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The Levy Economics Institute of Bard College 15th Annual Hyman P. Minsky Conference on the State of the U.S. and World Economies

Economic Imbalance:
Fiscal and Monetary Policy for
Sustainable Growth

Thursday-Friday, April 21-22, 2005

Blithewood

Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

GOAL

This year's Minsky conference will draw upon public discussions on the state of the U.S. and world economies in the context of current economic trends and their implications. Topics to be discussed at the conference include fiscal and monetary policies for continued growth and employment; brutal gyrations in the currency markets and the consequent exchange-rate misalignments, as well as possible cures; and the U.S. trade deficit, particularly its impact on employment and the conduct of monetary and fiscal policies. The international economic role of the United States will be examined in view of the current international economic landscape.

Further program and registration information will be posted on the Levy Institute website (www.levy.org) as it becomes available.

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- Mail the registration form, with payment or credit card information, to The Levy Economics Institute of Bard College, Blithewood, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504-5000.
- Phone registration and credit card information to 845-758-7700.

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Mark your calendar and r.s.v.p. using the following form. Feel free to share the form with colleagues who may be interested in attending.



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Welcome to The Levy Economics Institute Conference on

"Economic Imbalance: Fiscal and Monetary Policy for Sustainable Growth"
April 21-22, 2005

The following information is not included in the conference program.

Registration: Registration and continental breakfast will take place at Blithewood beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 21st and at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 22nd. Levy Institute staff members will be available at the registration desk as well as at all sessions and meals. They can be identified by the blue staff ribbons on their badges and will be happy to assist you in any way they can.

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Meals: Continental breakfast and buffet lunch will be provided at Blithewood each day as part of the conference program. Dinner will be served on Thursday.

Admission to sessions and meals requires name badge identification. Please wear your name tag at all times.

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April 21, 2005

Dear Colleague:

I am delighted to welcome you to the 15th annual Hyman P. Minsky conference on "Economic Imbalance: Fiscal and Monetary Policy for Sustainable Growth." Most analysts agree that the U.S. economy has recovered following a short-lived recession. However, the strength of the recovery, primarily the result of the swift and significant change of the federal fiscal policy stance and low interest rates, is still uncertain. The positive high growth rates accompanied by accelerating deficits and rising levels of debt in the internal and external sectors indicate bad times ahead especially as interest rates and inflation rise. Participants at this year's conference will discuss their viewpoints, policy guidelines to be considered within the context of current economic trends and the implications for both the national and international economies. What are the monetary and/or fiscal policy prescriptions for growth, employment, and price stability?

The presenters at this year's conference come from business, government, and the academy. They are uniquely qualified to offer their insights on these issues. I trust you will enjoy their presentations and the discussions to follow. Your comments and suggests are welcome.

I look forward to seeing you again at future Levy Institute events.

Sincerely,

Dimitri B. Papadimitriou

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15th Annual Hyman P. Minsky Conference on the State of the U.S. and World Economies

ECONOMIC IMBALANCE: FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICY FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Thursday-Friday, April 21-22, 2005 Blithewood Annandale-on-Hudson, New York COFFEE BREAK

4:45-6:15 p.m.

session 3

FINANCIAL INSTABILITY IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY

MODERATOR: W. Ray Towle, The Levy Economics Institute

Robert Z. Lawrence, Harvard University and Institute for International Economics

"What Happened to the Great American Job Machine:

The Role of Trade and Outsourcing"

Edwin (Ted) Truman, Institute for International Economics

"The United Sates and the World Economy"

6:30-7:15 p.m.

RECEPTION

7:15 p.m.

DINNER

Friday, April 22

9:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST

9:30-11:00 a.m.

session 4

THE MACROECONOMIC PROSPECTS FOR THE U.S. ECONOMY

MODERATOR: Ajit Zacharias, The Levy Economics Institute

Lakshman Achuthan, Economic Cycle Research Institute

"The Importance of Being a 'Monitorist'"

James K. Galbraith, The Levy Economics Institute and University of Texas at Austin

"Breaking Out of the Deficit Trap"

Richard W. Peach, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

"Is There a Housing Bubble?"

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

SPEAKER: Paul Davidson, New School University

"Is a Declining Dollar Good for the U.S. Economy or the Global Economy?

(The Exchange Rate and the Twin Deficits)"

12:15-2:00 p.m.

LUNCH

SPEAKER: Donald L. Kohn, Federal Reserve Board

"Imbalances in the U.S. Economy"

Thursday, April 21

8:30-9:15 a.m.

BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

9:15-10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Dimitri B. Papadimitriou, The Levy Economics Institute

"How Fragile Is the U.S. Economy?"

10:00-10:45 a.m.

