

# Current Account Balances, Capital Flows, and International Reserves

May 4-5, 2018

6-208, 6/F Lau Ming Wai Academic Building

City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

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## Conference Program

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### May 3, 2018 (Thursday)

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19:00 – 21:00 Welcome Dinner hosted by BIS (by invitation only)

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### May 4, 2018 (Friday)

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8.30-8.50 Registration and morning coffee

8.50-9.00 Welcoming Remarks Yin-Wong Cheung, City University of Hong Kong

**Keynote session** Chair: Yin-Wong Cheung, City University of Hong Kong

9.00-10.00 The Political Economy of the Backlash Against Globalization  
Jeffrey Frieden, Harvard University

10.00-10.20 Refreshment Break

**Session 1** **International capital flows**; Chair: David Cook, HKUST

10.20-11.05 Funding Run through Cross-border Banking in Asia - An application of Network Approach (with Zijun Liu, HKMA)  
Estelle Xue Liu, HKMA  
Discussant: James Yetman, BIS

11.05-11.50 International Capital Flows at the security level - Evidence from the ECB's Asset Purchase Programme (with Michael Fidora and Martin Schmitz)  
Katharina Bergant, Trinity College Dublin and European Central Bank  
Discussant: Kang Shi, CUHK

12.00-13.20 Lunch (CityTop Staff Lounge, 9/F, Amenities Building, CityU)

**Session 2** **Reserve Accumulation I**; Chair: Isabel Yan, City University of Hong Kong

13.30-14.15 Precaution Versus Mercantilism: Reserve Accumulation, Capital Controls, and the Real Exchange Rate (with Alan M. Taylor)  
Woojin Choi, Korea Development Institute  
Discussant: Katharina Bergant, Trinity College Dublin and European Central Bank

14.15-15.00 Reserve Accumulation and Bank Lending: Evidence from Korea  
Youngjin Yun, Bank of Korea  
Discussant: Sven Steinkamp, Universität Osnabrück

15.00-15.20 Refreshment Break

**Session 3** **Reserve Accumulation II**; Chair: James Yetman, BIS

15.20-16.05 The Hoarding of International Reserves: It's a neighborly day in Asia (with Yin-Wong Cheung and Eli Remolona)  
XingWang Qian, SUNY Buffalo State  
Discussant: David Cook, HKUST

16.05-16.50 Capital Flows and Reserve Management in Selected Asian Economies (with Abhijit Sen Gupta)  
Rajeswari Sengupta, IGIDR  
Discussant: Ramkishen S. Rajan, National University of Singapore

18.00-20.00 Conference dinner (by invitation only)

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8.30-9.00	Registration and morning coffee
<b>Keynote session</b> Chair: Xuan Song Tam, City University of Hong Kong	
9.00-10.00	Current Account Imbalances and Adjustment Sebastian Edwards, University of California at Los Angeles
10.00-10.20	Refreshment Break
<b>Session 4</b> <b>Global Portfolio Returns</b> ; chair: Frank Westermann, Universität Osnabrück	
10.20-11.05	Gradual Portfolio Adjustment: Implications for Global Equity Portfolios and Returns (with Eric van Wincoop) Philippe Bacchetta, Université de Lausanne Discussant: Estelle Xue Liu, HKMA
11.05-11.50	The Stabilizing Role of NFA Returns (with Daniel Garcia-Macia) Gustavo Adler, IMF Discussant: Jenny Xu, HKUST
12.00-13.20	Lunch (CityTop Staff Lounge, 9/F, Amenities Building, CityU)
<b>Session 5</b> <b>Global Imbalances</b> ; Chair: Xuan Song Tam, City University of Hong Kong	
13.30-14.15	Sudden stops inside and outside the euro area - what a difference TARGET2 makes (with Lena Kraus and Jürgen Beier) Bernhard Herz, Universität Bayreuth Discussant: Frank Westermann, Universität Osnabrück
14.15-15.00	A Tale of Two Surplus Countries: China and Germany (with Yin-Wong Cheung and Frank Westermann) Sven Steinkamp, Universität Osnabrück Discussant: Paul Luk, Hong Kong Baptist University
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