Why the Government Does Whatever It Is That The Government Does
October 6-7, 2017
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Conference Schedule
*speakers are highlighted in author listings*

Friday, October 6

9:45-10:00  Welcome

10:00-11:00 Geographic Cross-Sectional Fiscal Spending Multipliers: What Have We Learned
Gabriel Chodorow-Reich

11:00-12:00 The Heterogeneous Effects of Government Spending: It’s All About Taxes
Gaston Navarro

12:00-1:30  Group Photo followed by Lunch Served in Upham Courtyard

1:30-2:30  The Fiscal Multiplier
Kurt Mitman

2:30-2:45  Break

2:45-3:45  Debt Burdens and the Interest Rate Response to Fiscal Stimulus: Theory and Cross-Country Evidence
Dan Murphy

8:15  Dinner at Opal Restaurant & Bar, 1325 State Street
Saturday, October 7

10:00-11:00  Sovereign Risk and Fiscal (In)attention: A Look at the U.S. State Default of the 1840s  
             Huixin Bi

11:00-12:00  Fiscal Foundations of Inflation: Imperfect Knowledge  
             Stefano Eusepi

12:00-1:30  Lunch Served in Upham Courtyard

1:30-2:30   Taxing Top Earners: A Human Capital Perspective  
             Mark Huggett

2:30-2:45   Break

2:45-3:45   The Politics of Flat Taxes  
             Daniel Carroll

3:45-4:00   Break

4:00-5:00   Rethinking the Welfare State or Child-Related Transfers Household Labor Supply, and Welfare  
             Gustavo Ventura

Conference Organizers: Zachary Bethune and Eric Young