

Workshop on Behavioural Macro and Finance Programme

Second edition | 13 November 2026 | London
Moorgate Auditorium, Bank of England, 20 Moorgate

It's a pleasure to welcome you to the second edition of the BMF Workshop. We expect a full day of presentations, discussions, and engagement with the audience, both in-person and online. The full programme is listed below but may be subject to last minute adjustments.

Registration (in person and online)

Pre-registration is required for all participants by **6 November 2026**. We aim to confirm places by **10 November 2026**. Please register here. For questions, please contact BMF@bankofengland.co.uk.

09:00 Registration

09:30 Opening remarks by Paul De Grauwe and Galina Potjagailo

09:40 Session 1

Chair: Paul De Grauwe

09:40 US Monetary Policy Mistakes in the Inflation Targeting Era
James Bullard (Purdue University)

10:40 Dissecting the Asymmetric Impact of Monetary and Fiscal Policy on Inequality Over the Business Cycle
Chih Han Hsueh (University of South Wales, Australia)
Discussant: Ali Moghaddasi Kelishomi (Loughborough University and IZA)

11:20 Break

11:50 Session 2

Chair: Mridula Duggal

11:50 Heterogeneous Expectations and Macroeconomic Stability under Monetary and Fiscal Policy Rules
Giovanni Cirigliano (Tor Vergata University of Rome)
Discussant: Pasquale Foresti (University of Roehampton)

12:30 Identifying the World's Dominant Safe Asset: Measuring Belief-Based Safety Using Text and Portfolio Data
Wentong Chen (Leavey School of Business, Santa Clara University, California)
Discussant: Xiao Yin (University College London)

13:10 Lunch

14:10 Session 3

Chair: Pau Belda

14:10 Title to be confirmed
Alp Simsek (Yale University)

15:10 Fiscal Policy and Household Over-Optimism
Alessia Papini (European University Institute)
Discussant: Michael McMahon (University of Oxford and CEPR)

15:50 Break

16:15 Session 4

Chair: Galina Potjagailo

16:15 Forecast Confidence and Exposure in Inflation Expectations: Evidence from the Gender Gap
Lovisa Reiche (Norwegian Business School)
Discussant: Orkun Saka (City St George's, University of London)

16:55 Mind the Gap: Disagreement and Credible Monetary Policy

Francesco Amodeo (Johns Hopkins University)

Discussant: Vedanta Dhamija (Bank of England)

17:35 Closing remarks by Mridula Duggal and Eddie Gerba

17:45 End of day

Presentation and discussion format

Presentations by James Bullard and Alp Simsek: 45 minutes, followed by 15 minutes of Q&A.

Contributed papers: 25 minutes of presentation, 10 minutes of discussion, and 5 minutes of audience Q&A

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