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talletuspakojen tehokkuus.

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Banks may be unable to refinance short-term liabilities in case of solvency concerns. To manage this risk, banks can accumulate a buffer of liquid assets, or strengthen transparency to communicate solvency. While a liquidity buffer provides complete insurance against

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small shocks, transparency covers also large shocks but imperfectly. Due to leverage, an unregulated bank may choose insufficient liquidity buffers and transparency. The regulatory response is constrained: while liquidity buffers can be imposed, transparency is not verifiable. Moreover, liquidity

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requirements can compromise banks' transparency choices, and increase refinancing risk. To be effective, liquidity requirements should be complemented by measures that increase bank incentives to adopt transparency.

Transparency regulation aims at

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reducing financial fragility by strengthening market discipline. There are however two elementary properties of banking that may render such regulation inefficient at best and detrimental at worst. First, an extensive financial safety net may eliminate the disciplinary effect of

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transparency regulation. Second, achieving transparency is costly for banks, as it dilutes their charter values, and hence it also reduces their private costs of risk-taking. We consider both the direct costs of complying with disclosure requirements and the indirect

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transparency costs stemming from imperfect property rights governing information and specify the conditions under which transparency regulation can (and cannot) reduce financial fragility. Key words: information disclosure, market discipline, bank transparency, deposit insurance,

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financial safety net.

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Formulation

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Accountability, and Transparency

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Monetary Policy Transparency

**In this paper, we
investigate the relationship
between the transparency of
banks and the fragility of
the banking system. We show**

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that information-based bank runs may be inefficient because the deposit contract designed to provide liquidity induces depositors to have excessive incentives to withdraw. An improvement in transparency of a bank

may reduce depositor welfare through increasing the chance of an inefficient contagious bank run on other banks. A deposit insurance system in which some depositors are fully insured and the others are partially

insured can ameliorate this inefficiency. Under such a system, bank runs can serve as an efficient mechanism for disciplining banks. We also consider bank managers' control over the timing of information disclosure, and

find that bank managers may lack the incentive to reveal the information about their banks.

To mitigate the risks of contagion from problems arising in the banking sector, many countries

operate some form of banking sector safety net. Such safety nets generally involve a judicious mixture of transparency and ambiguity. This ambiguity may be important to counter moral hazard effects but may

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**lead to excessive
forbearance in the face of
banking problems. While the
scope for ambiguity has been
declining, some ambiguity in
the handling of individual
institutions remains. In any
case, ex post transparency**

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**is essential for reviewing
the propriety of any
assistance and preserving
the authorities' future
reputation and policy
credibility.**

**The Central Bank of Uruguay
(BCU) is implementing**

transparency practices that are broadly aligned with the good practices for central banks (Table 1). The institution's comprehensive communication tools and strategy underpin the commitment to transparency

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and its accountability for the price stability and financial system soundness mandates. In addition, the adoption of transparency among its value statements supports its mission “to contribute to the wellbeing

of the society.” The BCU management wants to make further improvements in the transparency practices and envisions that by relying on its strong legal and institutional arrangements this can be achieved.

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Ultimately, the BCU intends to be recognized as an “independent, effective, and reliable institution with the capability to anticipate and respond to new challenges.”

Central Bank Transparency

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to the Czech National Bank

A Global Perspective

The Reserve Bank of India

An examination of the debates on

European Central Bank monetary

policy, focusing on issues of

transparency, credibility, and

accountability and the effect of the ECB's decentralized structure. The adoption of the euro in 1999 by 11 member states of the European Union created a single currency area second in economic size only to the United States. The euro zone's

monetary policy is now set by the European Central Bank (ECB) and its Governing Council rather than by individual national central banks. This CESifo volume examines issues that have arisen in the first years of ECB monetary policy and analyzes

the effect that current ECB policy strategy and structures may have in the future. After a detailed description and assessment of ECB monetary policy making that focuses on such issues as price stability and the predictability of policy decisions,

