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LEADING POLICYMAKERS AND ECONOMISTS TO EXPLORE ECONOMIC IMBALANCES AND THEIR IMPACT AT LEVY INSTITUTE CONFERENCE ON APRIL 21–22

Participants include Donald L. Kohn, Federal Reserve Board of Governors; Sandra Pianalto, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland; Richard Peach, Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; Bruce C. Kasman, Head of Economic Research, JPMorgan Chase; and James K. Galbraith, Levy Institute and University of Texas, Austin

ANNANDALE-ON-HUDSON, N.Y.—Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan’s recent warning to Congress that current federal budget deficits are unsustainable underscores the impact that record budget and trade deficits are having on policymakers’ efforts to sustain economic growth and employment. On April 21–22, The Levy Economics Institute of Bard College will gather top policymakers, economists, and analysts at the 15th Annual Hyman P. Minsky Conference on the State of the U.S. and World Economies to discuss the implications of current economic trends.

The conference, “Economic Imbalance, Fiscal and Monetary Policy for Sustainable Growth,” will take place on Thursday and Friday, April 21–22, at the Levy Economics Institute of Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York. It will include, among other topics, a discussion of fiscal and monetary policy, the U.S. trade deficit, jobs and outsourcing, and currency market fluctuations. Richard Peach, vice president, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, will explore the question of a housing bubble. The conference will also include presentations by Donald L. Kohn, Federal Reserve Board of Governors; Sandra Pianalto, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland; Bruce C. Kasman, head of economic research, JPMorgan Chase; James K. Galbraith; Levy Institute and

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The conference will be webcast live at www.levy.org.

Program:

“Economic Imbalance, Fiscal and Monetary Policy for Sustainable Growth”
Levy Economics Institute of Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., April 21–22, 2005

Thursday, April 21

8:30–9:15 a.m. BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

9:15–10:00 a.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Dimitri B. Papadimitriou, president, Levy Institute
“How Fragile Is the U.S. Economy”

10:00–10:45 a.m. SPEAKER: Sandra Pianalto, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
“Central Banks, Monetary Policy, and Fiscal Deficits”

11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. SESSION 1
THE STATE OF THE U.S. AND WORLD ECONOMIES
Moderator: Dimitri B. Papadimitriou, president, Levy Institute
Steven B. Kamin, economist, Federal Reserve Board

James W. Paulsen, Wells Capital Management
“Economic and Financial Market Outlook”

*Frank Veneroso, RCM
“China’s Inevitable Investment Bust: Ignore It at Your Peril”

12:45–2:00 p.m. LUNCH

2:00–3:45 p.m. SESSION 2
MONETARY POLICY IN THE U.S. ECONOMY
Moderator: Greg Hannsgen, Levy Institute
Bruce C. Kasman, JPMorgan Chase
“The End of Easy Money”

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Albert Wojnilower, Craig Drill Capital Corp.
“Why Monetary Policy?”

L. Randall Wray, Levy Institute and University of Missouri-Kansas City
“The New Monetary Consensus and Neutral Rate Targets: What Would Minsky Think?”

4:00–5:30 p.m.
SESSION 3
FINANCIAL INSTABILITY IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY
Moderator: W. Ray Towle, Levy Institute
Robert Z. Lawrence, Harvard University
“What Happened to the Great American Job Machine? The Role of Trade and Outsourcing”

Edwin (Ted) Truman, Institute for International Economics
“The United States and the World Economy”

5:30–6:30 p.m.
RECEPTION

6:30 p.m.
DINNER

Friday, April 22

9:00 a.m.
BREAKEAST

9:30–11:00 a.m.
SESSION 4
THE MACROECONOMIC PROSPECTS FOR THE U.S. ECONOMY
Moderator: Ajit Zacharias, Levy Institute
Lakshman Achuthan, Economic Cycle Research Institute
“The Importance of Being a ‘Monitorist’”

James K. Galbraith, University of Texas, Austin
“Breaking Out of the Deficit Trap”

Richard W. Peach, vice president, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
“Is there a Housing Bubble?”

*Brad Setser, Oxford University

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11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. **SPEAKER:** Paul Davidson, *New School University*  
“Is a Declining Dollar Good for the U.S. Economy or the Global Economy? (The Exchange Rate and the Twin Deficits)”

12:15–2:00 p.m. **LUNCH**  
**SPEAKER:** Donald L. Kohn, *Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System*  
“Imbalances in the U.S. Economy.”

2:00–3:00 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS AND RECEPTION**

*To be confirmed*

All program details subject to change.

The conference will take place at the Levy Economics Institute of Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York. To register for attendance, call 845-758-7700; e-mail info@levy.org; or register online on the Levy Institute’s website, [www.levy.org](http://www.levy.org).

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