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***ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ASYMMETRIES,
NATIONAL DEBTS AND GOVERNMENT POLICIES***

Toronto, Canada, June 13-14, 2014

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CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES AND SUGGESTED TOPICS

Economic and financial asymmetries have received a lot of attention in recent years. The Asian financial crisis of 1997-1998, the U.S. subprime mortgage crisis of 2007-2009, and the current European sovereign debt crisis are a few examples of economic and financial asymmetries in a global scale. Interestingly enough, Canada has so far avoided negative consequences of the recent global crises in the U.S. and Europe. If so, this APF-Canadian joint conference hopes to bring many North American, Asian, and European scholars together to share their experiences with one another. Especially, in light of the current slow and uneven global economic recovery, the scholars and practitioners at this conference should discuss all aspects of global economic and financial asymmetries, with emphasis on appropriate economic policies needed to address the sovereign debt crisis of the EU, the persistently high labor unemployment, the increasingly unequal income distribution and the excessively easy monetary policies around the world.

Economic and financial asymmetries, however, have far greater reach, going beyond just financial crises. Many general topics in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and finance touch on information asymmetries. For example, microeconomic issues on consumer behavior, production and allocation anomalies, markets in health and legal services, pricing efficiencies in commodity and energy markets, and frequent market failures are all current issues of interest. Similarly, macroeconomic issues on persistent high unemployment, global monetary and fiscal stability, the future of the euro, and the role of China and India in the global economy are also important. Furthermore, financial issues on macro-prudential regulation via Basel III, the Dodd-Frank Act, sovereign debt management, banking and corporate deleveraging, regulation on money management, and future of investment banking and universal banking are major topics of interest as well.

Registration: The registration fee of \$50CAD made payable to the Department of Economics, Ryerson University, should be received no later than **May 30, 2014**. The fees together with the generous support of our sponsors will provide for lunches and refreshments (coffee, water, cookies) on June 13th and 14th, and a conference dinner on June 14th.

Publication: All papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication, by anonymous referee process, at the *Journal of Economic Asymmetries*, published by Elsevier Science: <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/the-journal-of-economic-asymmetries>

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