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the book turns to two important issues faced by European central bankers: the transparency and credibility of decision making and the ECB's decentralized structure. After showing that transparency in decision making enhances

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credibility, the book discusses the ECB's efforts at openness, its political independence as guaranteed by law, and its ultimate accountability. The book then considers the effects of the decentralized ECB structure,

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**focusing on business cycle
synchronization, inflation
differentials, and differences in
monetary policy transmission in light
of the enlargement of the monetary
union. The book also discusses
options for ECB institutional**

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**reforms, including centralization,
vote weighting, and cross-border
regional banks.**

**The Bank of Canada (BOC) sets a
high benchmark for transparency,
which is recognized by its
stakeholders, thus maintaining a**

**high level of trust and accountability.
The BOC's transparency practices
are broadly aligned with expanded
and comprehensive practices as
defined by the IMF Central Bank
Transparency Code (see Table 1).
This is acknowledged by the BOC's**

external stakeholders, who view the central bank as an open, dynamic, and transparent public institution. The National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia (NBRNM) is implementing advanced transparency practices. The long-

**standing commitment to
transparency noted by a number of
stakeholders and forcefully re-
affirmed in the recent period is well
anchored in the law, and it has been
designated by the NBRNM as a
strategic objective to fulfill its**

**mandate. This policy has earned the
NBRNM noteworthy trust from
stakeholders met by the mission, and
it has paid significant dividends in
terms of anchoring its autonomy and
ensuring policy effectiveness.
Credibility, Transparency, and**

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**Actual Versus Perceived Central
Bank Transparency**

**Will Greater Disclosure and
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Banking Crisis?**

Central Bank's Independence,

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Republic of North Macedonia:

Central Bank Transparency Code

Review

The Oxford Handbook of the

Economics of Central Banking

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transparency in policy formulation of the Reserve Bank of India. It quantifies its examination of the RBI by computing indices of transparency and comparing values of the RBI with those of key central banks around the world. It examines

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issues such as the case for greater transparency and the main issues that inhibit monetary policy transparency in India.

This paper develops a new central bank transparency index for inflation-targeting central banks

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(CBT-IT index). It applies the CBT-IT index to the Czech National Bank (CNB), one of the most transparent inflation-targeting central banks. The CNB has invested heavily in developing a Forecasting and Policy Analysis System (FPAS) to

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implement a full-fledged inflation-forecast-targeting (IFT) regime. The components of CBT-IT index include measures of transparency about monetary policy objectives, the FPAS designed to support IFT, and the monetary policymaking

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process. For the CNB, all three components have shown substantial improvements over time but a few gaps remain. The CNB is currently working on eliminating some of these gaps.

The Central Bank of Chile (CBC)

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has implemented broadly advanced transparency practices. This reflects the CBC's strong public commitment to transparency, which is anchored in the law and has been designated by the CBC as a strategic objective to fulfill its mandate. This

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policy has earned the CBC the broad trust of its stakeholders and has paid significant dividends for the CBC in terms of safeguarding its autonomy and ensuring its policy effectiveness.

Report of the Advisory Group on

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Transparency in Monetary and
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The Transparency of the Banking
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bank operations is the most dramatic change in the conduct of monetary policy in recent years. In this paper we present new information on its extent and effects. We show that the trend is general: a large

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number of central banks have moved in the direction of greater transparency since the late 1990s. We then analyze the determinants and effects of central bank transparency in an integrated empirical

framework. Transparency is greater in countries with more stable and developed political systems and deeper and more developed financial markets. Our preliminary analysis suggests broadly favorable if

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relatively weak impacts on
inflation and output variability.

