U.S. Influence and the Informal Rules of the IMF

A discussion of the book:

Controlling Institutions: 
International Organizations and the Global Economy

Featuring

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Commentary by

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Lunch will be served.
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Please join us for a discussion of Controlling Institutions: International Organizations and the Global Economy with presentation by Randall W. Stone and commentary by Alex Mourmouras. The book shows how a combination of formal and informal rules explains how international organizations really work. It shows that US interests influence the size, terms, and enforcement of IMF programs. New data, archival documents, and interviews reveal the shortcomings of IMF programs in Mexico, Russia, Korea, Indonesia, and Argentina.


Alex Mourmouras is Chief of the European Division of the IMF Institute. He was deputy chief in the same division from 2003-2008. The division formulates and carries out training programs for officials from Central, Eastern, SouthEastern Europe, the Baltics, Russia, Ukraine, the Caucasus, Central Asia and selected other transition countries. In 2007, he served as Acting Director and Chief Training Economist of the Joint Africa Institute (JAI) in Tunis, Tunisia. From 1999 to 2003 he was economist and senior economist in the IMF’s Policy Development and Review Department (PDR).