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COVID-19 is proving to be a massive challenge for societies and economies across the globe. Policy makers have been responding with an array of policy tools and coordinating their interventions within and among different institutions. This virtual conference will examine the impact of COVID-19 on the real economy both in advanced economies and in Europe's emerging markets, and how central banks have adapted their policy toolkits to respond to today's unprecedented challenges. The conference is held virtually via a Zoom webinar.

Programme

<p>08:00-08:45</p>	<p>Opening Plenary Session</p> <p>Gent Sejko, Governor, Bank of Albania Piroska Nagy-Mohacsi, Interim Director, Institute of Global Affairs, LSE School of Public Policy Erik Berglof, LSE & Chief Economist, Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Anila Denaj, Minister of Finance and Economy of Albania</p>
<p>08:45-10:10</p>	<p>Panel 1 Managing the Risks of COVID-19: Impact on the Real Economy</p> <p>Chair: Piroska Nagy-Mohacsi, Interim Director, Institute of Global Affairs, LSE School of Public Policy</p> <p>Erik Berglof, LSE & Chief Economist, AIIB Luljeta Minxhozi, First Deputy Governor, Bank of Albania Andrés Velasco, Dean, LSE School of Public Policy Yan Sun, Mission Chief for Albania, International Monetary Fund Adnan Khan, Professor, LSE School of Public Policy Riccardo Crescenzi, Professor, LSE Department of Geography and Environment</p>

<p>10:15-11:45</p>	<p>Panel 2 The Governor's Panel</p> <p>Chair: Danae Kyriakopoulou, Chief Economist, OMFIF</p> <p>Gent Sejko, Governor, Bank of Albania</p> <p>Anita Angelovska Bezhoska, Governor, National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia</p> <p>Boris Vujčić, Governor, National Bank of Croatia</p> <p>Leonardo Badea, Deputy Governor, National Bank of Romania</p> <p>Martin Wolf, Chief Economics Commentator, Financial Times</p> <p>Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald, Director, Economic Analysis and Research Department, Oesterreichische Nationalbank</p> <p>Mario I Blejer, LSE, former Governor, Central Bank of Argentina and former Executive Director, Bank of England</p>
<p>11:45-12:00</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Gent Sejko, Governor, Bank of Albania</p>