centre stage in economic and policy debates since the start of the financial crisis in August 2007. As they represent the initial step in the monetary transmission mechanism, their proper functioning is a pre-condition for standard monetary policy measures to be effective. Confronted with seriously impaired money markets, central banks around the world have launched a series of non-standard monetary policy measures aimed - among other things - at ensuring that monetary policy impulses continued to be effectively transmitted. The workshop intends bringing together central bankers, practitioners and academics to discuss the current state of health of money markets, the impact on their functioning of the recently implemented non-standard measures and the possible side effects of large amounts of excess liquidity currently present in many developed economies. A panel with representatives from the financial industry on the impact of 3-year Long Term Refinancing Operations is also envisaged.

TOPICS: Submissions are welcome, particularly on issues related to the following themes:
- Empirical analysis on the functioning of the money market (for both secured and unsecured
segments at different maturities), including approaches using payment systems data
- Modelling of short-term interest rates, the money market yield curve and the pricing of interest
  rate derivatives, especially in a situation of asymmetric information and excess liquidity
- The interaction of excess liquidity, market expectations and possible risks in terms of monetary
  policy signals
- Changes in the transmission mechanism and challenges for monetary policy implementation
  stemming from large excess liquidity
- The impact of liquidity regulation on money markets and central bank operations (Basel III)

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Authors are encouraged to submit papers on the above-
mentioned topics. Submissions must comprise a full paper or an extended abstract and should
be sent in PDF format to: MMWorkshop@ecb.europa.eu no later than 10 September 2012.
Authors of accepted papers will be notified by end September 2012. The final versions of
conference papers must be sent to the same e-mail address by 12 November 2012.

ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION: Attendance of the workshop is by invitation only. It will start
in the morning of Monday 19 November, 2012 and end in the early afternoon on Tuesday 20
November, 2012. A dinner is planned for the evening of the first day.

EXPENSES: The travel (economy fare) and accommodation expenses of academic speakers and
discussants will be reimbursed.

CONFERENCE ORGANISERS: Nuno Cassola, Alain Durre, Jens Eisenschmidt and Simone
Manganelli (all ECB)

Call For Papers
NEST Pensions Panel on "Pre-retirement Communications and Products - Presenting
Choices and Options to Pension Savers at they Approach Retirement"

The National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) is organising a seminar in mid to late July (date
tbc) on pre-retirement options for pension savers. NEST wishes to convene a panel of
academics and behavioural economists working in the field of pensions and saving to meet
regularly and discuss relevant topics in the field, with a view to encouraging publication and
communication of research findings and as a catalyst for influencing policy. The first meeting of
this panel will focus on the subject of decumulation and choices pensions savers face as they
approach retirement and consider converting their pension fund into a retirement income, cash
sum or transfer; or, alternatively, considering alternative retirement dates and longer working. We
welcome the submission of high quality research contributions in this area from the fields of
behavioural finance, psychology and finance theory.

ABOUT NEST: The law on workplace pension provision is changing. From 2012, the Government
is introducing reforms which mean that employers will have to enrol most of their workers into a
workplace pension scheme that meets or exceeds certain government standards. They will also
need to make a minimum contribution for many of these workers. NEST has been established by
the UK Government to ensure there will be an easy to use, low-cost pension scheme available to
all UK employers to help them meet duties of automatic enrolment and employer contributions.
NEST is especially designed for working people who are new to pension saving and are on lower
to middle incomes. The key focus of the panel in July will be to address the question of “How
can DC pension providers encourage and enable those approaching retirement to make the best
possible decisions on taking their money out of their retirement pots? We anticipate that at the
panel we will be examining insight and evidence from pension savings initiatives both in the UK
and internationally.

