Bank business models and the separation issue
The bank regulator's paradox is that large, complex and interconnected banks need very little capital in the good times, but they can never have enough in an extreme crisis. Separation is required to deal with this problem which derives mainly from counterparty risk. This paper outlines the OECD's separation proposal and looks at national approaches.

OECD-WTO-UNCTAD publish report on G20 trade and investment measures
The latest report reveals that G20 members have for the most part honoured their pledge not to introduce new restrictive investment measures. Most measures introduced over this period and the previous 5 years have tended to eliminate investment restrictions. The picture for trade is less positive, with an upward trend in the imposition of restrictions.

Institutional investors as owners: Who are they and what do they do?
The degree of ownership engagement by institutional investors is determined by different features and choices that together make up the institutional investor's business model. This paper provides a framework for analysing ownership engagement by institutional investors. It contributes to a project on corporate governance, value creation and growth.

The corporate governance practices of SOEs in Colombia
This report evaluates, at the request of the Colombian authorities, the corporate governance practices of Colombian SOEs against the OECD Guidelines on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises. It describes the regulatory framework and key actors, evaluates Colombian norms and practices and makes recommendations.

Responsible business conduct and the Guidelines for MNEs
The 2013 annual report on the Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises documents a rich year of implementation activity which includes the launch of the Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct, the creation of a dedicated Working Party and the elaboration of a robust multi-stakeholder proactive agenda.

The temporal validity of international investment agreements (IIAs)
IIAs almost universally define their temporal validity and thus set conditions for States’ exit from these treaties. This study presents the results of the survey of the temporal validity of 2,061 bilateral investment agreements that the 55 economies participating in the Freedom of Investment Roundtables have concluded with any other economy.

Monitoring trends in global insurance markets
Using data collected from OECD countries plus selected African, Asian and Latin American economies, the 2013 edition of Global Insurance Market Trends monitors and analyses the overall performance and health of the insurance industry. Access Excel files of the statistical data used to prepare the report.

How the OECD could help shape UK financial education policy
The UK will bring financial education into the school curriculum for all children between the ages of 11 and 16 from September 2014. As the critics of government and private consumer education projects grow louder and threaten to derail this initiative, the editor and founder of Choose talk about how the OECD can help.