

48th OeNB Economics Conference

May 20 and 21, 2021 (online)

PROGRAM

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Gender, money and finance

Motivation

This conference deals with selected gender-related topics in economic policy, money and finance.

- Does gender diversity in key positions affect economic outcomes, both at the macro and micro levels?
- Is economic policy decision-making gender specific? Are there typical gender-specific decision and behavioural patterns?
- Would a balanced gender mix in policy institutions such as central banks make for different / better decisions, e. g. due to greater diversity of views?
- Is risk behaviour gender-specific? Would a balanced gender mix make the financial system safer?
- How does gender affect perceptions of economic reality, including inflation, how does gender affect financial literacy, for what reasons, and what implications can we draw from differences?

Format

The event will be accessible for the audience online, through webex, by invitation only. Session moderators will be on-site at the OeNB, speakers will participate online.

Scientific Committee

Ernest Gnan (OeNB and SUERF), Hervé Joly (JVI), Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald (OeNB)

<https://www.suerf.org/gender-money-finance-2021>

Thursday, May 20, 2021 (All times in CET)

- 1:50 to 2:00 p.m. **Opening**
Barbara Kolm, Vice-President, OeNB
- 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. **Session 1: Gender and economic policy making**
 Does gender affect economic policy choices and ways how to take and implement decisions? Would a better gender mix broaden the scope of options considered, thus improving decisions, and economic outcomes? What does academic research tell us? What is the practical experience?
 Introductory remarks
Robert Holzmann, Governor, OeNB
 Moderator: **Claire Jones**, Financial Times
Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund
Christine Lagarde, President, European Central Bank
- 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. **Session 2: Central bank decisions by committee: does gender matter?**
 How does gender diversity affect monetary policy decisions? How do central banks do in terms of gender equality? What are remaining challenges?
 Moderator: **Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald**, Director, Economic Analysis and Research, OeNB
Sylvie Goulard, Vice Governor, Banque de France
Paola Profeta, Professor, Bocconi University
Rannveig Sigurdardóttir, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Iceland
Ana Ivković, Vice-Governor, National Bank of Serbia

Friday, May 21, 2021 (All times in CET)

- 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. **Session 3: Gender and risk taking: implications for financial firms and regulation**
 Would a better gender mix affect financial firms' decision making, risk behaviour and social responsibility? What are gender-specific obstacles for women to attain leading positions in financial firms? How may they be overcome?
 Moderator: **Karin Turner-Hrdlicka**, Director, Supervision of Significant Institutions, OeNB
Renée B. Adams, Professor of Finance, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford
Khlood Aldukheil, CEO, Erteqa Financial Company
Gerda Holzinger-Burgstaller, CEO, Erste Bank Österreich
Becci McKinley Rowe, MD, Co-Head of Fundamental Equities, Blackrock
Julie A. Nelson, Professor Emerita of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. **Session 4: Gender, financial literacy, inflation and COVID-19**
 Are there gender differences in inflation preferences, knowledge, perceptions and expectations? Are there gender differences in financial literacy? Which gender-specific effects may COVID-19 have had? If so, what are the reasons and implications?
 Moderator: **Petia Niederländer**, Director, Payment Systems, OeNB
Sylvia Kritzinger, Professor, University of Vienna
Annamaria Lusardi, Professor, George Washington University School of Business
Andréa M. Maechler, Member of the Governing Board, SNB
Angelika Sommer-Hemetsberger, Member of the Board of Executive Directors, Oesterreichische Kontrollbank
Joanne Yoong, Program Director, University of Southern California