



CENTRAL BANK OF BARBADOS

Annual Review Seminar 2021

CALL FOR PAPERS

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About the Seminar

Since 1981, the Central Bank of Barbados' Annual Review Seminar has provided a forum for stimulating policy-related discussions among economists, academics, and other policymakers from within the economic and financial disciplines, as well as practitioners from other areas of expertise.

This year, it is our pleasure to invite you to our 41st Annual Review Seminar, which will be held online from July 27 to 30, 2021.

Seminar Theme

As the world continues to grapple with the fallout of Covid-19, efforts to respond effectively to social and economic stresses have placed inordinate pressure on governments and policymakers. In particular, the impact has been especially stark for Caribbean economies, reflecting ever present vulnerabilities to external shocks, due to their small size, limited international trade and financial relationships. Life with Covid has necessitated and proliferated the need for innovation, with digital platforms acting as surrogates for face-to-face interaction, however the significance of social interactions to the engine of economic activity has resulted in a protracted recovery. As a result, great emphasis has been placed

on facilitating the transition to post-pandemic economies, with inclusive and more resilient growth being at the forefront of policy discussions against the backdrop of uncertain fiscal and debt dynamics. This year's theme, **"Pursuing Resilience in the Shadow of Covid: Overcoming the Pandemic's Economic Fallout"**, seeks to explore these issues from a Caribbean perspective, promoting research aimed at fostering transformative growth.

Seminar Topics

This year's seminar will address a wide range of topics:

- ☞ Economic Growth and Human Development Beyond 2020: Reimagining the Future
- ☞ Promoting and Protecting Natural Resources and the Environment
- ☞ Monetary and Financial Sector Issues: Promoting Viability Through Innovation
- ☞ Efficiencies in the Public Sector as a Catalyst for Sustainable Growth
- ☞ Perspectives on Openness: Sustainable Engagement for Small Open Economies
- ☞ Fiscal and Debt Dynamics in Times of Uncertainty

The Submission Process

Persons interested in presenting papers on the above-areas of study should submit abstracts by **June 4, 2021**. Abstracts should be no longer than 150 words, with keywords and JEL codes listed. They should also identify the relevance and objective(s) of your study, as well as its main findings and conclusions.

General registration for persons not presenting papers can be submitted during the period **June 7 - July 20, 2021**.

Submission Link

Your abstract and general registration should be submitted by clicking this [submission link](#) or going to the Seminar page, which is accessible on the Central Bank of Barbados website (www.centralbank.org.bb).

General Queries

For queries, please contact the Seminar Secretariat, Annual Review Seminar 2021 with the subject line: "CBB ARS 2021".

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Accessing the Seminar

To join the seminar, all participants will be required to use the video conferencing software, CISCO WebEx Meetings. The software can be downloaded from the link: [download link](#).



AFTER THE SEMINAR

Papers presented will be considered for inclusion in the Central Bank of Barbados' Working Papers Series, with valuable feedback given to the corresponding author as part of the peer review process.

IMPORTANT DATES

-  **June 4, 2021** - Submission of Abstract & Registration Form
-  **June 11, 2021** - Notification of Acceptance
-  **July 2, 2021** - Deadline for Final Version of Paper
-  **July 20, 2021** - Deadline for general registration