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Call for Papers

Jacques Polak Ninth Annual Research Conference

The International Monetary Fund will hold the Jacques Polak Ninth Annual Research Conference at its headquarters in Washington, DC, on November 13–14, 2008. The conference provides a forum to discuss innovative research in economics by IMF staff and outside economists, and to facilitate the exchange of views among researchers and policymakers. This year's Mundell-Fleming lecture will be delivered by Professor Jean Tirole.

The theme of this year's conference is macro-financial linkages. Possible topics include (but are not restricted to):

- The role of finance in transmitting and amplifying real shocks, including international spillovers
- The financial sector as a source of (international) disturbances, including issues related to financial innovation, liberalization, and regulatory design
- Macroeconomic imbalances, global liquidity, and financial sector stability
- Macroeconomic effects and policy response to credit and asset price booms and busts
- Financial sector structure (e.g., bank versus market orientation), liquidity, and macroeconomic performance.

Interested contributors should submit a draft paper or a two-page proposal to the Program Committee (in a Word or PDF file) by June 29, 2008 (e-mail to ARC2008@imf.org). Papers that do not fit into the categories listed above, but that are related to the main theme of the conference, are welcome. Proposals should include the title of the paper, the author(s)' affiliation and contact information, the main questions to be examined, the most relevant literature, the intended contribution of the paper to the literature, and the possible data sets and methodology to be employed.

The Program Committee will contact the authors whose papers have been selected by late July. Further information on the conference program and on the process of selecting papers is available on the IMF website at www.imf.org.