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Dear Colleagues,

The conference highlights recent developments in research on liquidity and implications for asset and liability management, financial stability, and regulation. Liquidity is a fluid concept but often taken for granted in the theory of finance. There is no generally accepted theory for the pricing of liquidity as there is for the pricing of risk. Although banks have always been concerned with liquidity management, the financial crisis revealed that there is a great gap in our understanding of what factors affect liquidity for specific securities, financial institutions, and financial system as a whole. The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision has developed requirements with respect to holdings of liquid assets as well as stable sources of funding. Critics have questioned the value of such fixed ratio requirements for the prevention of runs on financial institutions and the sudden disappearance of activity in markets for securities.

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