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Announcement/Call for Papers

Bank Regulation and Corporate Finance: Challenges for the Future

A joint conference by the World Bank
and the *Journal of Financial Intermediation*

The World Bank, Washington, DC, October 26–27, 2006

The aim of this conference is to encourage research in the area of sound policies and design of banking sector regulation, particularly the applications of new corporate finance ideas to issues in bank governance and regulation. Topics would include but are not limited to: the impact of bank regulation and supervision on bank performance and firms' access to finance, corporate governance of financial institutions, the consequences of government involvement in banking including governance of state-owned banks, financial safety net, competition policy in financial services, the political economy of financial sector regulation, optimal design of financial regulatory agencies, and challenges of financial sector regulation and supervision arising from cross-border banking and financial conglomeration.

Interested parties should submit their draft papers and any queries to Agnes Yaptenco of the World Bank at ayaptenco@worldbank.org. The submission deadline is April 1, 2006. Those submitting papers will be informed of the committees' decision by June 1, 2006.

The conference aims to bring together leading academics, central bankers and bank supervisors as well as market participants. The World Bank will contribute toward the cost of academic speakers' travel and accommodation expenses.

The Program Committee for the conference consists of Thorsten Beck (World Bank), Luc Laeven (World Bank and CEPR), Ross Levine (Brown University and NBER), George Pennacchi (University of Illinois and *JFI*), and Anjan Thakor (Washington University and *JFI*).

Submissions to the *Journal of Financial Intermediation*

A special issue of the *Journal of Financial Intermediation* will be devoted to the conference. The same reviewing standards will be used for papers submitted this way as for regular submissions to the *JFI*. Along with your submission, please indicate whether you would like the paper to be considered for publication in the *JFI*. If you choose to submit to the *JFI*, please send a submission fee along with your paper directly to the *JFI* to Chris Hatina (email: hatina@wustl.edu), and indicate that the paper is submitted in connection with the conference. Your paper's acceptance to the conference does not guarantee publication in the *JFI*. All papers must pass the journal's regular refereeing process.

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