The International Journal of Central Banking (IJCB) is organising its second spring conference on the topic of *The theory and practice of macro-prudential regulation*. The conference will be hosted by the Bank of Spain on **17-18 June 2010**, and is organised by Douglas Gale, Til Schuermann, Rafael Repullo and Frank Smets. Six papers will be selected from among those submitted in response to this announcement.

One of the main lessons of the current global financial crisis is that there is a need for a macro-prudential framework to address systemic risk. This raises a number of important questions: How should one define systemic risk and how can one measure it? When is credit growth excessive and when is there a bubble? Is it practical or desirable to analyze the time series dimension (“procyclicality”) separately from the cross sectional dimension (“interconnectedness”)? How should macro-prudential regulation be designed? What are the tools for such regulation? What are the implications for the design of supervisory institutions? Should monetary policy deal with systemic risk?

The conference will include papers that address these questions directly as well as papers that provide tools, models and empirical results that will help us understand the issues involved.

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