



Conference Program

“Inflation Dynamics in a Post-Crisis Globalized Economy”

**Swiss National Bank - Bank for International Settlements - Federal Reserve Bank of
Dallas – Center for Economic Policy Research
Zurich, August 22-23, 2013**

The Great Recession that accompanied the global financial crisis – and from which many advanced economies are still struggling to recover – prompted extraordinary policy responses on the part of central banks around the world. Some of these policy responses were coordinated, but all were directed at fulfilling purely domestic mandates for price stability and maximum employment. Fears that the dramatic expansion of central bank balance sheets would lead to higher inflation at the consumer level have so far proven unfounded, whether due to still abundant slack in many countries or well-anchored inflation expectations. But it has been argued that an extended period of ultra-easy monetary policy is manifesting itself in excessive risk taking, bubbles in certain asset classes and price pressures in countries that are recipients of capital in search of yield that will ultimately lead to higher inflation globally. At the same time, the rapidly growing emerging and developing economies account for a larger share of global output. The disinflationary impact of the integration of low-wage economies onto the global trading system has challenged our understanding of the price setting process at the national and international level and our understanding of exchange rate pass through.

August 21

19:00 **Dinner** at Restaurant Quaglinos, Dufourstrasse 4, 8008 Zurich
(www.quaglinos.ch)

Day I: August 22

8:45 – 9:15 **Registration / Conference Venue:** Swiss National Bank, Boersenstrasse
15, Conference Room 303

09:15 – 12:00 **Session I: Global Output Gaps**

09:15 – 09:30 Opening Remarks TBA

09:30 – 10:30 Ayse Kabukcuoglu (University of Texas) and **Enrique Martínez-García**
(Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas) “What helps forecast U.S. Inflation? -
Mind the Gap!”

Discussant: Michael Dueker

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00	<p>Francesco Bianchi (Duke University) and Andrea Civelli (University of Arkansas) “Globalization and Inflation: Structural Evidence from a Time Varying VAR Approach”</p> <p>Discussant: Sandra Eickmeier</p>
12:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00-19:00	Session II: Global Output Gaps & Optimal Price Setting
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Aleksandra Halka (National Bank of Poland) and Jacek Kotlowski (National Bank of Poland) “Does domestic output gap matter for inflation in a small open economy?”</p> <p>Discussant: Benoit Mojon</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Kanda Naknoi (University of Connecticut) “Exchange Rate Pass-through and Market Structure in a Multi-country World”</p> <p>Discussant: Scott Davis</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Daniel Murphy (University of Virginia Darden School of Business) “Why are Goods and Services More Expensive in Rich Countries? Demand Complementarities and Cross-Country Price Differences”</p> <p>Discussant: Philip Sauré</p>
19:00	<p>Dinner at Haus zum Rüden, Limmatquai 42, 8001 Zurich (www.hauszumrueden.ch) preceded by Keynote Speech by Jean-Pierre Danthine, Vice Chairman of the Governing Board of SNB</p>

Day II: August 23**09:00-13:00****Session III:****Optimal Price Setting & Financial Crisis, Zero Lower Bound and the Open Economy**

09:00 – 10:00

Matteo Cacciatore (HEC Montréal) and Fabio Ghironi (Boston College)
“Trade, Unemployment, and Monetary Policy”**Discussant: Giancarlo Corsetti**

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:30

Gregor Bäurle (Swiss National Bank) and **Daniel Kaufmann** (Swiss National Bank) “Exchange Rate and Price Dynamics at the Zero Lower Bound”**Discussant: Cédric Tille**

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:00

Simon Gilchrist (Boston University), **Raphael Schoenle** (Brandeis University), Jae Sim (Federal Reserve Board), Egon Zakrajsek (Federal Reserve Board) “Inflation Dynamics during the Financial Crisis”**Discussant: Etienne Gagnon**

13:00

Lunch

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