We are writing to invite you to submit a paper proposal for a two-day conference on “Asset Markets, Nominal Contracts, and Monetary Policy,” to be held at the University of Munich in June 2009. The organizers are Matthias Doepke (Northwestern), Gerhard Illing (Munich), Monika Piazzesi (Stanford), and Martin Schneider (Stanford). The conference is supported by the Center for Advanced Studies (CAS) and the Department of Economics of the University of Munich and the Center for International Economics and Development (CIES) of Northwestern University.

The conference aims to bring together a small group of economists working on monetary models that take explicit account of asset markets as well as nominal contracting. Some possible topics include:

1. Credit-market frictions at the household or firm level.
2. Asset prices and monetary policy.
3. Nominal credit and redistribution effects of inflation.

The format of the conference will be 12 papers, with a discussant for each paper. Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered for all participants. If you are interested in attending this conference, please e-mail a paper abstract or short proposal to doepke@northwestern.edu. Please note that we may not be able to invite everyone who replies. Please also reply if you don’t have a paper that you would like to present, but would like to participate as a discussant. Feel free to forward this call to papers to any interested parties.