Fifth Joint Regional Financing Arrangements Research Seminar
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DEBT AND GROWTH IN THE POST-PANDEMIC WORLD

24 September 2021

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13:30 – 13:35 CET

Welcome remarks by the Italian G20 Presidency
Gelsomina Vigliotti, Director General for International Financial Relations, Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance

Session I: Implications of fiscal burdens on emerging markets and low-income countries: are we facing a debt trap?

During this session, our renowned experts will draw lessons from the COVID-19 shock and examine gaps in current sovereign debt analysis and management, which have to be urgently tackled to prevent another widespread debt crisis. Speakers are invited to debate on the challenges of finding the right exit strategy, so that debt-related vulnerabilities do not hamper the economic recoveries in emerging market economies (EMEs) and low-income countries (LICs). They will also reflect on the possible ways to improve the level of global coordination to adequately address indebtedness issues.

13:35 – 13:45 CET

Keynote speech
Anna Gelpern, Anne Fleming Research Professor, Georgetown Law and Senior Fellow at the Peter G. Peterson Institute for International Economics
### Panel discussion

**Joyce Chang**, Managing Director and Chair, Global Research, JP Morgan (chair)

**Emre Tiftik**, Director of Sustainability Research, Institute of International Finance

**James McCormack**, Managing Director and Global Head of Sovereign & Supranational Ratings, Fitch Ratings

**Jeromin Zettelmeyer**, Deputy Director, Strategy, Policy, and Review Department, International Monetary Fund


### Session II: Post COVID-19 growth model: establishing a lasting recovery

As we consider how to revive our economies, this seminar session will focus on post-pandemic recovery policies aimed at securing not only cyclical stability, but economic and social sustainability too. Our panellists will identify regional differences in fostering future growth and addressing the challenges raised by digitalisation, climate change, and persistent inequalities. How should policy makers coordinate fiscal and monetary policy to reverse the current slippery trend and lift investment to bring economies on higher output levels? How should they address the rising social disparities deepened by the pandemic? Will strong growth in ESG investing led by multilateral development...
banks (MDBs) be a new source of capital for emerging markets? Going forward, what would be the most appropriate policy mix?

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