

Conference Programme

Fourth Conference on Recent Developments in Macroeconomics

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AGENDA

Thursday		Room 1	Room 2
08:30 – 09:00	Registration		
09.00 - 09.15	Welcome and Introduction		
09.15 - 10.15	Keynote Speech	Carlo Favero	
10.15 - 10.30	Coffee Break		
10.30 - 12.00	Parallel Sessions	Financial Stress	Business Cycles 1
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch		
13.00 - 14.30	Parallel Sessions	Inflation 1	Unemployment
14.30 - 15.00	Coffee Break		
15.00 - 16.30	Parallel Sessions	Empirical Macro	Economic Policies in Times of Crises
16.30 - 17.00	Coffee Break		
17:00 - 18:30	Parallel Sessions	Forecasting	Sovereign Debt
18:30 - 21:00	Conference Dinner		

Friday		Room 1	Room 2
09.00 - 10.30	Parallel Sessions	Business Cycles 2	Inflation 2
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee Break		
11.00 - 12.00	Keynote Speech	Willi Semmler	
12.00 - 12.30	Coffee Break		
12.30 - 14.00	Parallel Sessions	Spillovers	Macro and Econometrics

Thursday, July 18

09:00 – 09:15, Room 1

Welcome and Introduction

09:15 – 10:15, Room 1

Keynote Speech:

“The Output Effect of Fiscal Consolidations”

Carlo Favero (IGIER – Università Bocconi, Milan)

10:15 – 10:30

Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00

Session A1: Financial Stress, Room 1

Chair: Marcus Kappler

Wavelet-Based Early Warning Composite Indicators: An Application to the US Financial Stress Index

Marco Gallegati (Polytechnic University of Marche, Ancona)

An Early-Detection Index of Fiscal Stress for EU Countries

Katia Berti (European Commission, Brussels), Matteo Salto (European Commission, Brussels) and Matthieu Lequien

How Many Factors and Shocks Cause Financial Stress?

Marcus Kappler (ZEW Mannheim) and Frauke Schleer (ZEW Mannheim)

Session A2: Business Cycles 1, Room 2

Chair: Efrem Castelnuovo

Business Cycle Fluctuations and Private Savings in OECD Countries: A Panel Data Analysis

Yvonne Adema (Erasmus University, Rotterdam) and Lorenzo Pozzi (Erasmus University, Rotterdam)

Trend-Cycle Interactions and Cointegration Analysis in the Multivariate UC Framework: An Empirical Application to the US GDP and Consumption

Max Soloschenko (University of Regensburg) and Enzo Weber (University of Regensburg)

Uncertainty Shocks and Unemployment Dynamics: An Analysis of Post-WWII U.S. Recessions

Giovanni Caggiano (University of Padova), Efrem Castelnuovo (University of Padova) and Nicolas Groshenny (University of Adelaide)

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 14:30

Session B1: Inflation 1, Room 1

Chair: Raphael Schoenle

Institutional and Macroeconomic Determinants of Long-Term Inflation Uncertainty - An Empirical Study

Christian Conrad (Heidelberg University) and Matthias Hartmann (Heidelberg University)

Inflation Targeting, Credibility and Non-Linear Taylor Rules

Matthias Neuenkirch (RWTH Aachen) and Peter Tillmann (Justus-Liebig-University, Giessen)

Inflation Dynamics during the Financial Crisis

Simon Gilchrist (Boston University), Raphael Schoenle (Brandeis University), Jae Sim (Federal Reserve Board) and Egon Zakrajsek (Federal Reserve Board)

Session B2: Unemployment, Room 2

Chair: Finn Martensen

The Matching Function: A Selection-Based Interpretation

Britta Kohlbrecher (Friedrich-Alexander-University, Erlangen-Nuremberg), Christian Merkl (Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW)) and Daniela Nordmeier (Institute for Employment Research, Nuremberg)

Trade and Unemployment Revisited: Do Institutions Matter?

Stella Capuano (Institute for Employment Research, Nuremberg) and Hans-Jörg Schmerer (Institute for Employment Research, Nuremberg)

Globalization, Unemployment, and Product Cycles: Short and Long Run Effects

Finn Martensen (University of Konstanz)

14:30 – 15:00

Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:30

Session C1: Empirical Macro, Room 1

Chair: William Addressi

Verdoorn's Law Revisited: On How and Why the Relationship between Employment and GDP Changed

Sabine Klinger (Institute for Employment Research, Nuremberg) and Enzo Weber (Institute for Employment Research, Nuremberg)

Monetary Policy Transmission and Exchange Rate Pass-Through in Poland: Evidence from a Time-Varying VAR

Olga Arratibel (European Central Bank) and Henrike Michaelis (University of Munich)

The Effect of Productivity and Preference Shocks on Differentiated-Consumption-Goods Movements

William Addressi (University of Sassari)

Session C2: Economic Policies in Times of Crises, Room 2

Chair: Bernd Süßmuth

Savings Behavior and Means-Tested Programs

Felix Wellschmied (University of Bonn)

Target Balances and the ECB's Monetary Policy

Philippine Cour-Thimann (European Central Bank)

Scrapping Subsidies in Times of Global Crisis: How Long is the Shadow of Fiscal Stimulus?

