CONFERENCE INVITATION

We invite you to attend the Fifth World KLEMS Conference which will be held on June 4-5, 2018 at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The meeting will take place at the Harvard Kennedy School. Here is a link with more information about the Kennedy School:

https://www.hks.harvard.edu/

The Fifth World KLEMS Conference will discuss recent progress in the development and application of sectoral data sets on output, inputs of capital (K), labor (L), energy (E), materials (M), and services (S), and productivity or output per unit of input. These data sets are now available for more than forty countries. More than a dozen countries publish these data sets annually as part of the official national accounts, following the United Nations’ System of National Accounts 2008.

Data sets for sectoral outputs, inputs, and productivity are widely used in research on economic growth and structural change and in international comparisons based on industry-level purchasing power parities. A volume on the development of KLEMS-type data sets and their applications, edited by Dale W. Jorgenson, Kyoji Fukao, and Marcel P. Timmer, was published by the Cambridge University Press in November 2016. More information about this volume is available from the Cambridge University Press:


and Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/World-Economy-Growth-Stagnation/dp/1107143349

The Fourth World KLEMS Conference was held in Madrid, Spain, in 2016. The program of the Madrid conference is available on the World KLEMS website:

http://www.worldklems.net/conferences.htm

This website includes programs from all four previous World KLEMS conferences.

The Fourth World KLEMS Conference included papers on the major regions included in the World KLEMS Initiative – Asia KLEMS, European Union (EU) KLEMS, Latin America (LA) KLEMS, and
United States (US) KLEMS. In addition, the conference included papers on related topics – human capital, intangible capital, global value chains, and economic measurement. A selection of papers from the conference was published as the Fall 2017 Special Issue of the *International Productivity Monitor*.

Members of the organizing committee are working to schedule plenary and break-out sessions that will comprise two full days on Monday, June 4 and Tuesday, June 5. Day-One will begin with a conference breakfast and conclude with a conference banquet dinner. Day-Two will begin with a conference breakfast and conclude with a closing reception, immediately following the closing remarks. A preliminary schedule is attached.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the Conference on June 4 and 5. Dinner will be provided on June 4. Expenses for travel and local accommodations will be covered by the participants. Below are suggestions for accommodations.

**Hotel Reservations:**
If you have not already made hotel reservations, we have suggestions and some negotiated rates for you. As we are able to find additional great rates, we will post them on our website [https://scholar.harvard.edu/jorgenson/world-klems](https://scholar.harvard.edu/jorgenson/world-klems).

*The Charles Hotel* – This is the closest hotel to the conference site – literally steps away. You may book The Charles Hotel online at [www.charleshotel.com](http://www.charleshotel.com) or another travel website to receive the best available rate.

*The Hotel Veritas* – Located approximately five blocks from the conference site, The Hotel Veritas is a boutique hotel offering conference attendees a 15% discount off of their standard rates. Rates here are currently $352 per night for the conference dates. To book here, go online to [http://www.thehotelveritas.com/](http://www.thehotelveritas.com/) and enter your preferred booking dates. On the rate selection screen, choose the “Harvard Rate” option and proceed with booking. Please include “World KLEMS Conference attendee” in the comments section of your booking profile.

*Sheraton Commander Hotel* – Also just five blocks from the conference venue, the recently renovated Sheraton Commander Hotel has a limited number of rooms available at a fantastic (Harvard Guest) rate of $269 per night. To book at this rate you will need to book as a Harvard guest at [http://www.sheratoncommander.com/HVDReservations](http://www.sheratoncommander.com/HVDReservations). This special rate is offered solely to people coming to visit Harvard on business/research – not for pleasure. It is not associated with the conference.

Please feel free to contact Trina Ott at ott@fas.harvard.edu or (617) 496-3293, with any questions. We look forward to welcoming you to the WORLD KLEMS Conference.

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