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: Iikka Korhonen (Bank of Finland – BOFIT)
1230-1330 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*