You are kindly invited to attend a Joint Seminar in Macroeconomics of the National Bank of Belgium, CES-KU Leuven, Ecares-ULB and UCL

by

Gisela Rua (Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System)

on

Inflation Expectations and Recovery from the Depression in 1933: Evidence from the Narrative Record
(with Andrew Jalil)

Abstract

This paper uses the historical narrative record to determine whether inflation expectations shifted during the second quarter of 1933, precisely as the recovery from the Great Depression took hold. First, by examining the historical news record and the forecasts of contemporary business analysts, we show that inflation expectations increased dramatically. Second, using an event-studies approach, we identify the impact on financial markets of the key events that shifted inflation expectations. Third, we gather new evidence – both quantitative and narrative – that indicates that the shift in inflation expectations played a causal role in stimulating the recovery

The seminar will take place on Wednesday, December 2 from 16:30 until 18:00. The seminar will be held in the Auditorium of the National Bank of Belgium (Room A1), entrance: rue Montagne aux Herbes potagères 61, Brussels.

Please confirm your participation to the seminar by email to nbbmacro.seminar@nbb.be. In case you want to access the NBB Parking (rue Montagne aux Herbes potagères 41), please also provide your name and the license plate of your car.

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