"This paper explores the effects
of central bank transparency on
the performance of optimal
inflation targeting rules. I
assume that both the central

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bank and the private sector face uncertainty about the "correct" model of the economy and have to learn. A transparent central bank can reduce one source of uncertainty for private agents

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by communicating its policy rule to the public. The paper shows that central bank transparency plays a crucial role in stabilizing the agents' learning process and expectations. By contrast, lack

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of transparency can lead to expectations-driven fluctuations that have destabilizing effects on the economy, even when the central bank has adopted optimal policies"--Federal Reserve Bank of New York web

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Spanish Transparency Bank
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Transparency, and Monetary
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Nonlinear Learning Dynamics

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Code Review

On Fed Watching and Central
Bank Transparency

Abstract: We define and study
transparency, credibility, and

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reputation in a model where the central bank's characteristics are unobservable to the private sector and are inferred from the policy outcome. A low-credibility bank optimally conducts a more inflationary policy than a high-

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credibility bank, in the sense that it induces higher inflation, but a less expansionary policy in the sense that it induces lower inflation and employment than expected.

Increased transparency makes the bank's reputation and credibility

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more sensitive to its actions. This has a moderating influence on the bank's policy. Full transparency of the central bank's intentions is generally socially beneficial, but frequently not in the interest of the bank. Somewhat paradoxically,

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direct observability of idiosyncratic central bank goals removes the moderating incentive on the bank and leads to the worst equilibrium. The Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) has the authority to purchase and insure up to \$700

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billion in troubled assets held by financial institutions. This authority was granted in response to the financial crisis that has threatened the stability of the U.S. banking system and the solvency of numerous financial institutions.

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This testimony is based on a Jan. 30, 2009 report that covers the actions taken as part of TARP through Jan. 23, 2009. It focuses on: (1) the nature and purpose of activities that have been initiated under TARP as of Jan. 23, 2009;

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(2) the status of the transition to the new admin. at OFS and its hiring efforts, use of contractors, and dev;t. of a system of internal control; and (3) preliminary indicators of TARP's performance.

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the art in the theory and practice of central banking. It covers all the essential areas that have come under scrutiny since the global financial crisis of 2007-9"--

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The European Central Bank

Should central banks increase their
degree of transparency any further?

We show that there is likely to be an
optimal intermediate degree of central

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bank transparency. Up to this optimum more transparency is desirable: it improves the quality of private sector inflation forecasts. But beyond the optimum people might: (1) start to attach too much weight to the conditionality of their forecasts, and/or

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(2) get confused by the large and increasing amount of information they receive. This deteriorates the (perceived) quality of private sector inflation forecasts. Inflation then is set in a more backward looking manner resulting in higher inflation

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persistence. By using a panel data set on the transparency of 100 central banks we find empirical support for an optimal intermediate degree of transparency at which inflation persistence is minimized. Our results indicate that while there are central

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banks that would benefit from further transparency increases, some might already have reached the limit.

This is the fourth chapter of a forthcoming monograph entitled "On Implementing Full-Fledged Inflation-Targeting Regimes: Saying What You

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Do and Doing What You Say." It examines a number of issues related to transparency and accountability in an inflation-targeting regime. It first looks at the factors behind the move to increased transparency in recent years and the important role of a

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communications strategy in transparency. It then turns to the role of the forecast in communications, how risks surrounding the forecast are communicated, and whether there should be limits on what is made public. It concludes with a short

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discussion of accountability.

This book explores three key areas of central banking and governance - autonomy, accountability and transparency. It looks at links between the areas, as well as assessing the impact of central bank autonomy on

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macroeconomic performance. The issues are approached from theoretical and empirical perspectives.

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Where, Why, and with what Effects?

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Transparent about What?

The Publication of Central Bank Forecasts

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about their monetary
policy making process. In
the central bank
transparency literature
the distinction between
actual and perceived
central bank transparency

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is often lacking. However, as perceptions are crucial for the actions of economic agents this distinction matters. A discrepancy between actual and perceived transparency

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may exist because of incomplete or incorrect transparency knowledge and other (psychological) factors. Even financial experts, the most important channel through

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which the central bank can influence the economy, might suffer from misaligned perceptions. We investigate the mismatch between actual and perceived transparency and

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its relevance by analyzing data of a Dutch household survey on the European Central Bank's transparency. To benefit from higher transparency perceptions the European

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Central Bank might feel tempted to stress its transparency strengths, but hide its transparency weaknesses.