TOPICS: Topics suitable for the panel include, but are not limited to, the following areas:
- How should policy makers, regulators and DC pension providers better prepare people to move from the saving and working elements of their career, into retirement and drawing down on their savings. How can these agents encourage better decision making regarding their money?
- What are the triggers - either in terms of distance from retirement or life events and stages that pension providers, employers and policy makers should consider intervening to help better decision-making? Can earlier engagement with retirement options help lead to better outcomes?
- What are the key challenges around decumulation? How should pension providers and employers address these? What are good outcomes, and how do these differ between cohorts of savers?
- Evidence on how framing of options to pensions savers influences what they decide to do with their money and when to decumulate
- Evidence on the use of on-line tools to present options and choices at decumulation - advantages and disadvantages and effective decision tools
- How do different investment approaches in the years approaching retirement impact on individual behaviour and individual outcomes?
- Is there evidence of an erosion of the cliff edge between saving and retiring, and if so how does this impact on communications, decision making tools and approaches to investment.

PUBLICATION: We encourage the submission of papers or presentations by researchers and practitioners. Papers submitted for the NEST Panel are eligible to be considered for publication on the National Employment Savings Trust website as a panel working paper.

Reimbursement of expenses by the panel organisers will be considered, subject to limitations, though respondents should note that NEST is a non departmental public body, that operates as a not for profit trust.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Authors are invited to submit electronically (MS Word or PDF format) a paper or presentation. The first page of the paper should contain the title, name of each author, address, telephone, and E-mail address. All submitted papers must be accompanied by an abstract explaining the contribution of the paper in no more than 100 words.

DEADLINE: The deadline for submissions is tbc. Authors will be notified by tbc.

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Call For Papers
The Central Bank of Ghana and Africa Rural and Agricultural Credit Association
International Conference - Enhancing the Agricultural Value Chain through Innovation
October 18 - 19, 2012, Accra, Ghana, West Africa

The Bank of Ghana (The Central Bank of the Republic of Ghana) in collaboration with the African Rural and Agriculture Credit Association (AFRACA) is organizing a 2-day International Conference for academics and practitioners as well as financiers on the theme Enhancing the Agricultural Value Chain through Innovation October 18 - 19, 2012 in Accra, Ghana, West Africa.

TOPICS: Papers for the conference should cover but not limited to the following areas:
- Innovation in Agricultural Financing
- Dealing with Risk in Agricultural Financing
- The Public Private Partnership (PPP) Concept and Improving Rural Livelihoods
- The Global Financial Meltdown: Implication for Agricultural Financing
- Effective Country Policy Programmes that Accelerate Access to Rural and Agricultural Financing
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Agriculture: Opportunities and Challenges
- Best Practices/Outstanding Case Studies on Rural/Agricultural Finance in Africa
- The Effect of Global Warming on Agriculture
- Access to Finance and Markets by Small Scale Farmers using the Value Chain Approach
- ICT and the Agriculture Value Chain Process

Papers from both academics and practitioners are welcome.

DATES: The following dates are important:
Deadline for submission of abstracts: July 1, 2012
Notification of decision on abstracts: July 15, 2012
Submission of full papers: August 31, 2012

PAPER SUBMISSIONS/FURTHER INFORMATION: High quality papers will be considered for a Special Edited Volume "Agriculture Financing and Enhancing the Value Chain Process: Lessons and Challenges". All papers accepted for consideration for inclusion in the edited volume will be double blindly reviewed and authors will be required to incorporate review comments before publication.

All correspondence relating to the conference must be sent to the following email address: gloria.quartey@bog.gov.gh or annycaroll@afraca.or.ke

Coller Prize for Student Research on Private Equity and Venture Capital
PhD Prize

Submit your PhD paper for the Coller Prize competition.

The Coller Institute of Private Equity at London Business School is pleased to announce that it is offering an annual prize for the best PhD paper on a topic relating to venture capital or private equity. The due date for submission of papers is 31st July 2012.

