

CCBS – Bank of England/Program in Economic Policy Management (PEPM)
School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

PEPM Inflation Targeting Workshop

4-6 February 2008

Monday 4 February

9.00-9.15 *Coffee and refreshments*

9.15-9.30 **Opening remarks**

John Coatsworth, Acting Dean of the School of International and Public Affairs

9.30-9.45 **Introductions, seminar objectives**

Prof Calvo, Dr Mario I Blejer, Ms Gill Hammond, Dr Peter Westaway

Session 1

9.45-11.00 **Inflation Targeting** (Gill Hammond, Bank of England)

- Origins of inflation targeting and theoretical underpinning;
- Main characteristics of inflation targeting regimes;
- Empirical evidence

11.00-11.15 *Break*

Session 2

11.15-12.30 **Is inflation targeting appropriate for emerging markets?** (Mario I Blejer)

- Inflation targeting in developing and emerging markets
- Inflation targeting under IMF programmes

12.30-2.00 *Lunch break*

Session 3

2.00-3.15 **Asset prices, monetary policy and inflation targeting** (Peter Westaway, Bank of England)

- How should monetary policy take account of asset prices?
- Should there be an asset price term in the inflation target?

3.15-3.30 *Break*

Panel Discussion

3.30-4.30 **Discussion and Q and A on the First Day Subjects**

Mario Blejer, Gill Hammond, Peter Westaway

Tuesday, February 5th

9.00-9.30 *Coffee and refreshments*

Session 4

9.30-10.45 **Current policy challenges for inflation targeters** (Gill Hammond)

- Changing inflation dynamics;
- Communicating policy; how much to say about future path of interest rates

10.45-11.15 *Break*

Session 5

11.15-12.30 **Inflation Targeting, Disinflation and Exchange Rate Policy: The Israeli Experience** (Dr Jacob Frenkel, Vice Chairman, AIG, Inc., Chairman, Group of Thirty and former Governor, Bank of Israel)

12.30-2.00 *Lunch break*

Session 6

2.00-3.30 **Inflation Targeting in the UK** (Peter Westaway)

3.30-3.45 *Break*

Session 7

3.45-5.00 **Inflation targeting; the experience of Mexico** (Carlos Capistrán, Bank of Mexico)

Wednesday, February 6

9.00-9.30 *Coffee and refreshments*

Session 8

9.30-10.30 **Forecasting in central banks; the fan chart** (Gill Hammond)

10.30-11.00 *Break*

Panel Session

11.00 -12:00 **Monetary policy challenges for central banks**

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