Conference on Public Pension and Sovereign Funds

The 4th annual conference of CJEB’s Program on Public Pension and Sovereign Funds

Thursday, November 21, 2019, 1:00-5:20 p.m.
The Italian Academy, Columbia University
(1161 Amsterdam Avenue, btw. 116 & 118 St., NY, NY)

Advance Registration is required at www.gsb.columbia.edu/cjeb.

1:00 – 1:10 Introduction and Opening Remarks
Hugh Patrick, Chairman, Center on Japanese Economy and Business (CJEB), Columbia Business School, and Takatoshi Ito, Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University and Director, Program on Public Pension and Sovereign Funds, CJEB

1:10 – 1:30 Keynote Speech: ESG in Public Pension and Sovereign Wealth Funds
Keiko Honda, Former Executive Vice President and Former Chief Executive Officer, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA); Incoming Adjunct Senior Research Scholar and Adjunct Professor, SIPA, Columbia University (As of January 2020)

1:30 – 3:00 Session 1: ESG Investment: Will It Make Returns Higher?
Moderator: Takatoshi Ito
Panelists:
Patrick Bolton, Barbara and David Zalaznick Professor of Business, Columbia Business School
Keiko Honda
Lukasz Pomorski, Managing Director, AQR Capital
Sudhir Rajkumar, Representative of the Secretary-General (RSG) for UN Pension Fund Investments

3:00 – 3:30 Coffee Break

3:30 – 3:50 Keynote Speech: Key Requirements for Sustaining the Global Expansion
John Lipsky, Peter G. Peterson Distinguished Scholar, Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs, Johns Hopkins University; Former Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

3:50 – 5:20 Session 2: The Macroeconomic Environment: How Long Will Low Interest Rates Continue?
Moderator: Patricia Mosser, Director, MPA Program in Economic Policy Management; Senior Research Scholar, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
Panelists:
Gauti B. Eggertsson, Professor of Economics, Brown University
John Lipsky
Koji Nakamura, General Manager for the Americas, Bank of Japan
Eric Ngiam, Senior Vice President, GIC Asset Management
Maria Vassalou, PhD, Chief Investment Officer, VASSALOU CΔPITΔL MANAGEMENT

5:20– 6:20 Reception