



Call for Papers

Emerging Markets Group Workshop

on

The Drivers of growth in the 21st century

9-10 June 2027

Venue: Bayes Business School,
City St George's University of London

Keynote Speakers:

Professor Javier Miranda (*Friedrich Schiller University Jena*

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Productivity growth slowed down in the 21st century as populations have been ageing fast, rising geopolitical tensions have been reshaping global trade and investment, industrial policy has seen a major renaissance while risks stemming from climate change and pollution have become clear. Emerging artificial intelligence technologies have boosted investment while their prospective impact on productivity is much debated. Against this backdrop, convergence of emerging market economies towards G7 income levels has slowed, although some emerging markets have been successful in locking in major gains in living standards.

The workshop will explore ways in which emerging markets and advanced economies can reinvigorate productivity growth in the rapidly changing global environment of the 21st century and how new sources of growth can be financed.

On behalf of the **Emerging Markets Group (EMG)**, **Bayes Business School, City St George's University of London** and the **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**, the organizers invite submissions on “**The Drivers of growth in the 21st century**”, including (but not limited to) the following areas:

- Impact of globalization in the era of rising geopolitical tensions: Changing geography of global connections and finance

- Advances in artificial intelligence: Impact on the global financial system and the allocation of resources in open economies
- Impact of financial development, including cryptocurrencies on growth
- Demographic trends, finance and growth
- The growing role of China in the global financial system
- Changes in economies' comparative advantages over time: Determinants and policies

Contributions in other areas, including public health, the role of institutions, climate change and inequality, are welcome, in particular where they emphasize angles related to international finance and monetary policy.

Submission of papers:

Completed papers in PDF form to be submitted [here](#)

The deadline for paper submission is **7th February 2027**.

Authors of accepted papers will be notified by the **end of March 2027**.

Participants are expected to cover their own registration, travel and accommodation costs.

Papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in a special issue of the Journal of International Money and Finance with guest editors Kate Phylaktis and Alexander Plekhanov, and the co-editor of the journal Menzie David Chinn

Submissions to the special issue will be subject to normal review process.

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