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CREI at Universitat Pompeu Fabra and the Bank of Canada are hosting a conference on *New Perspectives on Monetary Policy Design* to be held at Barcelona, Spain, on October 10th and 11th, 2008. This conference will provide an opportunity for researchers to discuss a wide range of theoretical and empirical issues regarding the future of monetary policy design. Topics of particular interest include the optimal level of inflation, the zero bound on nominal interest rates, price-level targeting, monetary policy in open economies and in economies subject to large relative price movements (e.g., oil shocks), and policy design with involuntary unemployment and real imperfections in the labour market. Other areas of interest include but are not limited to: What we have learned about the costs and benefits of inflation targeting; the theoretical and empirical formulation of inflation dynamics; exchange rate pass-through in a low inflation environment; policy design with imperfect financial markets and asset price bubbles; and the robustness of standard policy design results with respect to alternative models of expectations formation.

The scientific committee is comprised of Robert Amano, Jordi Galí and Rhys Mendes. Authors interested in presenting research at this conference should send a draft of their paper or a detailed abstract in electronic form to Rhys Mendes (rmendes@bankofcanada.ca) by **March 31, 2008**. We will cover the travel and accommodation expenses for presenters and discussants.