



CENTRAL BANK OF BARBADOS

Annual Review Seminar 2020

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 intellectually 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 40th Annual Review Seminar, which will be held online from July 28 to 31, 2020.

Seminar Theme

Over the past 40 years, Caribbean economies have faced significant macroeconomic headwinds in an increasingly uncertain and dynamic global environment. Prior to the emergence of COVID-19, the 2008 Global Financial Crisis and severe climate-related events exposed the Caribbean region's vulnerability, as many countries experienced deteriorating fiscal balances, higher public indebtedness, and weak economic activity. Now Caribbean economies face further economic fallout with the outlook for the tourism-dependent region appearing dismal in 2020. Consequently, at this important juncture in economic development within the Caribbean, there is an attendant

need for economic analysis and research that assists in crafting practical solutions. This year's theme, ***"Navigating the Covid-19 Crisis in the Caribbean: Reshaping, Rebuilding and Resetting Opportunities for Prosperity Post-Crisis"***, will, therefore, attempt to address the current challenges the region is facing.

Seminar Topics

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

- ☞ Role of Data Analytics in Shaping Economic Policy
- ☞ The Impact of Renewable Energy and Climatic Events on Government Policy
- ☞ External Sector Vulnerabilities, Risk Mitigation and Economic Development
- ☞ Financial Market Innovation and the Future of Fintech Integration and Digital Payments
- ☞ Impact of COVID-19 on Small States
- ☞ Economic Growth I: Optimum Growth, Tourism Performance and the Labour Market
- ☞ Economic Growth II: Fiscal Adjustment and Public Debt Management

The Submission Process

Persons interested in presenting papers on the above-areas of study should submit abstracts by **July 15, 2020**. 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 **July 6 - 20, 2020**.

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 2020 with the subject line: "CBB ARS 2020".

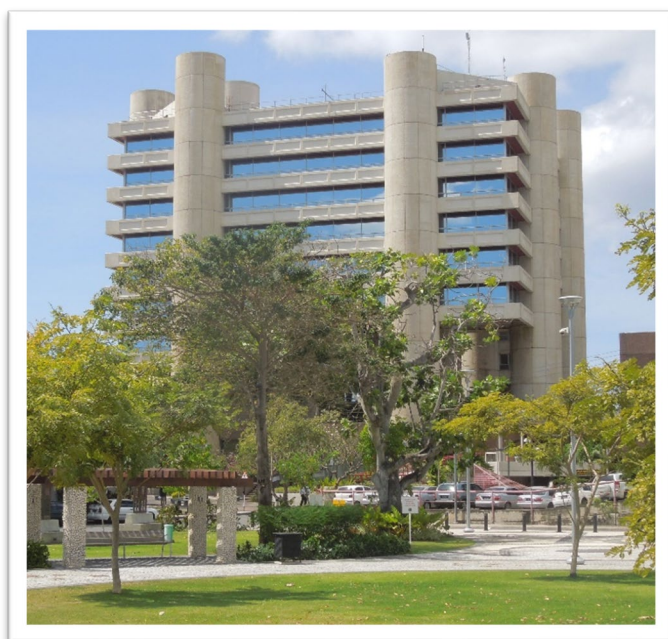
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Accessing the Seminar

To join the Seminar all participants will be required to use the video conferencing software, CISCO WebEx Meetings. The software can be downloaded by using the link below: [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

-  **July 15, 2020** - Submission of abstract & registration form
-  **July 17, 2020** - Notification of acceptance
-  **July 20, 2020** - Deadline for general registration
-  **July 22, 2020** - Deadline for final version of paper