CALL FOR PAPERS

2nd CEPR Conference
Political Economy of Central Banks

Saturday 12 November 2022 – University of Amsterdam (hybrid)
Submission deadline: Sunday 29 May 2022

The Event

This is the second edition of an annual conference series on the Political Economy of Finance. The series is an initiative of PolEconFin, a platform for researchers active in the political economy of finance.

This second edition will be dedicated to the intersection between political institutions, central banks, and the real sector.

The academic programme will consist of six papers with discussants and also feature a keynote lecture by:

Barry Eichengreen, University of California, Berkeley and CEPR

Questions regarding central banks’ independence and their mandates have repeatedly drawn renewed interest, first in the context of legacy issues in financial crises, the COVID-19 shock and the world climate emergency. This concerns both their role as supervisors and monetary policy authorities. At the same time, technological evolution in finance also challenges the modus operandi of central banks. These broad questions have major political economy implications. The organising committee invites submissions of theoretical and empirical papers on these issues. Topics of interest for the conference include:

• The politics of central bank independence
• Central bank power and COVID-19
• Economists’ capture and central bank research
• Private interests, lobbying, and central bank capture
• Democratic institutions and the design of monetary and financial authorities
• The (political) role of central banks in climate change
• Political consequences of central bank policies
• Independence and accountability in the conduct of monetary and financial policies
• Central bank’s mandate and governance problems
• Political economy aspects of central bank digital currencies
• Political challenges in regulating FinTech
• Financial repression and debt

Submission

The submission deadline is Sunday 29 May 2022 (6PM BST). Please submit papers via https://portal.cepr.org/meetings/1489/info

If you have any difficulties registering for this meeting, please contact Mandy Chan (mchan@cepr.org) for assistance (with subject header “CEPR Conference Political Economy of Central Banks”). There is no submission fee. The authors will be notified about the acceptance of papers in August 2022.

Further information

The conference will be held at the University of Amsterdam in a hybrid format allowing for both physical and online participation. The conference is scheduled on Saturday 12 November 2022 and followed by a dinner with all participants. Depending on sanitary constraints at the time of the meeting, the conference may be held entirely online.

Committee

Organising committee:
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