SPEAKER: Sandra Pianalto, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

"The Power of Price Stability"

11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

session 1

THE STATE OF THE U.S. AND WORLD ECONOMIES

MODERATOR: Dimitri B. Papadimitriou, The Levy Economics Institute

Steven B. Kamin, Federal Reserve Board

"Financial Market Developments and Economic Activity during

Current Account Adjustments in Industrial Economies"

James W. Paulsen, Wells Capital Management

"Economic and Financial Market Outlook"

Frank Veneroso, RCM

"China's Inevitable Investment Bust: Ignore It at Your Peril"

12:45-2:30 p.m.

LUNCH

SPEAKER: David D. Hale, Hale Advisors LLC

"Do the Republicans Need a Trillion Dollar Current Account Deficit

to Keep the White House in 2008?"

2:45-4:15 p.m.

session 2

MONETARY POLICY IN THE U.S. ECONOMY

MODERATOR: Greg Hannsgen, The Levy Economics Institute

Bruce C. Kasman, JPMorgan Chase

"The End of Easy Money"

Albert Wojnilower, Craig Drill Capital Corp.

"Why Monetary Policy?"

L. Randall Wray, The Levy Economics Institute and University of Missouri-Kansas City

"The New Monetary Consensus and Neutral Rate Targets:

What Would Minsky Think?"

economist at the Bank for International Settlements, a senior economist for international financial affairs at the Council of Economic Advisors, and as a consultant for the World Bank. Kamin received a Ph.D. in economics from

MIT in 1987, and has published research on various topics in international and development economics.

Bruce C. Kasman is managing director and head of economic research at JPMorgan Chase. He is the editor of *Global Data Watch*. From 1996 to 1999, he was head of economic research, Europe. Prior to his arrival at J. P. Morgan in 1994, he was senior international economist at Morgan Stanley & Co. He started his career at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, where he was a research officer in the International Research Department. He received a Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University in 1985.

Donald L. Kohn is a veteran of the Federal Reserve System. Before becoming a member of the Federal Reserve Board, he served on its staff as adviser to the Board for monetary policy (2001–02), secretary of the Federal Open Market Committee (1987–2002), director of the Division of Monetary Affairs (1987-2001), and deputy staff director for monetary and financial policy (1983–87). He also held several positions in the Board's Division of Research and Statistics: associate director (1981–83), chief of capital markets (1978–81), and economist (1975–78). Kohn began his career as a financial economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (1970–75). He has written extensively on issues related to monetary policy and its implementation by the Federal Reserve. These works were published in volumes issued by various organizations, including the Federal Reserve System, Bank of England, Reserve Bank of Australia, Bank of Japan, Bank of Korea, National Bureau of Economic Research, and Brookings Institution. He received a B.A. in economics in 1964 from the College of Wooster and a Ph.D. in economics in 1971 from the University of Michigan. He was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award from The Money Marketeers of New York University (2002) and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Wooster (1998).

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Robert Z. Lawrence is Albert L. Williams Professor of International Trade and Investment at Harvard University, a senior fellow at the Institute for International Economics, and a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He served as a member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers from 1998 to 2000. Lawrence has also been a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. He has taught at Yale University, where he received his Ph.D. in economics. His research focuses on trade policy. He is the author of Can America Compete?; Crimes and Punishments? An Analysis of Retaliation under the WTO; Regionalism, Multilateralism and Deeper Integration; and Single World, Divided Nations? He is coauthor of Has Globalization Gone Far Enough? A Prism on Globalization; Globaphobia: Confronting Fears about Open Trade; A Vision for the World Economy, and Saving Free Trade: A Pragmatic Approach. Lawrence has served on the advisory boards of the Congressional Budget Office, Overseas Development Council, and Presidential Commission on United States—Pacific Trade and Investment Policy.

Dimitri B. Papadimitriou's areas of special interest are community development banking; banking and financial structure; the Federal Reserve; monetary, fiscal, and international trade policy; and the distribution of wealth and income in the United States. He heads the Levy Institute's macromodeling team and is one of the authors of the Institute's regular *Strategic Analysis* report. His interests also include measures of well-being and the effects of macroeconomic policy on the distribution of income. In addition to his duties as president of The Levy Economics Institute, Papadimitriou is executive vice president and Jerome Levy Professor of Economics at Bard College. He served as vice chairman of the congressional U.S. Trade Deficit Review Commission. He is general editor of The Levy Economics Institute book series and a member of the editorial board of the *Review of Income and Wealth*. He holds a Ph.D. from the New School University.

