



ANNUAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

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Call for Papers

IMF Jacques Polak Annual Research Conference

The International Monetary Fund will hold its Fifth Annual Research Conference at its headquarters in Washington, DC, on November 4-5, 2004. The conference is intended to provide a forum for discussing innovative research in international economics, undertaken both by IMF staff and by outside economists, and to facilitate the exchange of views among researchers and policy makers.

This year's conference will be devoted to **Policies, Institutions, and Instability**. Possible topics include: (1) the effect of political institutions on economic instability; (2) the corporate sector origins of macroeconomic vulnerability; (3) financial sector collapses, including both causes and effects; (4) debt and default; and (5) general equilibrium models of crises. Papers that do not fit into these categories, but that are related to the main theme of the conference, are also welcome.

Interested contributors should submit a two-page proposal to the Program Committee. The proposal should include the title of the paper, the author(s)' affiliation and contact information, the main questions to be examined, the most relevant literature, the intended contribution of the paper to the literature, and the possible data sets and methodology to be employed. A detailed outline or preliminary draft of a paper is encouraged. Authors are also encouraged to provide a list of up to three of their publications or working papers or a copy of their vitae.

Please submit your proposals (in a Word or PDF file) by April 15, 2004 (e-mail to ARC2004@imf.org.) Please use the contact author's name as the name of the file. The Program Committee will evaluate all proposals in terms of originality, analytical rigor, and policy relevance and will communicate its decision by late April. A 12-page work-in-progress draft will be required by June 30, 2004 to assure adequate progress toward completion.
