

CALL FOR PAPERS

ANNUAL RESEARCH REVIEW SEMINAR 2020

“2020 A POINT OF INFLEXION: OPTIMAL MACROECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICIES FOR THE NEXT DECADE”

The Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago wishes to invite the submission of research and policy-oriented papers for its 2020 Research Review Seminar to be held on **June 25-26, 2020**.

Caribbean economies have been on the proverbial back foot for much of the new millennium, responding to environmental and macro-financial shocks. Natural disasters, high sovereign debt, commodity super-cycles and global financial regulatory reforms, among other factors, have deeply impacted the region. Prospects could improve in the medium term, but to secure possible gains, the region must turn from a crisis-response mode to one which embeds resilience and creates and seizes opportunities. In the early 2000's, some Caribbean economies in their national development plans targeted 2020 as the year for achieving key national development goals. In most instances, unanticipated shocks have pushed this timeline into the future, but 2020 seems an apt juncture to assess and recalibrate policies. The objectives of the Seminar are to challenge conventional economic and financial policies and to harness new ideas, perspectives and approaches that would serve as a launch-pad for regional economic renaissance. The Seminar encourages solutions-oriented research and seeks to foster a collegial forum for both academics and policymakers to exchange ideas.

SEMINAR FORMAT

The Seminar will bring together academics, policymakers and research professionals from regional central banks to discuss the thorny issues surrounding the design and realignment of economic policies. The forum will take the form of presentations of research work and participant feedback.

The first day the Seminar will feature a keynote speaker while, on the second day, there will be a plenary panel discussion entitled, “E-conomics – Eco-nomics: Dynamics of the Digital and Environmental Era”.

TOPICS

We welcome submissions of research on topics related to the theme “2020 A Point of Inflexion: Optimal Macroeconomic and Financial Policies for the Next Decade”. We are interested in both qualitative and quantitative studies employing relevant methods of analysis and presentation of research findings. Papers are welcome on the following sub-themes:

- Pathways to Enhancing the Caribbean’s Growth Momentum: Where to Next?
- The Practice of Central Banking: Retooling for the Future

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- National Development Planning: The Role of Macroeconomic Policies in Supporting Caribbean Development
- Redefining and Redesigning the Structural Reform Agenda
- Monetary and Fiscal Frameworks for Small Island States
- Governance Matters: National and Institutional Perspectives
- Financial Technology: Riding the Wave or Charting a New Course?

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Abstracts, along with the name of the presenter(s), should be sent to Mrs. Sherry Riley at sriley@central-bank.org.tt by **March 30, 2020**. Authors will be informed of acceptance by **April 17, 2020**. Completed research papers should be sent to the seminar's Secretariat at RRSecretariat@central-bank.org.tt by **June 5, 2020**.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The Seminar will be held at the Conference Facilities of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, Eric Williams Plaza, Independence Square, Port of Spain.

For further information please contact the seminar secretariat at **868-621-2288 Ext. 4905** or RRSecretariat@central-bank.org.tt.