



AGENDA

Virtual 4th Joint Regional Financing Arrangements Research Seminar

INCREASING THE RESILIENCE OF THE FINANCIAL SECTOR POST COVID-19 REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON FINANCIAL STABILITY

Organisers: ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO), European Stability Mechanism (ESM), and Latin American Reserve Fund (FLAR)

16 – 17 December 2020

8AM Bogota, 2PM Luxembourg, 9PM Singapore

The Joint Regional Financing Arrangements (RFAs) research seminar series aim to encourage technical discussions on topics relevant for crisis prevention and resolution, which are the core mandate of the RFAs. During the past three editions of this yearly event, RFA staff had in-depth discussions with representatives from academia, policy experts, and other practitioners on inter alia the effectiveness of crisis-time liquidity provision, early warning systems, and the role of RFAs in regional economic integration.

The fourth Joint RFAs Research Conference will focus on emerging financial stability risks and policy options to build a more resilient, sustainable, and inclusive financial landscape post COVID-19. The pandemic triggered a deep global economic contraction, which put to the test for the first time the regulatory reforms undertaken after the global financial crisis. The global banking system has so far proven resilient, thanks in part to banks entering the crisis in a better capital and liquidity position. However, there is significant uncertainty about the outlook. Despite the recent economic rebound, growth is likely to stay subdued and financial vulnerabilities, including among others high debt levels, are expected to rise in the medium-term. In addition, the virus outbreak unfolded against the background of complex trends such as the increasing competition from fintech and bigtech players, the growing role of the nonbank financial sector, and a low interest rate environment. An effective and robust financial sector and the evolving market infrastructure is a sine qua non for promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

This year's seminar edition will bring together virtually participants from academia, the central banking, supervisory, and regulatory environments, national administrations, and regional and international policy forums and institutions. Exceptionally, it will have a streamlined agenda comprising an academic session and a policy panel discussion.

16 December 2020 (Wednesday)

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Academic Session: Financial sector developments and diagnosis of financial stability risks in times of COVID-19

The COVID-19 crisis, set against the background of persistently low interest rates and weak global economic activity, has the potential to magnify challenges in the financial sector already present before the pandemic. This session consists of a stocktaking of emerging risks to global and regional financial stability due to the COVID-19 crisis. This will be followed by three presentations that will look more closely at: (i) bank business models after the pandemic; (ii) the Latin American financial sector in and beyond the pandemic; and (iii) credit and contagion risks among Asian financial institutions.

Moderator: Daragh Clancy

14:00 – 14:05

Introduction by the moderator

Daragh Clancy, European Stability Mechanism

14:05 – 14:15

Fabio Natalucci, Deputy Director, Monetary and Capital Markets Department, International Monetary Fund

Emerging risks to financial stability due to the COVID-19 pandemic

14:15 – 14:30	Xavier Vives , Professor of Economics and Finance, IESE Business School <i>Bank business model in the post COVID-19 world</i>
14:30 – 14:45	Liliana Rojas-Suarez , Director of the Latin American Initiative and a Senior Fellow, Centre for Global Development <i>Sound banks for healthy economies: Challenges for policymakers in Latin America and the Caribbean in times of coronavirus</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Wei Sun , Financial Specialist, AMRO <i>Covid, credit, and contagion risks to ASEAN+3 financial systems</i>
15:00 – 15:10	Discussant: Gong Cheng , Bank for International Settlements
15:10 – 15:30	Q&A and closing remarks

17 December 2020 (Thursday)

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Policy panel: The financial sector after COVID-19 – challenges and opportunities ahead

As outlined in the previous session, the COVID-19 crisis has amplified existing vulnerabilities in the financial sector. In addition, it has accelerated trends related to digitalisation and climate change that were already taking place before the pandemic hit. This roundtable will consider policy avenues in the next phases of the crisis to contribute to a resilient financial sector post-COVID-19 that would continue to absorb rather than magnify stresses. By considering global and regional perspectives and leveraging knowledge across stakeholders, it will aim to inform the academic and policy debate as we prepare for the financial landscape of the next decade.

Moderator: Thomas Wieser

14:00 – 14:05	Welcome by the moderator Thomas Wieser
14:05 – 14:15	Keynote speech Benoît Cœuré , Head of the BIS Innovation Hub, Bank for International Settlements
14:15 – 15:15 <i>Q&A integrated in the panel conversation</i>	Sonja Gibbs , Managing Director and Head of Sustainable Finance, Institute of International Finance
	Ceyla Pazarbasioglu , Director, Strategy, Policy and Review Department, International Monetary Fund
	Declan Costello , Deputy Director-General, ECFIN, European Commission
	Jorge Ponce , Head of the Economic Research Department, Central Bank of Uruguay
	Hoe Jeong Kim , Standing Audit Commissioner, Korea Exchange and AMRO Advisory Panel Member