A Conversation with Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis President James Bullard

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Moderated by Sassan Ghahramani, Founder and CEO of SGH Macro Advisors, with panelists Dr. Michael Woodford, John Bates Clark Professor of Political Economy, Columbia University, and Tim Duy, Chief US Economist for SGH Macro Advisors and author of “Tim Duy’s Fedwatch.”
Columbia Economics, SGH Macro Advisors, and the Richard Paul Richman Center for Business, Law, and Public Policy are pleased to host a Question and Answer "fireside chat" with Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis President James Bullard, a thought leader who is frequently at the forefront of significant turns in U.S. monetary policy.

Topics will include inflationary risks, interest rate policy management, quantitative tightening, and the challenges in implementing the Fed’s New Policy Framework in a post-pandemic and inflationary environment.

James Bullard is the president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. In that role, he is a participant on the Federal Reserve’s Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), which meets regularly to set the direction of U.S. monetary policy. He also oversees the Federal Reserve’s Eighth District, including activities at the St. Louis headquarters and its branches in Little Rock, Ark., Louisville, Ky., and Memphis, Tenn.

A noted economist and policymaker, Bullard makes Fed transparency and dialogue a priority on the international and national stage as well as on Main Street. He serves on the board of directors of Concordance Academy of Leadership, and he is a past board chair of the United Way U.S.A. Bullard is co-editor of the Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, a member of the editorial advisory board of the National Institute Economic Review and a member of the Central Bank Research Association’s senior council. He is an honorary professor of economics at Washington University in St. Louis, where he also sits on the advisory council of the economics department and the advisory board of the Center for Dynamic Economics. A native of Forest Lake, Minn., Bullard received his doctorate in economics from Indiana University in Bloomington.

Tim Duy is Chief US Economist for SGH Macro Advisors, where he produces the influential and widely followed “Tim Duy’s Fed Watch” reports. He is also Professor of Economics at the University of Oregon.

Duy received his B.A. in Economics from the University of Puget Sound, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Oregon. Prior to SGH Duy worked in Washington, D.C. for the United States Department of Treasury as an economist in the International Affairs division, and with the G7 Group where he was responsible for monitoring the activities of the Federal Reserve and currency markets.

Duy is a prominent commentator on the US economy and Federal Reserve, and his work at SGH is widely cited in the major financial publications.

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Michael Woodford is the John Bates Clark Professor of Political Economy at Columbia University. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Econometric Society, the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory, and the Society for Economic Measurement, as well as a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, a Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research, and a member of the CESifo Research Network. He was the 2007 recipient of the Deutsche Bank Prize in Financial Economics, and the 2018 recipient of the Banque de France/TSE Prize in Monetary Economics. With Andrew Caplin of New York University, he co-directs the NBER’s working group on Behavioral Macroeconomics.

Sassan Ghahramani is Founder and CEO of SGH Macro Advisors, LLC, a macro-policy intelligence firm targeted to hedge funds and senior international financial policymakers. Prior to forming SGH, Ghahramani was President and CEO of Medley Global Advisors, and before that a foreign exchange trader and portfolio manager at various major Wall Street firms.

Ghahramani was born in Tehran, Iran into a diplomatic family and spent his childhood in Canada, Russia, Iran, and Spain. He moved to the United States to attend Brown University, where he obtained a BA in International Relations, and continued his studies at New York University, where he obtained an MBA in Finance.