MMF Economic Policy Seminar - Spring 2014

Hosts: School of Economics and Finance, Queen Mary University of London

Interest Rate Normalisation

Date: Friday 21 February 2014

<u>Venue</u>: The David Sizer Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor of Francis Bancroft Building, Queen Mary, University of London, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS

Programme:

13:00-14:00 Lunch in Francis Bancroft foyer.

14:00-15:30 Session I

Martin Weale (MPC, Bank of England and QMUL) "Forward Guidance and its Effects".

Bill Allen (Cass) "The next reactivation of monetary policy"

Shamik Dahr (Aviva Investors and MMF) "What is normal, anyway?"

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Session II

Simon Wren Lewis (Oxford) "The idea of secular stagnation is fashionable, but does it make sense?"

Alex Michaelides (Imperial) "Policy lessons from Cyprus"

Richard Barwell (RBS Capital Markets) "Interest rate normalisation: a markets perspective"

17:30 End of Seminar - Drinks Reception in the foyer.

Organisers: Francis Breedon (QMUL), Jagjit Chadha (Kent and MMF), Georgios Chortoreas (Kings College London and MMF), Haroon Mumtaz (QMUL) and Kevin Sheedy (LSE and MMF).

This is the first MMF-QMUL Economic Policy Seminar, which will be running regularly three to four times per year and is open to all UK-based academics and research students. Please register your plan to http://econ.qmul.ac.uk/events/mmf-seminars.html. The MMF can support off-peak train travel for academics to this seminar if your host institution cannot fund your travel.