

Invitation Global Economy Lecture

“Monetary Policy and International Capital Flows”

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Date

Monday, December 1, 2014, **4:00 p.m.**

Venue

Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Otto-Wagner-Platz 3, 1090 Vienna

OeNB auditorium, ground floor

Registration

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Lecture Description and Speaker Biography

This year's Global Economy Lecture will be given by **Hélène Rey**, Professor of Economics at London Business School, Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research and Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

In her presentation Professor Rey will talk about financial integration in the world economy and monetary policy independence, addressing some of the following questions: Are the financing conditions in the main world financing centers setting the tone for the rest of the world, regardless of the exchange rate regime? Is there a global financial cycle and, if so, what are its determinants? The picture emerging is that of a world with powerful global financial cycles characterized by large common movements in asset prices, gross flows and leverage. As credit cycles and capital flows obey global factors, they may be inappropriate for the cyclical conditions of many economies. Further, credit flows are particularly procyclical and volatile.

A brief review of the empirical evidence and the quantification of standard growth models, however, show how elusive welfare gains to capital flows appear to be, though it could just be that they are hard to measure. In her more recent work, Hélène Rey has conducted research into how international capital flows can contribute to financial crises, and has looked at the options central banks have to fulfil their objectives in a globalized world.

Hélène Rey is Professor of Economics at London Business School. Before that, she taught at Princeton University. Professor Rey is a Fellow of the British Academy, of the Econometric Society and of the European Economic Association. She is on the Editorial Board of *The Review of Economic Studies* and the *AEJ Macroeconomics* journal. She was a member of the Conseil d'analyse économique until 2012 and writes a regular column for the French newspaper *Les Echos*.

Hélène Rey was recently awarded the Carl Menger Prize, an academic award in recognition of excellence in research work in the areas of monetary and international macroeconomics. The Deutsche Bundesbank, the Oesterreichische Nationalbank and the Swiss National Bank jointly created the Carl Menger Prize, which will be awarded every two years. Professor Rey has also received the Bernácer Prize, the Birgit Grodal Award and the Yrjö Jahnsson Prize as the first woman ever to be awarded this prize.

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