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David D. Hale, the renowned global economist, has launched his own firm, Hale Advisors LLC. The company is head-quartered in Chicago, where Hale has spent the last 25 years, first as an economist for Kemper Services, and finally as global chief economist for Zurich Financial Services. Hale Advisors offers a variety of consulting services, primarily to financial and professional service firms, including an electronic newsletter focused on global economic trends. Hale is a prolific author, and his in-depth economic analyses and thought-provoking insights have appeared regularly in leading financial and business publications around the world for more than two decades, including the *Financial Times* (UK), *Wall Street Journal, Barron's* (USA), *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* (Japan), and *Australian Financial Review*. He is also a frequent television commentator on breaking news events that affect the global economy. Hale, a graduate of Georgetown University and the London School of Economics, is widely known as an economic historian. He is founding chairman of China Online, Inc. (www.chinaonline.com), and serves as global economic adviser to both private clients and international institutions. He serves on numerous boards and advisory boards internationally, including the Academic Advisory Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, as well as a variety of government and private sector economic policy research groups in Washington, Tokyo, and Berlin.

Greg Hannsgen, resident research associate at The Levy Economics Institute, is editor of the *Report* and many other Levy Institute publications. His research interests are money, macroeconomics, and social economics. His publications include "Minsky's Acceleration Channel and the Role of Money," *Journal of Post Keynesian Economics*, Spring 2005. He received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Notre Dame in 2002.

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Levy Institute Senior Scholar L. Randall Wray is working on projects in the areas of monetary policy, employment, and social security. His most recent publications focus on application of the "new monetary consensus" by the Fed in its formulation of monetary policy. He has also written on the current debate surrounding President Bush's plan to "reform" Social Security. He continues to examine the population that did not benefit from the economic expansion of the 1990s, especially low-skilled, prime-age males who are not officially counted as employed because they are not part of the labor force. He has also focused on the failings of the War on Poverty, updating the analysis of H. P. Minsky made during the 1960s. Wray is developing policies to promote true full employment, focusing on Minsky's "employer of last resort" proposal as a way to bring low-skilled, prime-age males into the labor force. With Dimitri B. Papadimitriou, Wray has also written on deflation and on growing U.S. indebtedness at all levels: house-hold, government, and foreign sectors. Wray has published widely in journals and is the author of *Understanding Modern Money: The Key to Full Employment and Price Stability* and is the editor of *Credit and State Theories of Money*.

James W. Paulsen, a 20-year veteran of the investment management industry, is the chief investment strategist at Wells Capital Management. In that post, he is responsible for developing strategies that assist in the management of separate institutional accounts and mutual and collective investment funds. He joined Norwest Investment Management, Inc., which later combined with Wells Capital Management, as the chief investment officer in 1997. He had previously served as senior managing director and chief investment strategist at Investors Management Group in Des Moines, and prior to that was president of SCI Capital Management, Inc., in Cedar Rapids. Paulsen is nationally recognized for his views and is frequently quoted in the national media. Since 1983 he has published his assessment of national and global economic trends in his monthly newsletter, *Economic and Market Perspective*. He earned a bachelor's degree and Ph.D. in economics at Iowa State University.

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Sandra Pianalto is the president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. Her tenure with the Bank spans more than 20 years. She joined the Bank in 1983 as an economist in the Research Department. She was appointed assistant vice president of public affairs in 1984, vice president and secretary to the board of directors in 1988, and first vice president and chief operating officer in 1993. She assumed her position as president in 2003. Before joining the Bank, Pianalto was an economist at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and served on the staff of the Budget Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. She is active in the Fourth District's civic community, serving on the boards of directors of many community organizations, including The Cleveland Foundation, Greater Cleveland Partnership, University Hospitals Health System, United Way Services of Cleveland, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education, and Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Foundation. She earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Akron and a master's degree in economics from The George Washington University. She is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business and holds honorary doctor of humane letters degrees from the University of Akron, Baldwin-Wallace College, and Ursuline College.

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Edwin M. Truman is a senior fellow at the Institute for International Economics in Washington, D.C. He served as assistant secretary for international affairs at the U.S. Treasury from December 1998 to January 2001. Before joining the U.S. Treasury, he was director and later staff director of the Division of International Finance of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, beginning in June 1977. He was on the staff of the Federal Open Market

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He is a professor of economics and research director of the Center for Full Employment and Price Stability at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He received a B.A. degree from the University of the Pacific and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Washington University in St. Louis.

Research Scholar **Ajit Zacharias** is primarily working on the Levy Institute Measure of Economic Well-Being (LIMEW) within the distribution of income and wealth program. The LIMEW is an alternative measure that can provide the foundation for a comprehensive view of the level and distribution of economic well-being. His research interests include concepts and measurement of economic well-being, effects of taxes and government spending on well-being, valuation of noncash transfers, and time use. Zacharias received an M.A. from the University of Bombay and a Ph.D. from New School University.