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CME Group-MSRI Prize in Innovative Quantitative Applications Award Reception and Panel Discussion on Sovereign Debt

WHAT: 2:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: Sovereign Debt

Opening remarks from Leo Melamed, CME Group Chairman Emeritus, and Robert Bryant, Director of MSRI.

Moderator: José A. Scheinkman, Theodore A. Wells ’29 Professor of Economics, Princeton University, Department of Economics.

Panelists:
   • Guillermo Calvo, Professor of Economics, International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
   • Narayana Kocherlakota, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
   • José Viñals, Financial Counsellor and Director, Monetary and Capital Markets Department, IMF

4:00 p.m. Reception: The 2011 CME Group-MSRI Prize in Innovative Quantitative Applications Award reception will be held to honor prize recipient Thomas J. Sargent, Professor of Economics, New York University, Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford CA.

5:30 p.m. Dinner and Award Ceremony: Speakers include Thomas J. Sargent; Craig Donohue, Chief Executive Officer, CME Group; and Robert E. Lucas, JR., Nobel Memorial Prize Laureate and Professor of Economics, University of Chicago.

The panel discussion and award ceremony will be available at: http://www.cmegroup.com/msri and the MSRI VMath page.

WHEN: Monday, September 26, 2011
WHERE: CME Group Headquarters, 20 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago

LISTEN LIVE (Starting at 1:50 p.m. CT)
Media are welcome to participate in the panel via teleconference by dialing (800) 860-2442 approximately 10 minutes prior to the panel. International callers please dial (412) 858 4600. Callers should state they are calling for the SOVEREIGN DEBT PANEL.

TO RSVP: To attend the award ceremony in person, please contact Jennifer Sondag at Jennifer.Sondag@cmeqroup.com. For media accessibility to Thomas Sargent or someone from CME Group, please contact Michael Shore at michael.shore@cmeqroup.com or at 312-930-2363. For media access to Dr. Robert L. Bryant of MSRI, please contact Anne Pfister at annepf@msri.org or at 510-642-0448.

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