This is the 3rd year that the Coller Institute has awarded the PhD Prize. The prize typically attracts submissions from a broad range of universities from around the world. The 2011 PhD Prize was won by Shai Bernstein of Harvard University for "Do Equity Markets Affect Innovation? Evidence from Initial Public Offerings." The runner-up was Vineet Bhagwat of Northwestern University for "Manager Networks and Success of Venture Capital Syndications."
QUALIFICATIONS: Eligibility criteria and further details for the 2012 prize are below:
- Open to all PhD students globally. All current PhD students and those completing their
doctorates in 2012 are eligible;
- The subject matter of the project/report must have a connection or relevance to the private
equity/venture capital fields;
- All disciplines are welcome - the prize is not restricted to finance related work;
- Strategy, accounting/valuations and governance are all topics which continue to exert a major
impact on practitioners and investors of this asset class;
- The winning student will receive a prize of US$5,000. The winner and runner-up will have the
opportunity to present their paper at the award evening.

PRESENTERS: Francesca Cornelli, Professor of Finance, London Business School and
Academic Director, Coller Institute of Private Equity will present the prize to the winner and
runner-up who will present their work at the Annual Coller Prize Evening at London Business
School. This event will take place before an invited audience of School community and industry
practitioners, on an evening in autumn 2012.

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Please let us know whether you wish your work to be
considered for inclusion in this year’s awards by 31st July, 2012 by uploading a copy of your
submission on our website at http://www.collierinstitute.com/Coller_Prize

FURTHER INFORMATION: Please refer any questions to: collerpe@london.edu

Conference Announcement and Call For Papers
The Role of Private Equity in the US Economy

A conference jointly sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and NYU Stern School
of Business

October 12, 2012 at NYU Stern School of Business

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS:
Anna Kovner, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
Hamid Mehran, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
Matthew Richardson, NYU Stern

OVERVIEW: The private equity industry has experienced continued growth in the last decade, as
well as significant changes in organizational structure and business focus. This conference aims
to promote a better understanding of the role of private equity in the U.S. economy, including
real economic effects of private equity transactions, economic welfare implications, and risk and
return in the private equity industry. The goal is to consider the role of leverage, the transfer of
risk from regulated entities to non-regulated entities (and vice versa) and the level of risk of the
industry from the perspective of investors, private equity managers, private-equity managed
companies and regulators. This understanding, in turn, may help policymakers in their
decisionmaking, regulators promote efficiency and financial stability and help investors and
general partners measure risk and evaluate projects.

TOPICS: The conference organizers encourage the submission of papers and proposals relating
to all aspects of private equity, as well as the corporate finance and asset pricing of private equity, leveraged buyouts and other private equity asset classes. Topics of interest include but are not limited to:
- Leverage and risk in private equity
- Risk measurement in private equity
- Private equity in the financial crisis
- Regulation of private equity in the wake of industry changes and the financial crisis
- Bank risk and private equity
- Role of financial markets in levels, structure and performance of private equity investment
- Governance and performance implications of private equity firms becoming publicly listed
- Impact of secondary LBOs for the risk and returns profile of private equity funds and Limited Partners
- Implications of publicly listed private equity firms for incentives and performance
- Private equity and the real economy
- Real economy effects of private equity deals (short term and long term) (e.g., employment, productivity, governance, compensation)
- Measuring private equity - data standardization and industry measurement in private equity
- The role of private equity in the US economy (e.g. employment, economic welfare)
- Cross country role of private equity in economic development
- Longer term effects of private equity ownership (e.g., financial vs. fundamental performance)
- Determinants and success factors of private equity deals differ across countries and over time
- Private equity financial backing and the performance of newly listed firms (IPOs)

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Organizers invite the submission of working papers by July 31, 2012. Papers and proposals will be blind-reviewed by the Program Committee.

