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Call for Papers

Jacques Polak Seventh Annual Research Conference

The International Monetary Fund will hold the Jacques Polak Seventh Annual Research Conference at its headquarters in Washington, DC, on November 9–10, 2006. The conference is intended to provide a forum for discussing innovative research in economics, undertaken both by IMF staff and by outside economists, and to facilitate the exchange of views among researchers and policy makers.

The theme of this year's conference is **Capital Flows**. Possible topics include (but are not restricted to): (1) the role of capital flows in economic development and growth; (2) booms and busts in capital flows to emerging market countries, and policies that can mitigate their effects; (3) global financial imbalances and their resolution; (4) the impact of capital mobility on domestic policies and institutions; (5) the determinants of the direction, size and structure of international capital flows. 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 draft paper or 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. If no paper is yet available, whenever possible please attach a work-in-progress draft to the proposal. Authors should also provide a copy of their curriculum vitae. All presenters will be reimbursed for travel expenses and accommodation.

Please submit your proposals (in a Word or PDF file) by April 15, 2006 (e-mail to ARC2006@imf.org), using 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. A 15-page work-in-progress draft will be required by early July. Further information on the conference program will be posted on the IMF website (www.imf.org).
