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## Fed Officials and Economists Discuss FinTech Opportunities on February 6

*SAN DIEGO* –

**What:** *Payment Systems in the Internet Age*

The Global Interdependence Center (GIC) will host an afternoon program on financial technology in San Diego on February 6, 2017. *Payment Systems in the Internet Age* will feature officials from the Federal Reserve Banks, including Patrick Harker, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, as well as experts with extensive backgrounds in digital currencies, monetary policy, and the security and regulatory realities of digital transactions. Speakers will discuss topics such as “Central Banking in the Digital Age: What is Money?” and “Bitcoins, Distributed Ledgers and the Payment System: Opportunities and Challenges.”

**Where:** Coronado Room at the Kona Kai Resort  
1551 Shelter Island Dr, San Diego, CA 92106

**When:** February 6, 2017, 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.

**Who:** This event will feature the following speakers and moderators:

- **Patrick T. Harker**, President and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
- **David Altig**, Executive Vice President and Director of Research, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and GIC Board Member
- **Michael Drury**, Chief Economist, McVean Trading & Investments and GIC Chairman
- **Bob Eisenbeis**, Chief Monetary Economist, Cumberland Advisors
- **Livia J. Klimovitsky Szabo**, CEO and Founder, SupiPay
- **Preston McAfee**, Corporate Vice President, Chief Economist, Microsoft Corporation
- **James McAndrews**, Former Executive Vice President and Director of Research, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- **Bob Mendte**, President, InsurCard
- **Peter Melerski**, Retired Ernst & Young AG Partner and Board Member, Fintech Investor
- **Stephen Sexauer**, Chief Investment Officer, San Diego County Retirement Association and GIC Board Member
- **Warren Weber**, Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

**Contact:** To register for this event or for more information please contact Julia Strapp, associate director of communications, at [jstrapp@interdependence.org](mailto:jstrapp@interdependence.org) or 215-238-0990.

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