Project LINK Spring Meeting
23-25 April, 2003
United Nations Headquarters, New York
Conference Room 4

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL

10:00-10:15 Opening
   Chair: Lawrence Klein
   United Nations, New York

10:15-1:00 Global Outlook
   Chair: Lawrence Klein

   United Nations Project LINK
   Ian Kinniburgh, United Nations, New York

   International Monetary Fund
   James Morsink, IMF, Washington, D.C.

   World Bank

   OECD
   Pete Richardson, OECD, Paris

   National Institute of Economic and Social Research
   Ray Barrell, NIESR, London

   General Discussion

1:00-2:30 Lunch

2:30-3:30 Global Outlook (cont.)
   Chair: Bert Hickman

   Non-Oil Commodities
   F. Gerard Adams, Northeastern University, Boston

   The World Oil Market
   Robert Kaufmann, Boston University

   General Discussion
3:30-4:30  Current Policy Issues I
Chair: Bert Hickman

Global Consequences of the War in Iraq
Josh Bivens, Economic Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.

General Discussion

4:30-5:30  Regional Economic Outlook
Chair: Bert Hickman

United States
Lawrence R. Klein, University of Pennsylvania

General Discussion

6:00-7:30  Reception
Ex-Press Bar, Secretariat Building

THURSDAY 24 APRIL

10:00-12:00  Regional Economic Outlook
Chair: Delia Nilles

West Asia
Nazem Abdallah, United Nations Economic and Social Council for Western Asia, Beirut

Western Europe
André Dramais, Commission of the European Communities, Brussels

Eastern Europe and the CIS
Rumen Dobrinsky, ECE, Geneva

Two Europes Merging
Franjo Stiblar, University of Ljubljana

General Discussion
12:00-1:00  Current Policy Issues II
Chair: Delia Nilles

Roundtable Discussion: Fiscal Policy in Europe – The Stability Pact

Adolfo Castilla, Autonomous University, Madrid
André Dramais, Commission of the European Communities, Brussels
Stephen Hall, Imperial College, London
Ulrich Heilemann, RWI, Essen

General Discussion

1:00-2:30  Lunch

2:30-3:30  Current Policy Issues III
Chair: Stephen Hall

Trade and Production in the Global Economy
Dan Trefler, University of Toronto, CIAR and NBER, Boston

General Discussion

3:30-5:00  Regional Economic Outlook
Chair: Stephen Hall

Empirical Regularities in the Russian Economy
Vladimir Eskin and Andrei Roudoi, Global Insight, Boston

Japan
Kanemi Ban, Osaka University

China.
Wang Tongsan, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing

General Discussion

5:00-5.30  Current Policy Issues I
Chair: Stephen Hall

Global Disequilibria in Perspective
Peter Pauly, University of Toronto

General Discussion
**Friday 25 April**

10:00-12:00  
**Regional Economic Outlook**  
Chair: Sam Olofin  
- Asia  
  *David Choi, United Nations, New York*  
- Latin America  
  *André Hofman, United Nations Economic and Social Council for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago*

12:00-1:00  
**Current Policy Issues IV**  
Chair: Sam Olofin  
- Fiscal Sustainability in Developing Countries: Recent Experience  
  *Ernesto Talvi, CERES, Montevideo*

1:00-2:30  
**Lunch**

2:30-4:30  
**Regional Outlook**  
Chair: Peter Pauly  
- Africa  
  *Adam Smith, United Nations, New York*  
- Middle East  
  *Suleyman Ozmucur, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia*  
- General Discussion

4:30-5:00  
**LINK Business Meeting**  
Chair: Peter Pauly