Please send a PDF version of your proposal or paper, with a separate title page and abstract, by July 31, 2012 to Anna.Kovner@ny.frb.org and specifying "FRBNY/NYU PE Conference" in the subject line.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:
Viral Acharya (NYU Stern)
Ulf Axelson (LSE)
Robert Harris (UVa/Darden)
Yael Hochberg (Kellogg)
Edie Hotchkiss (Boston College)
Tim Jenkinson (Oxford/Said)
Steven N. Kaplan (University of Chicago/Booth)
Josh Lerner (HBS)
Ludovic Phalippou (Oxford/Said)
David Robinson (Duke)
Antoinette Schoar (MIT)
Anil Shivdasani (UNC)
Morten Sorensen (Columbia Business School)
Per Stromberg (Stockholm School of Economics)

Call for Papers
"Financial Globalisation and Sustainable Finance: Implications for Policy and Practice"

Conference & Special Edition of the Journal of Banking and Finance
Cape Town, South Africa, May 29-31, 2013

Keynote Speakers: to be announced

The European Centre for Corporate Engagement (ECCE) at the Maastricht University and the University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB) are very pleased to invite you to submit papers to their joint conference on Financial Globalisation and Sustainable Finance: Implications for Policy and Practice. The Journal of Banking and Finance will devote a special edition to this conference.

OVERVIEW: The on-going challenges of managing the consequences of the global financial crisis have generated much academic and policy debate. The academic community is just beginning to understand the lessons from this crisis. Of major concern is the stability of the financial system: In the medium to long run, a financial system is only sustainable when it is stable. At the same time, concerns over the impact of financial institutions' actions lead to the question of how important a stable financial system is for sustainability in finance.

TOPICS: In this conference, we aim to bring together researchers to present and discuss their evidence and conclusions on financial stability and sustainable finance. The intention is to investigate (the links between) financial stability and sustainable finance from various perspectives, with research based in macro-, micro- and institutional economics as well as corporate finance and financial markets. Both theoretical and empirical papers are welcome. Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Financial policy and regulation: What policies and regulation are emerging in the aftermath of the crisis? What are their implications, strength and weaknesses?
- Macro-economic policies in the global economy: What macro-economic policies support sustainable long-term economic growth? Do different policies matter in times of crisis?
- The role of finance in economic growth and development: Does financial market development matter? Are there differences between market- and bank-based systems? What financial instruments and institutions matter most? Is there an optimal level of competition in banking?
- International capital flows and foreign direct investment: Do foreign capital flows serve as a substitute or complement for domestic financial development? What are the consequences of flow volatility i.e. during times of crisis? Does flow anti-cyclical lead to domestic instability?
- The role of development finance institutions and instruments: How can development banks, micro-finance institutions, or cooperative financial institutions lead to sustainable development? What market failures (if any) are being overcome by these institutions, and how effective are they? How important are new financial instruments such as public-private partnerships or project finance?
- The role of engagement: How can/should institutional investors engage with firms they invest in? What are successful engagement strategies, and how effective is engagement?
- The role of institutional investors and corporations: Does sustainable banking and responsible investment matter? How influential is ESG - including environmental sustainability and corporate social responsibility - in investment decision making? How sustainable are corporate actions? Does ESG create value? If so in what way? What impact do new trends - such as sustainability in alternative asset classes including real estate, private equity and infrastructure - have?

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Interested authors should electronically submit either a completed paper or an extended, detailed abstract by 15 January 2013 to: Els van Aernsbergen, Maastricht University, The Netherlands; e.vanaernsbergen@maastrichtuniversity.nl

SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUE: A special issue of the Journal of Banking and Finance (JBF) on the
conference theme will be published under the guest editorship of Meshach Aziakpono, Rob Bauer and Stefanie Kleimeier. Papers submitted for this special issue will undergo the normal journal review process and the journal’s usual submission fee will apply. Authors whose papers are accepted for presentation at the conference are encouraged to submit their papers for the JBF special issue. Additional details for the submission procedure will be provided later.

IMPORTANT DATES:
Deadline for Paper Submission: January 15, 2013
Notification of Acceptance by: February 28, 2013
Authors’ Registration Deadline (for inclusion in the Conference Programme): March 15, 2013
Early Registration Deadline: March 15, 2013
Conference Dates: May 29-31, 2013

ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS:
The organizing committee consists of Stefanie Kleimeier (Maastricht University & ECCE), Rob Bauer (Maastricht University & ECCE), Meshach Aziakpono (University of Stellenbosch Business School), Sylvanus Ikhide (University of Stellenbosch Business School)

The conference will be held at the University of Stellenbosch Business School. Participants are expected to arrive on Wednesday, May 29 for the opening reception. The presentations will begin on Thursday morning May 30 and end in the afternoon of the following day. The conference concludes with a dinner on Friday evening May 31.