David Leuwer (University of Leipzig) and Bernd Süßmuth (University of Leipzig)

16:30 – 17:00

Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:30

Session D1: Forecasting, Room 1

Chair: Christian Grisse

Forecasting GDP at the Regional Level with Many Predictors

Robert Lehmann (Ifo Institute, Munich) and Klaus Wohlrabe (Ifo Institute, Munich)

Outperforming IMF Forecasts by the Use of Leading Indicators

Katja Drechsel (Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH)), Sebastian Giesen (Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH)) and Axel Lindner (Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH))

Exchange Rates and External Imbalances

Christian Grisse (Swiss National Bank) and Thomas Nitschka (Swiss National Bank)

Session D2: Sovereign Debt, Room 2

Chair: Andrea Tiseno

Enhanced Debt Management for the Eurozone: Reconnecting Public Debt Management with Monetary Policy to Attain Sustainable Growth and National Debt

Richard A. Werner (University of Southampton)

Detecting Regime Shifts in Euro Area Government Bond Risk Pricing: The Impact of the Financial Crisis

Lorenzo Pozzi (Erasmus University Rotterdam & Tinbergen Institute) and Barbara Sadaba (Erasmus University Rotterdam and Tinbergen Institute)

The Elasticity of Demand for Sovereign Debt - Evidence From OECD Countries (1995-2010)

Giuseppe Grande (Banca d'Italia), Sergio Masciantonia (Banca d'Italia) and Andrea Tiseno (Banca d'Italia)

18:30 – 21:00

Conference Dinner

Friday, July 19

09:00 – 10:30

Session E1: Business Cycles 2, Room 1

Chair: Dennis Wesselbaum

The Janus-faced Role of Variable Capital Utilization in Growth and Business Cycle Theory

Holger Strulik (University of Goettingen) and Timo Trimborn (University of Goettingen)

Does Short-Time Work Save Jobs? A Business Cycle Analysis

Almut Balleer (RWTH Aachen), Britta Gehrke (Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nuremberg), Wolfgang Lechthaler (Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW)) and Christian Merkl (Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW))

Procyclical Debt as Automatic Stabilizer

Dennis Wesselbaum (University of Hamburg)

Session E2: Inflation 2, Room 2

Chair: Tobias F. Rötheli

Anchoring of Consumers' Inflation Expectations: Evidence from Microdata

Lena Dräger (University of Hamburg) and Michael J. Lamla (ETH Zurich)

Rational Inattention, Multi-Product Firms and the Neutrality of Money

Ernesto Pasten (Central Bank of Chile) and Raphael Schoenle (Brandeis University)

Pattern-Based Inflation Expectations

Tobias F. Rötheli (University of Erfurt)

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00, Room 1

Keynote Speech:

"Fiscal Consolidation from the Perspective of Multi-Regime Studies"

Willi Semmler (New School for Social Research, New York)

12:00 – 12:30

Coffee Break

12:30 – 14:00

Session F1: Spillovers, Room 1

Chair: Matthieu Charpe

Measuring Bilateral Spillover and Testing Contagion on Sovereign Bond Markets in Europe

Peter Claeysi (Universitat de Barcelona) and Bořek Vašíček (Czech National Bank)

A Theory of Sovereign Risk Premia and Financial Intermediation in the Euro Area

Philipp Engler (Free University, Berlin) and Christoph Große Steffen (German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Berlin)

The Effect of Wage Moderation on Output and Employment

Matthieu Charpe (International Labour Organization) and Stefan Kühn (International Labour Organization)

Session F2: Macro and Econometrics, Room 2

Chair: Timo Bettendorf

On the Macroeconomic Determinants of Long-Term Volatilities and Correlations in U.S. Crude Oil and Stock Markets

Christian Conrad (Heidelberg University), Karin Loch (Heidelberg University) and Daniel Rittler (Heidelberg University)

Real Interest Rate Convergence among G7 Countries

Jana Riedel (University of Muenster)

Feeding the Global VAR with theory: Is German wage moderation responsible for European imbalances?

Timo Bettendorf (University of Kent)