

You are kindly invited to attend the Joint Macroeconomic Seminar

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on

Central Bank Communication and the Yield Curve

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Abstract

Using the institutional features of ECB monetary policy announcements, we provide evidence for the risk premium channel of central bank communication. While central bank communication had a homogeneous effect across Euro-area sovereign bond yields before the European debt crisis, it drove a wedge between peripheral and core yields afterwards. Guided by the predictions of a theoretical model in which central bank communication reveals information about the state of the economy, we empirically link the periphery-core wedge to break-up and credit risk premia, and show that equity response to shocks can identify the strength of this risk premium channel.

The seminar will take place on **Monday, November 19th** from **16:30** until **18:00** in the Auditorium of the National Bank of Belgium (**Room A1**), entrance: rue Montagne aux Herbes potagères 61, Brussels.

Please reply by email to nbbmacro.seminar@nbb.be if you wish to participate to this seminar or if you want to have an appointment with the speaker. **Due to security measures it is necessary that you register before Friday November 16th at noon.** Without registration, you will not be allowed in the seminar room.

In case you want to access the NBB Parking (rue Montagne aux Herbes potagères 41), please also provide us with your name and the license plate of your car.

Kind regards,

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