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Sixteenth Jacques Polak Annual Research Conference:
“Unconventional Monetary and Exchange Rate Policies”
November 5–6, 2015

The International Monetary Fund will hold the Sixteenth Jacques Polak Annual Research Conference at its headquarters in Washington DC on November 5–6, 2015. The conference is intended to provide a forum for discussing innovative research in economics and to facilitate the exchange of views among researchers and policymakers.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Unconventional Monetary and Exchange Rate Policies.” The Program Committee welcomes empirical and theoretical studies on a wide range of issues related to the theme of the conference. Possible topics include (without being exclusive):

- Direct and collateral effects of unconventional monetary policy
- Spillovers of unconventional monetary policy to other countries
- Asynchronous unconventional monetary policy
- Exit strategies and risks of unwinding quantitative easing
- Money financing of fiscal deficits
- Exchange rate policy at the zero lower bound of interest rates
- Monetary policy in the context of high public debt
- QE as a policy tool in normal times

Interested contributors should submit a draft paper or a detailed two-page proposal by June 12, 2015 (e-mail to ARC@imf.org). Please use the contact author’s name as the name of the file. The Program Committee will evaluate all proposals in terms of originality, analytical rigor, and policy relevance and will contact the authors whose papers have been selected by July 3, 2015. A 15-page work-in-progress draft will be required by August 14, 2015. Travel and hotel expenses of presenting authors will be covered by the conference organizers. Further information on the conference program will be posted on the IMF website (www.imf.org).

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