The Central Bank of Seychelles (CBS) sets a

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high benchmark for
transparency, given the
economic, and financial
development and literacy
circumstances of
Seychelles, which is
recognized by the

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stakeholders, thus maintaining a high level of trust and accountability. Despite constrained human capital resources, the CBS has taken commendable actions

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to facilitate an open and dynamic dialogue with key stakeholders. The CBS took the lead in communications on extraordinary support programs during the COVID-19 pandemic,

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regularly engaging with the public using plain language and various communication tools. It is also making great efforts to promote financial inclusion in Seychelles by

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developing and
implementing a broad
agenda on financial
education and enhancing
consumer protection in the
financial sector.

"Lack of transparency

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increases the probability of a banking crisis following financial liberalization. In a country where government policy is not transparent, banks may tend to increase

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credit above the optimal
level"--Cover.

Canada

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Update The Monetary And

Financial Policies

Transparency Code

Troubled Asset Relief

Program: Status of Efforts

to Address Transparency

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Where, Why, and with What
Effects?

"In this study, we investigate how
central bank transparency about
views on future productivity
growth influences social welfare.
To this end, we use a New

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Keynesian framework in which both the central bank and private agents are engaged in filtering problems regarding the persistence of productivity growth. Since the central bank and private agents do not know the true value

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of the signal-to-noise ratio, the gain parameters used in the filtering problems can be heterogeneous. If the central bank is not transparent, private agents must conjecture the central bank's estimate of the efficient level of

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the real interest rate. Under this setup, we show that central bank transparency does not necessarily improve social welfare. It can potentially yield a welfare loss, depending on (i) the gain parameters used by the central

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bank and private agents and (ii) private agents' conjecture on the gain parameter used by the central bank. If the central bank is uncertain about the combination of these gain parameters, it is sensible for the central bank to

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respond strongly to the variations of the inflation rate, because the misperceptions about these parameters become the source of demand shock."--Author's abstract.

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made by the Executive Board at the time of the 2017 Review of the Standards and Codes Initiative (RSCI) for a revision and update of the 1999 Monetary and Financial Policies Transparency Code (MFPT). Directors asked staff that

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the new code remove the overlap on financial policies covered by other standards, expand the transparency standards to broader set of activities undertaken by many central banks since the Global Financial Crisis, and

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reorient the transparency standards to facilitate risk-based assessments to support policy effectiveness and address macroeconomic risks.

Discusses the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), under

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which the Dept. of the Treasury has the authority to purchase and insure up to \$700 billion in troubled assets held by financial institutions. The Act that authorized TARP on Oct. 3, 2008, requires a report at least every 60

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days on findings resulting from oversight of the actions taken under TARP. This testimony is based primarily on a Jan. 30, 2009 report, the second under the act's mandate, which covers the actions taken as part of TARP through Jan.

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23, 2009, and follows up on the 9 recommendations made in a Dec. 2, 2008 report. This testimony also provides additional information on some recent developments related to TARP, including Treasury's new financial stability plan. Tables.

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Enhancing Bank Transparency

Liquidity and Transparency in Bank
Risk Management

Transparency in the economic sphere involves making public sector action visible and understandable to the private sector. Transparency in central bank operations can be seen a

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complement to the greater transparency being established in policy formulation. Among the most important areas in this regard and the central bank's operations in the foreign exchange market. This paper looks at the respective roles of overt and covert foreign exchange market

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operations, and considers that each may be appropriate under particular conditions. Reconciling covert operations with transparency requires rules for full disclosure with as short a lag as possible.