



Call for Papers

4th Annual Conference
MIT Golub Center for Finance and Policy

“Government Financial Products, Policies, and Institutions”

September 27-28, 2017 • Cambridge, MA

Governments have profound effects on the allocation of investment capital and risk throughout the world. They operate some of the world’s largest financial institutions, including development and state-owned banks, public and government pension funds, government-sponsored enterprises, and agencies providing credit for education, agriculture, housing, trade, infrastructure and businesses. Their policies and the products they choose to offer are major determinants of the quality, availability and pricing of financial services to households and firms, and of the costs and risks borne by taxpayers.

MIT’s Golub Center for Finance and Policy is inviting paper submissions for its annual conference which will shed new light on these issues and institutions, or that evaluate policy proposals related to them. Suitable topics include but are not limited to: public retirement systems and policies; restructuring the secondary mortgage market in the U.S.; infrastructure finance; government accounting policies and credit subsidy measurement; student loans; development banking; contingent liabilities of governments; and product design.

The mission of the MIT Golub Center for Finance and Policy (GCFP) is to serve as a catalyst for innovative, cross-disciplinary and non-partisan research and educational initiatives that address the unique challenges facing governments in their role as financial institutions and as regulators of the financial system.

Each year the GCFP’s annual conference brings together academics, policy makers and practitioners to discuss research and new developments in a selected area related to one or more of the main research tracks of the Center:

- Evaluation and Management of Government Financial Institutions
- Regulation of Financial Markets and Institutions
- Measurement and Management of Risk

This year's topic cuts across all three areas. Both empirical and theoretical papers are welcome.

For more information about the GCFP and its past conferences please visit [our website](#).

Dates: There will be a late afternoon session, a conference dinner and keynote speaker on the evening of Wednesday, September 27, followed by a full day of conference events on Thursday, September 28.

Expenses: Travel (economy class round-trip) and accommodation expenses will be covered for presenters and discussants.

Submission: Please email a copy of your paper as a PDF to deirdre@mit.edu

Program Committee: Deborah Lucas, Robert Merton, Jonathan Parker, Antoinette Schoar, and Joseph Weber

Deadline for submission of papers: 31 May 2017.

The authors of selected papers will be informed by June 30.