



MACROECONOMIC REBALANCING FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

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Conference Description and Program

The global economy is currently in transition, recovering gradually from the Great Recession. In order to ensure that the growth path is sustainable, a better balance of global demand and domestic sources of growth is crucial. Economies in which exports have led growth need to shift gears in their growth strategies toward domestic demand-driven growth. In other economies, high debt levels should be corrected and competitiveness enhanced. This rebalancing process will take time, and it is posing challenges to macro policy. This seminar, jointly organized by the Bank of Korea and by the IMF Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (OAP), brings together leading academics and policy makers to seek to address some crucial questions related to the rebalancing process, including: What is the optimal path of rebalancing, and how is it affected by demographic change and other structural characteristics of the global economy? Should monetary policy contribute to rebalancing and is this compatible with its main goal of ensuring price stability? What will be the effects of the normalization of monetary policy in advanced economies on the rebalancing process in the global economy as a whole? What role should other policies, e.g. fiscal, structural and financial sector reform, play in the rebalancing process?

Wednesday, 19 November 2014

19:00–21:00 **Welcome Reception** [*Garnet Suite, 37F, Lotte Hotel Seoul*]

Thursday, 20 November 2014

9:00–9:30 **Conference Registration** [*Conference Room, 15F, Bank of Korea*]

9:30–9:40 **Opening Address**
Juyeol Lee (Governor, Bank of Korea)

Session 1 **Monetary Policy, Fiscal Sustainability and Macroeconomic Rebalancing**

Chair: **Woosik Moon** (Monetary Policy Committee Member, Bank of Korea)

9:45–11:00

Can Rebalancing Help in Attaining Sustainable Growth?

Speaker: **Il Houg Lee** (President, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy)

Discussants: **Giovanni Ganelli** (Senior Economist, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, International Monetary Fund)

Chuin Hwei Ng (Senior Specialist, ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office)

11:00–11:15

Coffee Break

11:15–12:30

Overcoming the Public Debt Overhang – Strategies for the Eurozone

Speaker: **Beatrice Weder di Mauro** (Professor of Economics, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz)

Discussants: **Gerwin Bell** (Chief Economist for Asia, Prudential Financial)

Frank Moss (Director General, International and European Relations, European Central Bank)

12:30–13:45

Luncheon

[Songhyun Restaurant, 15F, Bank of Korea]

13:45–14:15

Keynote Address

Speaker: **John Lipsky** (Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Institute, Johns Hopkins University)

Session 2

Policy Response to Crises and Macroeconomic Rebalancing

Chair: **Young Kyung Suh** (Deputy Governor, Bank of Korea)

14:15–15:30

Why Did Latin America and Developing Countries Perform Better in the Global Financial Crisis than in the Asian Crisis?

Speaker: **José De Gregorio** (Professor, Universidad de Chile)

Discussants: **Jong-Wha Lee** (Professor, Korea University)

Jae-Ha Park (Deputy Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute)

- 15:30–15:45 **Coffee Break**
- 15:45–17:00 **External Rebalancing After the Global Crisis**
 Speaker: **Gian Maria Milesi-Ferretti** (Deputy Director, Research Department, International Monetary Fund)

 Discussants: **Yuko Kinoshita** (Deputy Head of Office, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, International Monetary Fund)

Junhan Kim (Director, Macroeconomic Modeling Division, Bank of Korea)
- 18:00–21:00 **Dinner** *[Garnet Suite, 37F, Lotte Hotel Seoul]*

Friday, 21 November 2014

- 8:45–9:00 **Coffee** *[Conference Room, 15F, Bank of Korea]*

Session 3 **Structural Reforms and Macroeconomic Rebalancing**
 Chair: **Jean-Luc Schneider** (Deputy Director of Policy Studies, Economics Department, OECD)

- 9:00–10:15 **China's Economic Transition Syndrome**

 Speaker: **Zhang Bin** (Senior Fellow, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)

 Discussants: **Frank Packer** (Head of Economics and Financial Markets, Representative Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bank for International Settlements)

Sungwook Park (Director, Macroeconomic & International Finance Division, Korea Institute of Finance)
- 10:15–10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30–12:00

Panel DiscussionModerator: **Jun Il Kim** (Deputy Governor, Bank of Korea)Panellists: **Frank Moss** (Director General, International and European Relations, European Central Bank)**Bandid Nijathaworn** (Visiting Professor, Hitotsubashi University)**Cyn-Young Park** (Assistant Chief Economist, Asian Development Bank)**John C. Williams** (President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco)

12:00–12:15

Closing Remarks**Odd Per Brekk** (Director, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, International Monetary Fund)

12:15–13:30

Farewell Luncheon*[Songhyun Restaurant, 15F, Bank of Korea]*