Central Banking in the 2020s and Beyond  
April 16-17, 2021  
Conference to be held remotely via Zoom from the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627  
Accepted papers and comments will be published in the January 2022 issue of the Journal of Monetary Economics. (Starred papers have already been accepted.)

### Agenda (scheduled presenters are emboldened)

**Friday, April 16, 2021**

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<td><strong>Author:</strong> Lars Hansen (The University of Chicago)</td>
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<td>Fiscal and Monetary Stabilization Policy at the Zero Lower Bound: Consequences of the Zero Lower Bound*</td>
<td><strong>Authors:</strong> Michael Woodford (Columbia University) and Yinxi Xie (Bank of Canada)</td>
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<td>Designing Central Bank Digital Currencies*</td>
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<td><strong>Discussant:</strong> Carolyn Wilkins (former Senior Deputy Governor, Bank of Canada)</td>
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**Cash: A Blessing or a Curse?**

*Authors:* Fernando Alvarez (The University of Chicago), David Argente (Penn State University), Rafael Jimenez (The University of Chicago), and Francesco Lippi (Luiss University and EIEF)

*Discussant:* Gabriel Chodorow-Reich (Harvard University)

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**Saturday, April 17, 2021**

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**The Supply and Demand for Safe Assets**

*Authors:* Gary Gorton (Yale University) and Guillermo Ordonez (University of Pennsylvania)

*Discussant:* Moritz Lenel (Princeton University)

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**Optimal Monetary Policy and Communication with an Informationally-Constrained Central Banker**

*Authors:* Luigi Iovino (Bocconi University), Jennifer La’O (Columbia University), and Rui Mascarenhas (Columbia University)

*Discussant:* V. V. Chari (University of Minnesota)

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**Central Bank Policy and the Concentration of Risk**

*Authors:* Nuno Coimbra (Banque de France), Daisoon Kim (NC State), and Helene Rey (London Business School)

*Discussant:* Nina Boyarchenko (FRB-New York)