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Airline Geographies in a Time of Crisis and Change

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Virgin Atlantic Airways founder Richard Branson once said, “If you want to be a millionaire, start with a billion dollars and launch a new airline.” The past few years have certainly not been kind to start-ups in the airline industry as carriers ranging from Skybus to SkyEurope to Thai Sky Airlines have succumbed to an unrelenting market. Yet by no means has the damage has been limited to new carriers. Overall, the International Air Transport Association forecasts that the world’s airlines will lose \$32 billion between 2008 and 2010.

Moreover, even when the industry returns to financial health, it will face daunting challenges, including increased efforts to manage the industry’s environmental impact and worsening capacity constraints in key hubs.

Given these near-term and long-term hurdles, it is an appropriate time to look at how the industry and its geographies have changed in the recent past and how they are likely to change in the future. Accordingly, I invite potential participants to consider presenting work on topics such as spatial responses by airlines to the current crisis, new developments in airline competition, evolving airport-airline relationships, and sustainable air transportation.

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