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Fields / OECD-NAEC / Rebuilding Macroeconomics Symposium on Systemic Recovery 26-27 April 2021

8.30–13.00 (EDT) / 13.30–18:00 (BST) / 14.30–19.00 (CEST)

Virtual Conference – The Fields Institute: [Registration](#)

The Symposium will focus on (i) lessons from the pandemic, (ii) new integrated modeling approaches that have emerged from the crisis; and (iii) recommendations to build a more resilient system to protect ourselves from such events in the future. The Symposium involves world leading experts on state-of-the-art applications emerging from new multidisciplinary and innovative analytical tools and techniques to inform recovery policies and strategies. In addition, each day will include a session where the main findings of an [Extended Problem Solving Workshop](#) (EPSW) will be presented and discussed.

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<p>08:30-08:45 EDT 13:30-13:45 BST 14:30-14:45 CEST</p>	<p>Introductory Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deirdre Haskell, Deputy Director, The Fields Institute • Matheus Grasselli, Professor and Chair of Mathematics and Statistics, McMaster University
<p>08:45-09:25 EDT 13:45-14:25 BST 14:45-15:25 CEST</p>	<p>Presentation of Findings of Extended Problem Solving Workshop (Problems 1 and 2)</p>
<p>09:30-11:00 EDT 14:30-16:00 BST 15:30-17:00 CEST</p>	<p>Theme 1 - Not Out of the Woods Yet</p>

The Covid-19 pandemic is still raging around the globe. This panel will review the current state of the crisis, from both a health and economics points of view, and discuss the main lessons learned in the past year.

Moderator/Discussant: [William White](#), Economist, former Chair of the Economic Development Review Committee (EDRC)

Speakers:

- [Megan Greene](#), Economist, Senior Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School
"Bidenomics: Finally Embracing Some Lessons in Macroeconomics"
- [Joshua M. Epstein](#), Professor of Epidemiology, New York University School of Global Public Health and External Professor, Santa Fe Institute
- [Igor Linkov](#), Adjunct Professor, Carnegie Mellon University
"COVID-19: Systemic Risks and Resilience"

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In the next several months, as vaccines roll out and the number of new cases and deaths consequently decreases, many countries will begin implementing measures for safe reopening of their economies. This panel will discuss the short-term implications of resumption of economic activities and expected phase out of government policies put in place during the pandemic, including the effects of defaults and bankruptcies on global financial stability.

Moderator/Discussant: [Sharon Kozicki](#), Advisor to the Governor of the Bank of Canada

Speakers:

- [J. Doyne Farmer](#), Director of Complexity Economics; Institute for New Economic Thinking, and Santa Fe Institute; and member of Rebuilding Macroeconomics Management Group
"A Dynamic Non-equilibrium Model for how COVID Affected the Economy"
- [Jean-Philippe Bouchaud](#), Chairman, Capital Fund Management (CFM) and Rebuilding Macroeconomics
"Agent Based Models for Covid Times ?"
- [Margo Thomas](#), Founder and CEO of Women's Economic Imperative

<p>12:45-13:00 EDT 17:45-18:00 BST 18:45-19:00 CEST</p>	<p>Closing Remarks Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Carver, Investment Manager, Baillie Gifford
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This panel will address the medium-term economic effects of the pandemic, including possibly permanent changes in productivity and the nature of work, the role of expanded private and public debt, and the interactions between inequality and health.

Moderator/Discussant: [Julian Karaguesian](#), Special Advisor, Finance Canada

Speakers:

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- [Rick Bookstaber](#), Chief Risk Officer for the Office of the CIO at the University of California
"Market Scenarios Post-pandemic"
- [Bill Janeway](#), Special Limited Partner, Warburg Pincus
"What Can We Learn from the Pandemic for Responding to Climate Change?"
- [Henrietta L. Moore](#), Director of the Institute for Global Prosperity, UCL; and member of Rebuilding Macroeconomics Management Group

15 minutes break

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Theme 4 – The Long Haul

The Covid-19 crisis exposed fragilities in the health care system, social safety nets, supply chains, and transportation networks, while at the same time redefined the limits of what is possible in terms of adaptability and policy responses. This panel will explore implications for long term economic and environmental sustainability, including the appropriate level of preparedness for crises, the trade-off between efficiency and resilience, and how these lessons can be help fight the looming climate change crisis.

Moderator/Discussant: [Madeleine Chenette](#), Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the OECD

Speakers:

- [Gael Giraud](#), Research Professor & Director of the Georgetown Environmental Justice Program
"Ecological Crisis: What We Know and What we Need to Prepare For"
- [Anat Admati](#), Professor of Finance and Economics, Stanford Graduate School of Business
"Myths about the Stability and Efficiency of Global Finance"
- [Tim Jackson](#), Director of the Centre for the Understanding of Sustainable Prosperity

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Closing Remarks

- [Angus Armstrong](#), Director of Rebuilding Macroeconomics Network
- [William Hynes](#), OECD Senior Advisor and Head of New Approaches to Economic Challenges (NAEC)

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