

INFLATION



Origins, Transmission, Policy Responses, and International Implications

AGENDA

FRIDAY, March 24, 2023

8:30 – 9:00 am EST BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION

9:00–9:05 am **WELCOMING REMARKS & INTRODUCTION**
Giovanni Dell’Ariccia, IMF

9:05–10:05 am **LECTURE: Introduction & Framing the Issues I**
Joseph Stiglitz (Columbia University)
Chair: Anton Korinek, University of Virginia

10:05–10:25 am COFFEE BREAK

10:25–11:25 am **LECTURE: Framing the Issues II**
Chair: Rui Mano, IMF

INFLATION: EXPECTATIONS, CONFLICT AND WAGE-PRICE SPIRALS
Ivan Werning (MIT)

11:25-12:25 pm **PAPER SESSION I**
Chair: Christopher Erceg, IMF

THE TWO-REGIME VIEWS OF INFLATION
Egon Zakrajsek (BIS)

MONETARY POLICY UNDER LABOR MARKET POWER
Anke Weber (IMF)

12:30-3:15 pm **LUNCH, IMPULSE PRESENTATION & PANEL DISCUSSION** (*invitation only*)

Addressing the current global inflationary phenomenon requires, first, an assessment of the nature of the underlying shocks; second, frameworks that can capture the transmission mechanisms associated with different types of macroeconomic policies, including the acknowledgment of the multiplicity of sectors in a market economy, the role of expectations, as well as the role of market power and wage bargaining power for the determination of market outcomes.

During the lunch session, we will discuss issues such as under what conditions economic policy must be concerned about a wage/price spiral; how important it is to return levels of inflation that correspond to pre-pandemic and pre-war targets (and how flexible should we be about the target level); the role of expectations, how strongly are they anchored, and how that anchor depends on the aggressiveness of monetary policy; and the labor market, including how transitory the shifts in Beveridge and Phillips curve are.

Impulse presentation:

Chair: Joseph Stiglitz (Columbia University)
Governor Lisa D. Cook (FRB)

Panel 1 (Main Course): Lead Speakers:

Justin Bloesch (Columbia): INFLATION AND THE LABOR MARKET

Ignacio Gonzalez (AU): INFLATION, MARKUPS, AND CAPACITY UTILIZATION

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Anton Korinek (UVA): MACROECONOMIC EXTERNALITIES
Jeremy Rudd (FRB): GOOD AND BAD EXPLANATIONS FOR HOW WE GOT HERE

Francesco Saraceno (Sciences-Po): US AND EUROZONE: SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

Panel 2 (Dessert): Lead Speakers:

Dean Baker (CEPR): IMMACULATE DISINFLATION AND THE PATH TO THE FED'S INFLATION TARGET

Robin Brooks (IIF): LINGERING SUPPLY CHAIN EFFECTS FROM THE COVID SHOCK AND THEIR ROLE IN EXPLAINING HIGH INFLATION

Martin Guzman (Columbia): MACRO POLICY AND EXPECTATIONS FORMATION IN INFLATIONARY ECONOMIES

Olivier Jeanne (JHU): AN EMERGING MARKETS PERSPECTIVE ON GLOBAL INFLATION

Mike Konczal (Roosevelt Institute)

3:30–4:30 pm

PAPER SESSION II

Chair: Antonio Spilimbergo, International Monetary Fund

EXCESS SAVINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
Laura Feiveson (U.S. Department of Treasury)

INFLATION IN TIMES OF OVERLAPPING EMERGENCIES: SYSTEMICALLY SIGNIFICANT PRICES FROM AN INPUT-OUTPUT PERSPECTIVE?
Lucas Teixeira (University of Campinas)

4:30–4:50 pm

COFFEE BREAK

4:50–5:50 pm

PAPER SESSION III

Chair: Antonio Spilimbergo, International Monetary Fund

GENEVA REPORT: INFLATION AND RELATIVE PRICES
Veronica Guerrieri (University of Chicago)

INFLATION STRIKES BACK: THE ROLE OF IMPORT COMPETITION AND THE LABOR MARKET
Fatih Karahan (FRB)

5:50–6:00 pm

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Joseph Stiglitz (Columbia University) and Ivan Werning (MIT)

6:30–8:30 pm

DINNER (invitation only)

Dinner speaker: **Olivier Blanchard (Peterson Institute)**