Fifth Annual Macroeconomics and Business CYCLE Conference

August 8-11, 2018 Sponsored by the Laboratory for Aggregate Economics and Finance



Upham Hotel Garden Room - Conference Schedule *speakers are highlighted in author listings*

Wednesday, August 8: Macroeconomics and Long Run Trends

8:30-9:30 Capital and Productivity in U.S. States Joel McMurray (Wisconsin-Madison) and Noah Williams (Wisconsin-Madison)

9:30-9:45 Break

9:45-10:45 **The Effects of Technological Change: Does Capital Aggregation Matter?** Maya Eden (*Brandeis*) and **Paul Gaggl** (*North Carolina at Charlotte*)

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00New Evidence on Cyclical Variation in Labor CostsGrace Weishi Gu (Santa Cruz) and Eswar Prasad (Cornell)

12:00-12:15 Lunch during next presentation

12:15-1:15 **Taxation, Expenditures and the Irish Miracle** Paul Klein *(Stockholm)* and **Gustavo Ventura** (*Arizona State)*

Adjourn for the day

Thursday, August 9: Macroeconomics and Taxation

8:30-9:30: **Tax Progressivity, Performance Pay and Search Frictions Arpad Abraham** (*EUI, Florence*), Pawel Doligalski (*Bristol*), Susanne Forstner (*IHS, Vienna*)

9:30-9:45 Break

9:45-10:45 **The Effects of Marriage-Related Taxes and Social Security Benefits** Margherita Borella (*Torino*), Mariacristina De Nardi (*FRB of Chicago*) and **Fang Yang** (*Louisiana State*)

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00Inequality, Redistribution, and Optimal Trade
Roozbeh Hosseini (Georgia) and Ali Shourideh (Carnegie Mellon)

12:00-12:15 lunch for next presentation

12:15-1:15Taxation and Organization of KnowledgeMarek Kapicka (CERGE-EI) and Ctirad Slavik (CERGE-EI)

Group photo and Adjourn for the day

Friday, August 10: Inflation, Nominal Assets, and Monetary Policy

8:30-9:30 Prices and Inflation when Government Bonds are Net Wealth Marcus Hagedorn (University of Oslo and CEPR)

9:30-9:45 Break

9:45-10:45 Inflation, Debt, and Default Sewon Hur (Pittsburgh), Illenin O. Kondo (Norte Dame) and Fabrizio Perri (FRB of Minneapolis and CEPR)

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Macroeconomic Fluctuations with HANK and SAM: An Analytical Approach Morten O. Ravn (*College London*) and Vincent Sterk (*College London*)

12:00-12:15 lunch for next presentation

12:15-1:15 Agency Costs, Supply-side Uncertainty and the Zero Lower Bound Victor Dorofeenko (Institute for Advance Studies Austria), Gabriel Lee (Regensburg), Kevin D. Salyer (Davis), Johannes Strobel (Simon Fraser)

Adjourn for the day

8:15 Dinner at Opal Restaurant, 1325 State Street, within walking distance of Upham Hotel

Saturday, August 11 (Session 1) Finance and Macro

8:30-9:30 Excess Capacity and Liquid Accounts as a Store of Value Alessandro Mennuni (Southampton)

9:30-9:40 Break

9:40-10:40 **The Changing Roles of Family Income and Academic Ability** Lutz Hendricks (*North Carolina Chapel Hill*), Chris Herrington (*Virginia Commonwealth*) and **Todd Schoellman** (*FRB Minneapolis*)

10:40-10:50 Break

Saturday, August 11 (Session 2) Labor Markets, Earnings and the Macroeconomy

10:50-11:50 Aging and the Macroeconomy Juan Carlos Conesa (Stony Brook), Daniela Costa (Penn Wharton PPI), Parisa Kamali (Minnesota), Timothy J. Kehoe (Minnesota, NBER), Vegard M. Nygaard (Minnesota), Gajendran Raveendranathan (McMaster) and Askhas Saxena (Harvard)

11:50-12:00 lunch for next presentation

12:00-1:00 **Corporate Tax Cuts and the Decline of the Labor Share** Baris Kaymak (*Montreal, CIREQ*) and **Immo Schott** (*Montreal, CIREQ*)

Adjourn

Conference Organizers: Carlos Garriga and Peter Rupert