Thursday, May 1, 2008

Arrival and Check In (check-in at 3:00 p.m; rooms will be held for guests)
The Upham Hotel, 1404 De La Vina Street, Santa Barbara (805) 962-0058
Daily continental breakfast is included in guest stay

7:00 p.m. Cocktails; 8:00 p.m. Conference Kick-Off Dinner
El Paseo Mexican Restaurant, 800 block of State Street, in the El Paseo Presidio, Santa Barbara (805) 962-6050
As restaurant is a short walk from the hotel, guests will walk between hotel and restaurant. Meet in Upham lobby at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2, 2008

*note that speakers are highlighted in author listings*

8:15 a.m.
Shuttle picks up participants at The Upham, transports to UCSB University Center/State Street Room

8:45 a.m.
Arrival at State Street Room, University Center

- 9:00-10:00: On the Case for a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
  Marina Azzimonti, Marco Battaglini and Stephen Coate
  o 10:00-10:15: Coffee Break

  Marco Battaglini and Stephen Coate
  o 11:15-11:30: Coffee Break

- 11:30-12:30: Political Economy and the Structure of Taxation
  Daron Acemoglu, Mike Golosov and Aleh Tsyvinski
  o 12:30-2:30: Lunch – Faculty Club

- 2:30-3:30: Competitive Nonlinear Taxation and Constitutional Choice
  Massimo Morelli, Huanxing Yang and Lixin Ye
  o 3:30-3:45: Coffee Break

- 3:45-4:45: A Dynamic Theory of Concessions and War
  Pierre Yared
  o 4:45-5:00: Coffee Break

- 5:00-6:00: Optimal Growth and Inequality in Uncommitted Societies
  Chris Sleet and Sevin Yeltekin

6:15 p.m.
Shuttle picks up participants, transports to The Upham
Dinner at Coast, Canary Hotel
Saturday, May 3, 2008
*note that speakers are highlighted in author listings*

8:15 a.m.
Shuttle picks up participants at The Upham, transports to UCSB University Center/State Street Room

8:45 a.m.
Arrival at State Street Room, University Center

- 9:00-10:00: Intertemporal Distortions in the Second Best
  Stefania Albanesi and Roc Armenter
    - 10:00-10:15: Coffee Break

- 10:15-11:15: The Dynamics of Optimal Taxation when Human Capital is Exogenous
  Marek Kapicka
    - 11:15-11:30: Coffee Break

- 11:30-12:30: The Political Economy of Nonlinear Capital Taxation
  Emmanuel Farhi and Iván Werning
    - 12:30-2:30: Lunch – Catered barbecue on patio overlooking lagoon

- 2:30-3:30: Accounting for Private Information
  Laurence Ales and Pricila Maziero
    - 3:30-3:45: Coffee Break

- 3:45-4:45: Nonseparable Preferences and Optimal Social Security Systems
  Borys Grochulski and Narayana Kocherlakota
    - 4:45-5:00: Coffee Break

- 5:00-6:00: On the Robustness of Laissez-Faire
  Narayana Kocherlakota and Christopher Phelan

6:15 p.m.
Shuttle picks up participants, transports to The Upham
Dinner at Café Buenos Aires