

G20 Research Group

Munk Centre for International Studies
at Trinity College in the University of Toronto

The G20 Research Group is a global network of scholars, students and professionals in the academic, research, business, non-governmental and other communities who follow the work of the G20 leaders, finance ministers and central bank governors. It is directed from the Munk Centre for International Studies at Trinity College in the University of Toronto, also the home of the G8 Research Group.

Our mission is to serve as the world's leading independent source of information and analysis on the G20. As **scholars**, we accurately describe, parsimoniously explain and reflectively interpret what the G20 and its members do, and, on this basis, responsibly predict what they will do. As **teachers and public educators**, we present to the global community and G20 governments the results of our research, ways to learn about the G20 and information about the G20. As **citizens**, we foster transparency and accountability in G20 governance, and the connection between civil society and G20 governors. And as **professionals**, we offer policy advice about G20 governance, but do not engage in advocacy for or about the G20 or the issues it might address.

The G20 Information Centre (www.g20.utoronto.ca)

The G20 Information Centre is a comprehensive permanent collection of information and analysis on the G20 available online at no charge. It complements the G8 Information Centre, which houses publicly available archives on the G7, G8 and G20.

Speakers Series

The G20 Research Group hosts a speakers series in its efforts to educate scholars and the public about the issues and agenda of the G20. Past speakers have included senior officials of the International Monetary Fund and scholars from Columbia University and the Munk Centre for International Studies.

Media Assistance

As part of its research program, whenever possible the G20 Research Group sends a field team to the summits and finance meetings of the G20 to assist the world's media on site at the international media centre and to collect the documentation uniquely available there.

Research and Publications

Among the documents and reports available on the G20 Information Centre is a document detailing the **Plans and Prospects** for the G20's agenda, updated frequently. Also available are compliance reports and performance assessments, as well as online publications such as *The G20 Leaders Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy*, edited by John Kirton.

Working with Newsdesk Communications in the United Kingdom, the G20 Research Group has also produced a special volume commemorating the tenth anniversary of the G20, *The G20 at Ten: Growth, Innovation, Inclusion*, available online as well as in print. Plans are underway for further publications of this nature, as well as refereed research volumes in Ashgate Publishing's Global Finance Series.

A Selection of Books on the G20, G8 and Related Issues

- *The G20 at Ten: Growth, Innovation, Inclusion*, John Kirton, editor (Newsdesk)
- *The G8 System and the G20*, Peter I. Hajnal (Ashgate)
- *Governing Global Derivatives*, Chiara Oldani (Ashgate)
- *Governing Global Banking*, Duncan Wood (Ashgate)

