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**Agenda**

**Tuesday, November 7**

5:30 p.m. Opening reception and heavy hors d’oeuvres

7:00 New Orleans Ghost Walking Tour (optional)

**Wednesday, November 8**

8 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 **Opening Remarks**

*David Altig*, Executive Vice President and Chief Economic Adviser, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

8:45 **Session 1: Using Surveys to Obtain Expectations**

Chair: *David Altig*, Executive Vice President and Chief Economic Adviser, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Perceptions and expectations surveys with flexible questions: A way to generate experimental models, to know and understand the reality of companies

*Ignacio Zapata*, Senior Analyst, Central Bank of Chile

From convenience sample to representative sample: Can we improve the sampling of the Bureau for Economic Research (BER) inflation expectations survey?
Monique Reid, Lead Economist, South African Reserve Bank

Evolution of sales and employment expectations and uncertainty during and after the COVID-19 pandemic

Mathieu Utting, Research Assistant, Bank of Canada

10:15  Break

10:30  Session 2: Methods and Tools to Analyze Surveys
       Chair: TBD

       Matching business survey and administrative data to analyze the recent evolution of firm liquidity

       Marco Bottone, Economist, Directorate General for Economics, Statistics and Research, Bank of Italy

       Using natural language processing techniques to make the digitized history of liaison write-ups machine searchable

       James Holloway, Deputy Head of Department, Reserve Bank of Australia

       Estimation of economic activity indexes from ordinal business survey data

       Thomas Walstrum, Senior Business Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Noon  Lunch

12:30 p.m.  Lunch Keynote

   Dr. Ron S. Jarmin, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, US Census Bureau

1:00  Session 3: Leveraging Survey Data to Obtain Actionable Insight
       Chair: TBD

       Understanding labor market conditions by surveying those who recruit

       Jason Kosakow, Survey Director, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

       Using insights from business surveys for monetary policy decision making

       Emily Kerr, Senior Business Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

       Decoding central banks' practices: A closer look at inflation expectation surveys

       Ignacio Zapata, Senior Analyst, Central Bank of Chile

       On the effects of the minimum wage increase: Evidence from the Bundesbank's Firm Survey

       Pawel Smietanka, Senior Economist, Bundesbank

3:00  Break

3:15  Session 4: Generating Cross-Country Comparisons from Business Surveys
Chair: TBD

Business expectations and uncertainty in developing and emerging economies
*Jose Maria Barrero*, Assistant Professor of Finance, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

Firms’ climate investment and responses to climate policies
*Brent Meyer*, Assistant Vice President and Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

4:00  Depart for Vue Orleans (transportation will be provided to venue and dinner)

6:30  Reception and Dinner at [Arnaud’s Restaurant](#)

**Thursday, November 9**

8 a.m.  Breakfast

8:30  **Fireside chat**
*Raphael Bostic*, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
*Thomas Barkin*, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond

9:30  **Break**

9:45  **Session 5: The Determinants/Formation of Inflation and Inflation Expectations**
Chair: Brent Meyer, Assistant Vice President and Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

The formation of long-term inflation expectations in Switzerland: the impact of short run shocks, current business conditions and preferences
*Jean-Marc Falter*, Member of Senior Management, Swiss National Bank

CPI releases and inflation expectations: Evidence from the DMP
*Ivan Yotzov*, Lead Economic Analyst, Bank of England

10:45  **Break**

11:00  Does monetary policy matter? Inflation expectations of firms in the Business Leaders’ Pulse survey
*Kevin MacLean*, Economist, Survey and Economic Intelligence Division, Bank of Canada

Supply chain disruptions, energy price shocks and inflation in Poland
*Łukasz Postek*, Economist, Bank of Poland
Noon  Lunch

1 p.m.  Session 6: How Does Elevated Inflation Impact Firm Pricing Behavior?
        Chair: TBD

Firms’ inflation expectations and price-setting behaviour in Canada:
Evidence from a business survey
Jane Voll, Regional Director, Bank of Canada

What is the connection between firms’ inflation expectations and their own
pricing plans? Evidence from one set of business surveys
Sonya Ravindranath Waddell, Vice President and Economist, Federal
Reserve Bank of Richmond

Firms’ price setting and inflation outlook from the Tankan survey
Kyosuke Shiotani, Economic Statistics Division, Bank of Japan

2:30  Break

2:45  Panel Discussion: Approaches to Gathering Intelligence across Regional
      Networks
      Moderator: Anoop Mishra, Vice President and Regional Executive, Federal
      Reserve Bank of Atlanta

      Discussants:
      Roland Scheurer, Member of Senior Management, Swiss National Bank
      Reginald Chever, Vice President and Regional Executive, Federal Reserve
      Bank of Atlanta
      James Holloway, Deputy Head of Department, Reserve Bank of Australia

3:45  Conference Adjourns