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Trade Negotiations, Interest Rates & the Impact on Regional Economics

The Global Academy of Business and Economic Research is organizing its eighteenth international conference in Orlando on 17-18 October at the Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort. Academics (including Ph.D candidates and graduate students), and business practitioners are invited to present abstracts, full-length papers, research-in-progress and case studies during conference sessions. The conference will look to investigate responses to key questions in regional economics today such as:

- What initiatives and actionable solutions have provided changemakers with tools to drive job creation and industry growth?
- Which dynamics today promote regional economic resilience?
- How do rural regions strengthen trade amid increasing urbanization?
- What are examples of effective partnerships between the public sector, private sector, and civil society?
- How do municipalities develop into innovative incubators for innovation in policy, technology, and business?
- Which collaborative strategies improve SMB access to capital, particularly in underserved markets?

Researchers who wish to present their latest findings in business and integrative economics, who value engagement with an interdisciplinary audience of experts from around the world, who look to learn with peers in employing the latest research tools and strategies, or who have an interest in advancing evidence-based business and economic research, are all encouraged to submit proposals and have an opportunity to present at our upcoming conference. By participating in our upcoming conference in October, you will be able to share your latest findings with a group of international economists and professionals, delve deeply into your research, be challenged, and engage with potential collaborators, employers, and mentors. Within each track area, exceptional papers are eligible for the Outstanding Paper Award, which can lead to

opportunities for publication and greater recognition for an author as an expert in their respective area of focus.

SUBJECTS & SUBMISSIONS

GABER strives to navigate commerce and policy through a full range of tools and theories to produce actionable research in fields from logistics and computational economics to energy and game theory. Individual papers must cover at least one of the following fields: **accounting, behavioral finance, business education, complexity theory, development, e-commerce, economics, entrepreneurship, finance & investments, finance & law, innovation, macroeconomics, management, management information systems, marketing, policy studies, states & markets, supply chain management, sustainability, or urban & regional economics.** Papers on contemporary issues in interdisciplinary areas are invited for presentation at the conference special sessions.

REQUIREMENTS

Submitted papers must be original and unpublished with all proper acknowledgments. Each paper must have a title page indicating a general track area, name(s) of the author(s) with corresponding email address(es), author affiliation(s), and optionally a preferred publication outlet from the list of refereed international journals on the conference website under Journals. A paper submission can either be a word document (.docx or .doc file) or portable document format (.pdf file). Authors are advised to submit papers at gaberconference.org/orlando/submit-paper or email attached papers to orlando@gaberconference.org beginning the subject line with "Orlando Paper". The authors of the submitted papers will receive an email acknowledging their submissions and will be notified by the Program Committee of the results of the review immediately after they are available. Papers will not be accepted without this specific format. Requirements for full papers are disclosed once an abstract is approved for presentation. You can reach out to the program chair Dr. Musa Essayyad for urgent inquiries about papers at mesayyad@mcneese.edu. For all other issues including registration and payments, please email registration@gaberconference.org.

REGISTRATION

Early-bird registration is available through 1 September. Once a paper is accepted for presentation, at least one author must register within the deadline to attend the conference on behalf of the co-authors. Authors can choose to give multiple presentations at \$50 per additional paper.

SESSIONS

Regular sessions will be held on broad areas in economics as listed under Subjects & Submissions. With selected papers from these sessions, special issues of the American Journal of Finance & Accounting and the Global Review of Business & Economic Research will also be published in fall 2019.

PUBLICATION

All papers will be reviewed by distinguished members of the Review Board. Full papers that are accepted will be published in Conference Proceedings issued in the Library of Congress ISSN #1940-5391. Each registered participant will receive a Certificate of

Attendance and each registered presenter will obtain a Certificate of Presentation. Quality papers in each track will receive Best Paper Awards. Selected best papers will then be published in the listed refereed international journals after final draft revisions. For a list of these journals, visit the conference website under Publications>Journals. In past conferences, nearly 20 percent of papers have been published in the aforementioned journals. Here are American Journal of Finance and Accounting International Journal of Business Forecasting and Marketing Intelligence International Journal of Accounting and Finance Global Review of Business & Economic Research Journal of Applied Management and Entrepreneurship

VENUE

Located minutes from fine dining, shopping, and amusement parks of the Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, and many others, the Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort will host our October conference in Orlando. While we recommend this venue as the site of the conference and for its amenities for families like complimentary shuttles to theme parks, there are plenty of options for accommodation in close proximity to the Sheraton.

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BACKGROUND

In 2019, the World Bank predicted the following outlook for economies worldwide. With emerging market and developing economies experiencing financial market pressures, global economic growth is expected to slow to 2.9%. International trade and investment has cooled as tensions around trade policies have elevated and financing conditions have tightened. Amid signs of financial stress, growth in emerging market and developing economies has lost momentum and is projected to stall at 4.2% this year, with a rebound in commodity exports that is weaker than expected and relative deceleration in commodity imports. Downside risks have become more acute. The recovery in EMDE activity has stalled, with growth expected at 4.2% in 2019, much weaker than previous projections. The cyclical upswing in regions with many commodity exporters has lost momentum, partly reflecting a substantial slowdown among larger economies, and is projected to stabilize over the next couple of years. Growth among commodity importers is solid but has decelerated. Across all regions, risks to growth are increasingly tilting the economic forecast to the downside.

For the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean region, growth is projected to advance at a 1.7% pace this year, primarily from a boost in consumer spending. In Mexico, against the backdrop of potential shifts in trade policies, the prospect of a continued slump in investment is expected to keep growth at a moderate 2%. Argentina is predicted to contract by 1.7% as deep fiscal consolidation leads to unemployment followed by lower consumption and investment. On the other hand, if fiscal reforms are quickly put in place with consumption and investment outweighing cutbacks in government spending, Brazil is forecasted to expand 2.2%. Across the Atlantic, growth has slowed from the eurozone across Eastern Europe and into Russia and Central Asia. Decreased industrial output as well as a credit crisis point to currency stagnation in Turkey, and while sanctions in Iran will press its economy by 3.6%, overall growth among oil exporters is expected to be stable, with Gulf Arab states projected for a rate of 2.6% up from 2% last year. The Asia-Pacific region remains among the world's fastest-growing.

Market volatility in equity markets across the globe has impacted everything from currencies to commodities and financial assets, which until recently were sensible investments, have become vulnerable. Tech firm stocks have taken a major hit with decreasing consumer spending, increased privacy concerns, and the possibility of regulatory action. From continued trade tensions, poor governance, and a rise in capital costs, the potential for a macroeconomic shock could build, leading to even slower growth and greater market fragmentation. On the other hand, new enterprises, development banks, fiscal councils, sovereign wealth funds, and developments in artificial intelligence within the Internet-Of-Things all provide opportunities to generate a new wave of economic growth.