There will be parallel sessions with 15 minutes allocated to the presenter, 10 minutes to the discussant and 5 minutes for general discussion. Presenters are requested to serve as discussants for papers in their field of expertise. People not intending to present a paper but willing to act as discussants or chairpersons are welcome to attend the conference.

FURTHER INFORMATION: For more information and updates please go to http://www.corporate-engagement.com/events/20

EXPENSES: There is no paper submission fee for the conferences. A conference fee of Euro 300 applies to all presenters and discussants.

Call For Papers
International Conference on the Global Financial Crisis: European Financial Markets and Institutions

"The impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Banks, Financial Markets and Institutions in Europe"

In association with the Journal of International Money and Finance

25 and 26 April 2013, University of Southampton, UK

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Professor James Lothian, Fordham University (US)
Dear Colleagues and Friends:

We are pleased to announce an international conference that will be held in the beautiful city of Southampton, UK on 25-26 April, 2013. The international conference is organised by the School of Management, University of Southampton, in association with the Journal of International Money and Finance.

TOPICS: As the chairs of the conference, it is our great pleasure to cordially invite you to submit papers in all areas of banking and finance that investigates the effects of the Global Financial Crisis on European financial markets and institutions. Both theoretical and empirical papers are encouraged in areas, which include, but are not limited to: Asset pricing, banking, capital markets, corporate governance, corporate finance, efficiency and productivity analysis, financial regulation, foreign exchange markets, derivatives, global markets for risk, market microstructure, corporate investment decision, risk management, financial management, securitization, corporate control and organization, financial intermediation, forecasting, econometric analysis, risk management, systemic risk, liquidity risk, mathematical and computational modelling.

Proposals for special sessions are also welcome and should be sent directly to the Conference Chairs.

SPECIAL ISSUE in JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL MONEY AND FINANCE: A special issue of the Journal of International Money and Finance (JIMF) on the conference theme will be published under the Guest Editorship of Professor Taufiq Choudhry, Dr Gerhard Kling and Dr Ranadeva Jayasekera. Papers submitted for this special issue will undergo the journal’s normal review process but the journal’s usual submission fee will not be required. Authors whose papers are accepted for presentation at the conference are encouraged to submit their papers to the JIMF special issue. Additional details for the submission procedure will be provided in due course.

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Those interested in presenting a paper at the conference are kindly invited to submit their completed papers, in PDF format, along with the names, addresses, affiliations, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of ALL co-authors by 9 November 2012 to the Conference Chairs using the paper submission form in the conference website: https://www.ocs.soton.ac.uk/index.php/financialcrisisconference/conference2013

The papers will be reviewed by the Conference Scientific Committee and the authors will be notified with the decision by 11 January 2013. For additional details on the Keynote speakers, the Scientific Committee, the Conference Location & Accommodation, Registration fees, etc., please visit the conference website (provided above).

We look forward to meeting you in Southampton, UK at the conference with an intellectually stimulating academic and social programme!

With our very best wishes,

Conference Chairs:
Taufiq Choudhry, University of Southampton
Gerhard Kling, University of Southampton
Ranadeva Jayasekera, University of Southampton
Conference Announcement and Call For Papers
Fourth Joint BIS/ECB/World Bank Public Investors Conference

Washington DC, 3 - 4 December 2012

It is well recognised that public institutions differ markedly from their private sector peers in their investment activities. Investment rationales, preferences, eligible investments, governance structures and accountabilities as well as aspects relating to the availability of human and technical resources distinguish public investors. These idiosyncrasies have profound effects on how portfolio and risk management activities are organised and performed in public sector institutions. Against this background, the Bank for International Settlements and the World Bank are co-organising the Fourth Public Investors Conference on Portfolio and Risk Management for Central Banks, Sovereign Wealth Funds and Public Pension Plans.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW: The conference is targeted at quantitative experts from the community of central banks and sovereign wealth managers (including commodity savings funds and sovereign pension funds) as well as academics. It aims to facilitate an ongoing dialogue between the reserve and asset management specialists of the participating organisations, encouraging knowledge sharing and collaboration across organisations, and fostering the development and dissemination of the best practices in public sector portfolio and risk management.

