FIRST DAY: 5 DECEMBER 2019

9:30 – 9:45  Welcome Remarks by Mr. Gent Sejko, Governor of the Bank of Albania

9:45 – 10:00 Opening Remarks by H.E. Mr. Adrian MAÎTRE, The Swiss Ambassador in Albania

10:00 – 10:10 Group photo

10:10 – 11:10 FIRST SESSION: ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF MONETARY AND MACROPRUDENTIAL POLICY
Chair: Altin Tanku, Director of the Research Department, Bank of Albania

Macroprudential and Monetary Policies: The Need to Dance the Tango in Harmony
Yannick Lucotte, Laboratoire d’Economie d’Orléans (LEO) & PSB Paris School of Business

The sensitivity of banks’ net interest margins to monetary conditions in CESEE
Julia Wörz, Oesterreichische Nationalbank
Katharina Allinger, Oesterreichische Nationalbank

ECB Announcements and Stock Market Volatility
Frederik Neugebauer, WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management

11:10 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 SECOND SESSION: FISCAL SECTOR, STRUCTURAL REFORMS AND LONG RUN GROWTH
Chair: Erald Themeli, Director of Monetary Policy Department, Bank of Albania

The (low) fiscal multiplier when debt is denominated in foreign currency
Grégoire Levieuge, Banque de France
Marie-Pierre Hory, Banque de France
Daria Onori, Banque de France

Attitudes toward public debt incurrence and public spending priorities in CESEE
Thomas Scheiber, Oesterreichische Nationalbank
Markus Eller, Oesterreichische Nationalbank
The macroeconomics of carry trade gone wrong: corporate and consumer losses in emerging Europe
Eglė Jakučionytė, Bank of Lithuania

12:30 –14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 –15:20 THIRD SESSION: EXTERNAL SECTOR, CAPITAL MOBILITY AND EFFECTS
Chair: Alessio Ciarlone, Banca d’Italia

National Welfare Gains in Monetary Unions
Cem Gorgun, PhD Economics Candidate Koc University Rumelifeneri Campus

Anticipation, Habits, and Dynamic Welfare Gains From Trade
Povilas Lastauskas, Bank of Lithuania

Spatial dependence and internal capital markets
Mimoza Shabani, Senior Lecturer in Financial Economics, University of East London

The impact of remittances on poverty and household consumption in Albania
Elona Dushku, Bank of Albania

15:20 –15:40 Coffee Break

15:40 –16:40 FOURTH SESSION: FINANCIAL SHOCKS AND SPILLOVERS EFFECT IN REAL AND FINANCIAL SECTOR
Chair: Yannick Lucotte, Laboratoire d’Economie d’Orléans (LEO) & PSB Paris School of Business

Financial spillovers to emerging economies: the role of exchange rates and domestic fundamentals
Alessio Ciarlone, Banca d’Italia

Exit from Exchange Rate Regimes and Length of Economic Recovery: Propensity Score Matching Approach
Maria Siranova, University of Economics in Bratislava & Slovak Academy of Sciences

Challenges of digital transformation in the banking sector
Brankica Todorović, School of Economics, Uzice, Serbia
SECOND DAY: 6 DECEMBER 2019

09:00 – 10:00  FIRST SESSION: MARKET POWER, COMPETITION AND FINANCIAL STABILITY CONCERNS
Chair: Luljeta Minxhozi, First Deputy Governor, Bank of Albania

An analysis of concentration, competition and financial stability in the South-East Europe banking context
Francesco Guidi, Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University of Greenwich

Trusting the Bankers. Analyzing Banks’ Opinions on the demand and supply drivers of credit channel using Bank Lending Survey Data in the case of Albania
Gerti Shijaku, Bank of Albania

Agni Alam, Bank of Indonesia
Aris Rudianto, Bank of Indonesia
Hesti Werdaningtyas, Bank of Indonesia

09:00 – 10:15  Coffee break

10:15 – 11:15  SECOND SESSION: MONETARY SHOCKS, ASYMMETRIES AND REAL ECONOMY
Chair: Ilir Vika, Head of Macro modelling Division, Bank of Albania

The Global Credit and Euro Area Financial shocks: How important are they for Albania?
Bledar Hoda, Bank of Albania

A VAR Analysis to Albania’s Monetary Policy Transmission Mechanism. How does the Central Bank’s REPO Rate Affect the Economy?
Denada Rada, Bank of Albania

Microeconomic Evidence of the Price-Setting Behaviour in the Albanian Economy
Ola Çami, Bank of Albania

10:15 – 11:15  Coffee break

11:30 – 12:50  THIRD SESSION: INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT AND REFORM FOR GROWTH
Chair: Thomas Scheiber, Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Inflation: an occult incentive?
Vincenzo Alfano, Adjunct professor, University of Naples Federico II

The Relationship between the Change in unemployment and Real Economic Growth in Albania
Orion Garo, Bank of Albania
Health Care and Macroeconomics: Productivity, Inflation and Monetary Policy
Peter Hilsenrath, Healthcare Management University of the Pacific

12:50 – 14:20  Lunch Break

14:20 – 15:20  FOURTH SESSION: FORECASTING AND MODELING ECONOMIC VARIABLES
Chair: Elona Dushku, Head of Microeconomic Research Division, Research Department, Bank of Albania

Forecasting the Albanian short-term inflation through a Bayesian VAR model
Meri Papavangjeli, Bank of Albania

A comparison of mixed frequency approaches for nowcasting Macedonian GDP
Gani Ramadani, National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia
Magdalena Petrovska, National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia

What Drives the Real Lek-Euro Exchange Rate Fluctuations? A cointegrated SVAR approach for identification of economic shocks
Altin Tanku, Bank of Albania
Ilir Vika, Bank of Albania

15:20 – 16:20  Visit to the Museum of the Bank of Albania