

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

Keynote session: 60 min. (45 min. for presentation, 15 min. for floor discussion)

Regular session: 45 min. (25 min. for presentation, 10 min. for discussant, 10 min. for floor discussion)

Refreshment break: 20 min.

May 3, 2018 (Thursday)

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

May 4, 2018 (Friday)

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 Central bank Intervention Chair: **David Cook, HKUST**

10.20-11.05 When is foreign exchange intervention effective? Evidence from 33 countries (with Oliver Gloede, Lukas Menkhoff, Lucio Sarno and Tobias Stöhr)
Marcel Fratzscher, DIW Berlin and Humboldt University Berlin
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)

Keynote Session Chair: **James Yetman, BIS**

13.30-14.30 Some Observations on the Evolution of the RMB Currency Regime in Recent Years
Guobo Huang, CNIC and Tsinghua University

14.30-14.50 Refreshment Break

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

14.50-15.35 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

15.35-16.20 Reserve Accumulation and Bank Lending: Evidence from Korea
Youngjin Yun, Bank of Korea
Discussant: Sven Steinkamp, Universität Osnabrück

16.20-17.05 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

18.00-20.00 Conference dinner (by invitation only)

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May 5, 2018 (Saturday)	
9.00-9.35	Registration and morning coffee
Session 3 Global Imbalances Chair: Xuan Song Tam, City University of Hong Kong	
9.35-10.20	Sudden stops inside and outside the euro area - what a difference TARGET2 makes (with Lena Kraus and Jürgen Beier) Bernhard Herz, Universität Bayreuth Discussant: Marcel Fratzscher, DIW Berlin and Humboldt University Berlin
10.20-11.05	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
11.05-11.50	Capital Flows and Reserve Management in Selected Asian Economies (with Abhijit Sen Gupta) Rajeswari Sengupta, IGIDR Discussant: Ramkishen S. Rajan, National University of Singapore
12.00-13.20	Lunch (CityTop Staff Lounge, 9/F, Amenities Building, CityU)
Keynote session Chair: Xuan Song Tam, City University of Hong Kong	
13.30-14.30	On the Asymmetry of Current Account Adjustments Sebastian Edwards, University of California at Los Angeles
14.30-14.50	Refreshment Break
Session 4 Global Portfolio Returns chair: Frank Westermann, Universität Osnabrück	
14.50-15.35	Gradual Portfolio Adjustment: Implications for Global Equity Portfolios and Returns (with Eric van Wincoop) Philippe Bacchetta, Université de Lausanne Discussant: Estelle Xue Liu, HKMA
15.35-16.20	The Stabilizing Role of NFA Returns (with Daniel Garcia-Macia) Gustavo Adler, IMF Discussant: Jenny Xu, HKUST
CONFERENCE END	

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