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CONFERENCE INVITATION

We invite you to participate in the Second World KLEMS Conference which will take place at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on August 9-10, 2012. The objective of the Conference is to discuss recent progress in the development and applications of KLEMS data sets. These data are widely used in research on economic growth, structural change, and international comparisons based on purchasing power parities.

The Second World KLEMS Conference will follow the Conference on Research in Income and Wealth and will be held simultaneously with the final two days of the 32nd General Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth. Participants in the World KLEMS Conference are encouraged to attend both of these conferences, which will be held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Information about Registration is available at:

<https://www.iariw2012.com/category/the-conference>

World KLEMS Conference Venue

The World KLEMS Conference will take place at Harvard Kennedy School. Accommodations at special conference rates will be available at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge, conveniently located next to the School.

The World KLEMS Conference will begin with a New England-style Clam Bake on Wednesday evening, August 8, at Harvard. This will be an informal Welcoming Dinner for participants in the conference and will be held outside on the lawn at the Harvard Kennedy School if weather permits. Many of the participants will be returning from the IARIW all-day excursion that day and the Clam Bake will be scheduled accordingly.

The World KLEMS Conference will run all day Thursday, ending with a reception and dinner at Harvard. The afternoon session will end at 5:00 p.m. and the dinner at Harvard will begin at 7:00 p.m. to provide time for participants to attend the Second Poster Session at IARIW from 5:30-6:30 p.m., which will be at the Sonesta.

World KLEMS conference organizers will provide transportation to and from the Sonesta by bus. Transportation will depart from Harvard to the Sonesta at approximately 5:10 p.m. and from the Sonesta back to Harvard at 6:40 p.m.

World KLEMS participants will be encouraged to attend the IARIW Farewell Banquet at the Sonesta on Friday afternoon/evening.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the Conference on August 9 and 10. Expenses for travel and local accommodations will be covered by the participants.

Local Arrangements

Trina Ott is in charge of local arrangements for the Second World KLEMS Conference. Her contact information is:

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Accommodations

To make online reservations at the Charles Hotel, please follow these instructions:

- Go to the hotel's website <http://www.charleshotel.com>
- Click on the "Reservations" button on the lower left hand side of the screen
- In the booking window, click on the "Groups" tab at the top of the page
- Enter the Attendee Code: WORLDKLEM2012
- On the left-hand side of the page, click on the dates you wish to stay
- In the center of the page, click on the room type you prefer
- In the lower right-hand corner, click on Continue This Reservation.
- Complete contact and billing information
- You will be emailed a confirmation number

Individual cancellations, regardless of reservation method, will be accepted prior to forty-eight (48) hours prior to arrival. If the reservation is no longer required and is not cancelled prior to this time, the reservation will be released and one (1) night's subsequent room and tax charges will be billed to the credit card on file.

If you wish to make reservations outside the conference dates or require alternative accommodations, please contact Trina Ott at ott@fas.harvard.edu.

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To confirm your attendance at the conference, please respond by **June 29, 2012** to Trina Ott (ott@fas.harvard.edu). You will need to provide your name, affiliation, and confirmation for attendance at the Aug. 8 dinner and Aug. 9 dinner.

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