

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **“Zero Bound on Interest Rates and New Directions in Monetary Policy” conference**

**October 7-8, 2011, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada**

The monetary response to the 2008-9 recession was hampered by the inability of many central banks to lower nominal interest rates. They had to resort to new approaches, including quantitative easing. The conference will discuss the issues related to the zero bound and, more generally, the effect of experience of the recession on the conduct of monetary policy.

#### **Topics include:**

1. Zero bound on interest rates and monetary policy.
2. Inflation or price level targeting?
3. Inflation expectations and the role of central bank communication.
4. Learning and monetary policy.
5. Unconventional monetary policies and forward guidance: evaluation and prospects.
6. Design and communication of exit strategies.

#### **Plenary speakers:**

Gauti Eggertson (Federal Reserve Bank of New York)  
Stephanie Schmitt-Grohé (Columbia University).

#### **Organizers:**

Steve Ambler (Université du Québec à Montréal and RCEA), Jerzy (Jurek) Konieczny (Wilfrid Laurier University and RCEA); Jean-Paul Lam (University of Waterloo and RCEA); Gianluigi Pelloni (University of Bologna, Wilfrid Laurier University and RCEA); Pierre Siklos (Wilfrid Laurier University and RCEA).

#### **Sponsors:**

Laurier Centre for Economic Research and Policy Analysis (LCERPA), Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis in Canada (RCEA-Canada) and Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis (RCEA), Italy.

#### **Registrations fees:**

The registration fee is 100 Canadian dollars, and it includes lunches, coffee breaks, and one dinner. RCEA registered scholars and graduate students are exempt from paying the registration fee.

#### **Submissions and deadlines (extended):**

Submissions of one-page abstract should be sent to [jurek@wlu.ca](mailto:jurek@wlu.ca). The deadline is June 30, 2011. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by July 15, 2011. Participants should register, and drafts are due, by September 7, 2011.

#### **Special issue:**

Review of Economic Analysis ([www.rofea.org](http://www.rofea.org)), an open access journal is planning a special issue. Papers will go through regular refereeing process.

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