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Fifth Annual Monetary Economics Workshop

"Economic Policy Challenges Ahead"

To be jointly hosted by the

UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA SOUTH AFRICAN RESERVE BANK

and

ECONOMIC RESEARCH SOUTHERN AFRICA (ERSA)

Announcement

The Fifth Annual Monetary Economics workshop will be dedicated to four issues central to monetary and fiscal policy making in South Africa. Davide Furceri of the IMF will present his work on the secular decline of world real interest rate, which has form the backbone the Fund analysis in the latest World Economic Outlook. A panel discussion will follow to consider the implications for South African policy making. 3 more panel discussions will deal with the effect of labour market structure on short run business cycle in South Africa, fiscal and monetary policy coordination and the role of inequality in economic policy formulation.

The second day of the workshop will be dedicated to the presentation and discussion of recent academic research in the general area of Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics, targeting in particular the work in progress of PhD students and post-doc fellows in South African University. South African researchers are invited to submit contributions and papers related to the themes for the organizing panel to consider. We particularly invite PhD students and Post-Doc fellows at South African University to submit relevant work, even if at an early stage of development

The deadline for abstract submission is the 20th of July 2015.

ERSA will provide financial support to cover economy class flights, transfers and accommodation. While the workshop is free of charge, including breakfast and lunches, delegates are expected to pay for any other expenses incurred. Flights cannot be cancelled, and any changes are at the delegate's own expense and responsibility

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