The event will take place at the World Bank, Washington DC, on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 December 2012.

Having observed and discussed reactions to the financial crisis at the Third Public Investors Conference held in 2010 at the Bank for International Settlements in Basel, Switzerland, we have a continued interest in how public investors have revised governance structures and asset allocations as well as processes and methods of portfolio and risk management in reaction to the continuously challenging global macroeconomic landscape.

PAPER SUBMISSIONS: All papers will be reviewed by the conference’s organising committee. Authors will be informed of the outcome by mid-September 2012. In this process, the organisers aim to achieve a balanced representation of the topics listed above. The selection of the papers will be based on, among other things, quality and relevance to the conference.

Authors are encouraged to contact one of the two coordinators, Mr Coche or Mr Petre (see contact details below), to discuss the scope and focus of possible contributions.

Papers should be submitted (extended abstracts will also be considered) in electronic format by Friday 31 August 2012. Final versions of the selected papers are due by end-September 2012.

Enquiries about the conference may be directed to Joachim Coche, joachim.coche@bis.org, or Gabriel Petre, gpetre@worldbank.org

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Your submission together with a short curriculum vitae should be e-mailed to:

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Sovereign Investment Partnerships
The International Food Policy Research Institute
Postdoctoral Fellow/Research Fellow/EPTD (Position #12-145)

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) seeks a qualified Postdoctoral Fellow or Research Fellow for its program on agricultural science, technology, and innovation (ST&I) policy in its Environment and Production Technology (EPTD) Division. This is a two year, exempt, fixed-term, renewable appointment based in New Delhi, India.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: The division’s agricultural ST&I policy program seeks to identify policies that favor economic development and the broad-based adoption of productivity-enhancing, poverty-reducing agricultural innovations, and to develop global, regional, and national capacity for ST&I policy analysis, design and implementation. Current research areas include, but are not limited to: agricultural research and development; private investment in pro-poor technology development and delivery; science, technology, and innovation policy; agricultural extension and advisory services; project monitoring and evaluation; and other topics relating to ST&I policy for developing-country agriculture.

Please note Postdoctoral Fellow appointments at IFPRI have a maximum term of three (3) years, inclusive of any approved appointment extensions. The final grade level will be determined by demonstrated experience and track record of publications.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: The successful candidate will be responsible for conducting scholarly research relating to agricultural ST&I policy in South Asia. The research will be conducted in collaboration with the Cereal Systems Initiative for South Asia (CSISA), a project launched in 2009 in partnership with other CGIAR centers and national institutions. See: http://sites.google.com/site/csisaportal. CSISA aims to decrease hunger and malnutrition and increase food security among resource-poor, small-scale farm families in South Asia through the accelerated development and inclusive deployment of new varieties, sustainable management technologies, and pro-poor public policies. The project intends to provide scientific, technical, and policy options to accelerate short- and long-term cereal production growth in South Asia’s most important grain baskets.

The successful candidate will participate in a range of activities including, but not limited to:
- Conducting literature reviews, field survey work, in-depth data analysis, and policy analysis on farm-level constraints to productivity growth and the impacts of adoption of resource-conserving technologies in the rice-wheat and related farming systems of South Asia
- Supporting efforts to strengthen the capacity of partner organizations and networks to conduct scholarly research and communicate evidence-based policy recommendations on ST&I policy for South Asia
- Supporting efforts to build an effective data management, monitoring, and evaluation system
for the project
- Preparing project reports, research papers, presentations, and publishable journal articles in collaboration with the ST&I program team at IFPRI, CSISA project researchers, and other collaborators and partners

The successful candidate will also be responsible for: (a) identifying new research topics and designing new research activities for the ST&I program in South Asia; (b) raising stakeholder awareness and donor funds in support of the ST&I program's long-term research agenda in South Asia; and (c) strengthening IFPRI's participation in national and regional networks on ST&I policy.

