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Fifth Conference on Law and Macroeconomics **October 20-21, 2022 (virtual)**

The macroeconomic instability of the 2020s continues to fuel economic, social, and political turmoil worldwide and to recast our understanding of law and macroeconomics. The ongoing crisis has opened up new and vitally important research opportunities. As we press on towards pandemic recovery and confront new challenges, the Fifth Conference on Law and Macroeconomics will focus on the law's role in shaping a sustainable and resilient macroeconomy and on the role of macroeconomic policy in national, regional, and global governance.

We welcome submissions for an online virtual conference on October 20-21, 2022, that will continue to explore connections between law and macroeconomics. Papers may address the following topics, among others:

1. Monetary policy and institutions, including comparative approaches to achieving price stability;
2. Fiscal policy, including legal and regulatory tools to mitigate the effects and frequency of economic downturns, and their interaction with monetary and financial regulatory policies;
3. Financial regulatory policy, including its distributive effects and interactions with fiscal and monetary policies;
4. Using tools from antitrust, bankruptcy, contract, and property law; environmental, utility, and labor regulation; and investment and capital controls to reduce the incidence and mitigate the effects of economic downturns and fight inflation;
5. Legal and macroeconomic policy tools to manage the climate crisis;
6. The promise and perils of ESG investing, including its actual and potential macroeconomic impact and institutional design;
7. The interaction among law, macroeconomics, and technology, including the role of big data, the macroeconomic consequences of digital currencies and digital assets, and related inquiries;
8. Public debt vulnerabilities, including effect of geopolitical realignment, the climate crisis, looming food and fuel shortages, and the efficacy of old public and private law tools in the new macroeconomic context;
9. Lessons from the pandemic for using the law and macroeconomic policy to

address causes and consequences of racial, gender, or other inequities.

We hope to attract submissions from all relevant disciplines, including but not limited to law, macroeconomics, history, political science, sociology, and more. Submissions from students and others not in tenure-track positions are welcome. We also encourage submissions from all perspectives that may help illuminate the intersection between law and macroeconomics and inform action to mitigate the pain and uncertainty caused by the current economic downturn. We will announce our distinguished keynote speaker/s in September.

Papers for consideration should be submitted on or before September 15, 2022.

To learn more about the conference, our website can be viewed [here](#). Papers can be submitted by clicking [here](#).

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