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Panelists

Vitor Gaspar, Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund

Beth Adair, former Global Tax Director, Airbnb Inc.

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Paul Johnson, Director, Institute of Fiscal Studies, United Kingdom

Moderator

Masood Ahmed, President, Center for Global Development

The IMF Fiscal Affairs Department is launching a new book entitled [Digital Revolutions in Public Finance](#). Offering the first detailed assessment of the impact of digital technology on fiscal policy, this publication is a landmark of a collaboration between the IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. It includes contributions from academics, former government officials and technologists, providing perspectives on how digitalization can revolutionize the design and implementation of fiscal policy—and on the risks and challenges that need to be faced.

The event's panel discussion will center around fundamental questions raised in the book, which makes the case that by transforming how we collect, process, and act on information, it can expand and reshape the way we operate within the frontiers of policymaking, allowing us to do what we do now, but better—and perhaps before too long, even design fiscal policy in new ways. The book also explores the institutional challenges and capacity constraints faced by countries seeking to benefit from the digital revolution, as well as privacy and cybersecurity concerns, which call for greater international cooperation and regulation as information increasingly travels across borders.

An [excerpt of the book](#) is now available online. Electronic copies of the full publication will be available in early November, as well as on USB drives at the book launch.