The successful candidate will work with a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural team of researchers, and is expected to engage in a broad range of research projects and activities in South Asia.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:
- Ph.D. degree in economics, agricultural economics, development economics, science and technology policy, development studies, or other appropriate disciplines
- Understanding of South Asian agriculture, including issues relating to smallholder farming systems, agribusiness, and technology adoption
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; Proficiency in STATA or other statistical software
- Excellent verbal and written English, as well as strong interpersonal communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to handle multiple tasks and produce completed products on time
- Excellent analytical skills
- Ability to work both independently and within a multi-disciplinary and multicultural team environment

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:
- Proficiency in one major South Asian language other than English
- Experience in surveys and field work is an advantage

ABOUT IFPRI: IFPRI is one of the international agricultural research institutes organized under the umbrella of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). The mandate of IFPRI is to identify and analyze alternative national and international strategies and policies for meeting world food needs in ways that conserve the natural resource base, with emphasis on low income and on the poorer groups in the countries.

IFPRI offers a multicultural, collegial research environment with competitive salary and excellent benefits. IFPRI is an international and equal opportunity organization and believes that diversity of its staff contributes to excellence. We encourage women and developing country professionals to apply.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: External Candidates: Go to http://www.ifpri.org. Click on "Careers" and "Research Positions" to link you to Position #12-145 - Postdoctoral Fellow/Research Fellow, EPTD. Please complete on-line application, including a complete curriculum vitae and a detailed letter of interest. Also complete section providing 3 references.

FURTHER INFORMATION: For more information on IFPRI, please visit our website at: http://www.ifpri.org, EOE.
Iowa State University, Department of Economics
Professor and Director, Center for Agricultural and Rural Development

The Department of Economics invites applications for the position of Director of the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) at the rank of full professor with tenure.

JOB DESCRIPTION: The successful candidate will (1) provide leadership in conducting timely, objective, and rigorous economic analysis of policy issues related to agriculture, the food system, and the environment; (2) seek research grants and contracts to support these efforts; (3) direct the CARD staff, supervise graduate students, and involve other scientists in CARD research projects; (4) disseminate research results through top economics journals and policy implications through professional publications and conferences; and (5) engage with the public and with policy makers in the interpretation of CARD research findings. The initial appointment as Director is for five years with an opportunity for renewal. The proposed starting date of 1/1/2013 is subject to negotiation depending upon availability of the successful applicant.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. in Economics, Agricultural Economics, or related field. Record of research publication commensurate with appointment as tenured full professor. Demonstrated success in attracting external grant and contract funding.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Experience in coordinating research programs. Experience in interacting effectively with the public on policy issues.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: To apply for this position, go to: https://www.iastatejobs.com/applicants/jsp/shared/Welcome_css.jsp and search for vacancy 120503. Review of applications will begin on 9/14/2012.

For more information, contact John Schroeter (johns@iastate.edu, 515-233-4025).

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Indian Institute of Management Udaipur (IIMU)
Faculty Positions in Economics

Indian Institute of Management Udaipur (IIMU) invites applications for the faculty positions in the area of Economics.

