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**Dubai School of Government
&
Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies**

**Conference on Natural Resources and
Economic Development: Risks and Policy Challenges**

Call for Papers

The Dubai School of Government and the Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies will jointly organize the OxCarre Third Annual Conference on Resource Rich Economies and the DSG First Annual Conference on Natural Resources and Economic Development in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, December 9th and 10th, 2009.

For the first day of the conference, the organizers will select academic papers on public finance, political economy, international economics, macroeconomics, economic development, contract theory, empirical finance, or any other area whose insight may help us to better understand the economics of resource rich economies. Both theoretical and empirical papers are welcome. We are especially interested in reaching advanced graduate students and young assistant professors and scholars working in the field of resource rich economies. A program committee formed by Tony Venables, Rick van der Ploeg, Tarek Coury and Nicolas Depetris Chauvin will select the papers to be presented in the academic sessions. The deadline for submission of an advanced draft is September 15, 2009. Selected papers will be announced by October 1, 2009. Authors of selected papers will be invited to present at the conference with travel and living expenses paid. Papers must be submitted by email to conference2009@dsg.ac.ae in PDF format.

The second day of the conference will be dedicated to a series of Policy Panels discussing some of the key policy challenges in the region such as: economic integration in the GCC, economic diversification strategies in resource rich economies, resource-led construction booms, and environmental sustainability;

other topics such as migration and labor markets, effects of the recent financial crisis on resource rich economies, along with topics related to sovereign wealth funds will be covered, with a particular focus on Arab Gulf states. The invited panelists are leading academic economists and ministers, directors, and senior economists of international organizations and local and regional institutions.

This joint conference is a unique event that brings together top researchers and policy makers to discuss recent theoretical and empirical advances in the economics of resource rich economies and to encourage further research on the subject. We also aim to achieve a better understanding of the policy challenges faced by the Arab World and propose policy alternatives. We hope you will be interested in participating and look forward to welcoming you in Dubai in December.

OxCarre was established in October 2007 to become a global centre of excellence to analyse the economics of resource rich countries. Its establishment was made possible by a generous grant from BP. The Centre conducts original and objective research to improve understanding of the performance of resource rich economies, and to inform policy design to improve this performance. It also acts as the core of a global network of researchers in this area. OxCarre brings together existing Oxford expertise in theoretical and empirical economics and apply this to the issues facing resource rich economies.

The Dubai School of Government (DSG) is a research and teaching institution focusing on public policy in the Arab world. Established in 2005 under the patronage of HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai, in cooperation with the Harvard Kennedy School, DSG aims to promote good governance through enhancing the region's capacity for effective public policy.