



Fourth Bi-annual Conference on

“Uncertainty and Economic Activity: Global Perspectives”

May 7-8, 2020, Washington, DC

Following the success of the first three conferences, the International Monetary Fund and Federal Reserve Board will jointly host the 4th bi-annual conference on “Uncertainty and Economic Activity: Global Perspectives”. Both the IMF and Fed have active research agendas in several areas related to economic uncertainty. The IMF’s Research Department recently launched the World Uncertainty Index – an index that tracks uncertainty across the globe – and continues to do research on uncertainty. The GRUV (Global Risk, Uncertainty, and Volatility) network at the Federal Reserve Board has conducted extensive research on topics related to economic uncertainty.

The conference will take place on May 7-8, 2020 at IMF headquarters (HQ1) in Washington, DC.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Nick Bloom (Stanford University), Steve Davis (Chicago Booth)

The purpose of the conference is to bring together researchers working on various aspects of measurement, modelling, evaluation and analysis of uncertainties. We envisage the conference papers will address, among others, the following topics:

- Various approaches to measuring uncertainty
- Uncertainty and its global spillovers
- Conducting monetary policy in times of uncertainty
- The role of uncertainty in economic forecasting
- Trade policy uncertainty in U.S. and its trading partners
- Assessing the effects of uncertainty at the firm and household levels

The scope of the conference is not limited to the topics listed above and submissions from all areas of uncertainty are welcome.

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:

Please send full papers as a PDF to uncertandgloblecon@imf.org. The deadline for paper submissions is **January 31, 2020**. Authors of accepted papers will be informed by February 28, 2020.

EXPENSES:

There is no participation fee. For each accepted paper, the conference will cover up to 3 days of accommodation for one author. The same applies to all session chairs. It is expected that the presenters will cover their own travel expenses.

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