ABOUT IIMU: IIMU, established by the Government of India to create an excellent human resource pool of world class leaders and managers, aims to set a new benchmark by delivering quality education and building and disseminating vital knowledge. Through its research, IIMU develops intellectual capital on the critical challenges facing India’s business organizations and leaders in key industries, nonprofit organizations and government while working with them towards sustainable and ethical solutions. IIMU is located in the internationally famed city of Udaipur, which is in the historically and culturally rich state of Rajasthan. IIMU thus has the unique opportunity to be connected to international knowledge while not losing its Indian roots.
JOB QUALIFICATIONS: IIMU values both quality scholarship and teaching; therefore candidates for higher level positions must have an established record of excellence in both research and teaching. Candidates at the entry level must demonstrate capability in carrying out high quality research and should have either completed or be in the final stages of their Ph.D. IIMU wants to hire young faculty who will be given the highest level of support in terms of all requisite resources as well as a nurturing environment to grow in. Exceptional candidates without Ph.D with vast amount of industry experience and a keen interest in pursuing academics may be considered for positions on a contractual basis.

IIMU has a collaborative as well as supportive culture that is essential for the success of any new faculty member. IIMU offers excellent benefits package that includes a relocation package, faculty accommodation, medical allowance, educational allowance for children etc. It also includes development funds for each faculty that is comparable with other highly ranked peer institutions. In addition, IIMU encourages its faculty members to pursue research by ensuring support in terms of funds and time available for research and further by publication-linked incentives that are offered depending on the quality of the publication outlet.

ABOUT THE AREA: Udaipur has been ranked one of the top destinations for tourists across the world. IIMU enjoys the privilege of being located in one of the most picturesque destinations in India. In addition to being the “city of lakes”, Udaipur has excellent schools and other facilities that make it a great place to relocate to.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Interested candidates may send their application materials (including cover letter, resume and sample publications or working papers authored by the candidate) in electronic form, to the director at faculty_recruitment@iimu.ac.in

FURTHER INFORMATION: Information on the institute is available on http://www.iimu.ac.in. Applications for faculty positions are accepted on a continuous basis and remain active for six months.

National University of Singapore, Center for Behavioral Economics Research Fellows

Center for Behavioral Economics at the National University of Singapore seeks to fill two Research Fellow positions beginning immediately.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates should possess a PhD with solid training in applying empirical methods and econometrics. Fresh doctoral graduates with outstanding academic records and a strong interest in developing an academic career are welcome to apply. Interest and background in behavioral and experimental economics are desirable, but not required. Candidates are expected to join a team of passionate researchers to work on pre-specified projects. Research grants will be provided to fund own independent work where applicable.

Appointments will be on a term-contract of one to three years, and renewable depending on performance and project requirements. Salaries are globally competitive and commensurate with candidate’s qualifications, track record, potential, experience and level of appointment.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Interested applicants should send a cover letter, curriculum vitae
and publication list, two best papers (published or working paper), the names of three referees with complete contact information and any other supporting documents to the following:

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University of Otago, New Zealand  
Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Health Economics (Confirmation Path)

We are seeking applicants for a full-time Lecturer or Senior Lecturer in Health Economics. The position is 0.5 FTE in the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, Dunedin School of Medicine, and 0.5 FTE in the Department of Economics, School of Business. This is a Confirmation Path position at Lecturer or Senior Lecturer level depending on qualifications and experience.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants will be expected to have a postgraduate qualification in Health Economics or a related field. Demonstrated potential for excellence in research in health economics, and a strong commitment to research-informed teaching are required. To be appointed at the Senior Lecturer level, the successful applicant will have published quality peer-reviewed research. The successful applicant will be comfortable with teamwork, have the ability to enhance the teaching and learning environment of both Departments, and enhance the communication and collaboration between these two Departments.

JOB DESCRIPTION: The appointee will teach a postgraduate course in Health Economics, which is an integral part of the Diploma and Masters programmes in Public Health and the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Management (Department of Preventive and Social Medicine) and contribute to undergraduate teaching in the Department of Economics. There are excellent opportunities for research collaboration across the university and with health sector organisations.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Confidential enquiries can be made to Professor Jennie Connor, Head of Preventive and Social Medicine, Email jennie.connor@otago.ac.nz and Associate Professor Stephen Knowles, Head of Economics, Email stephen.knowles@otago.ac.nz

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Applications quoting reference number 1200646 will close on Friday, 13 July 2012.

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