Debt and innovative finance in developing countries

Organised by Bank of Finland Institute for Emerging Economies (BOFIT) and UNU-WIDER
Location: Bank of Finland
October 27-28, 2022

Day 1: October 27th

09:30-10:00  Registration in the Bank of Finland

10:00-10:10  Opening Remarks

  Pasi Hellman, Under-Secretary of State for Development Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

10:10-10:20  Introduction to the Conference

  Iikka Korhonen (Bank of Finland – BOFIT) and Kunal Sen (UNU-WIDER)

10:20-11:20  Keynote 1: Climate and Debt Sustainability

  Ugo Panizza, Pictet Chair in Finance and Development (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva)
  Chair: Tony Addison (University of Copenhagen and UNU-WIDER)

11:20-12:30  Panel on Green Finance

  Amir Lebdioui (SOAS, London), Anthony Bartzokas (UNU-MERIT, Maastricht), Shakira Mustapha (ODI, London)
  Chair: Esa Jokivuolle (Bank of Finland)

12:30-13:30  Lunch

13:30-14:30  Panel on Corporate Debt

  Seppo Honkapohja (Aalto University), Sanjay Banerji (U of Nottingham, UK), Adam Gulan (Bank of Finland), Eeva Kerola (Bank of Finland – BOFIT)
  Chair: Zuzana Fungáčová (Bank of Finland – BOFIT)


  Leora Klapper* (The World Bank)
  Discussant: Abrams Tagem (UNU-WIDER)
  Chair: Emmi Oikari (Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland)

15:30-16:00  Coffee Break
16:00-17:00  **Keynote 2: The Information View of Debt**
Bengt Holmström* (Nobel Laureate in Economics, MIT)
Chair: Martti Hetemäki (University of Helsinki)

19:00-21:00  Conference Dinner in the Bank of Finland

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**Day 2: October 28th**

09:30-10:00  Registration and coffee

10:00-11:00  **UN Report - Bridging the Finance Divide: 2022 Financing for Sustainable Development**
Shari Spiegel (UNDESA, New York)
Discussant: Amina Ebrahim (UNU-WIDER)
Chair: Jukka Pirttilä (University of Helsinki and UNU-WIDER)

11:00-12:00  **Panel on Sovereign Debt**
Andrea Presbitero (IMF), Arjan De Haan (IDRC), Maureen Were (Central Bank of Kenya)
Chair: Tuuli Juurikkala (Ministry of Finance, Finland)

12:00-13:00  Lunch

13:00-14:00  **Keynote 3: Climate finance within the UN climate convention: can and will it be fixed?**
Sarah Colenbrander (ODI, London)
Chair: Kunal Sen (UNU-WIDER)

14:00-14:15  **Closing Remarks**
Tony Addison (University of Copenhagen and UNU-WIDER)

*Virtual attendance