

Conference Programme

Fifth Conference on Recent Developments in Macroeconomics

Date: June 23-24 2014

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AGENDA

Monday, June 23		Room: 1	Room: 2
12.00 - 13.00	Registration		
13.00 - 13.15	Welcome and Introduction	Clemens Fuest (ZEW Mannheim)	
13.15 - 14.15	Keynote Speech	Yann Algan (Sciences Po Paris)	
14.15 - 14.45	Coffee Break		
14.45 - 16.15	Parallel Sessions	Financial Markets	Product Markets, Regulation and Productivity
16.15 - 16.30	Coffee Break		
16.30 - 18.00	Parallel Sessions	Monetary Policy	Unemployment Dynamics
18.00 - 18.30	Break		
18.30 - 21.00	Conference Dinner		

Tuesday, June 24		Room: 1	Room: 2
09.00 - 10.00	Keynote Speech	Jean Imbs (Paris School of Economics and CEPR)	
10.00 - 10.30	Coffee Break		
10.30 - 12.00	Parallel Sessions	Inflation	Optimum Currency Area
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch		
13.00 - 14.30	Parallel Sessions	Forecasting	Financial Stress / Credit Risk
14.30 - 14.45	Coffee Break		
		Room: Straßburg	Room: Luxemburg
14.45 - 16.15	Parallel Sessions	Leverage and Banks	Exchange Rates
16.15 - 16.30	Coffee Break		
16.30 - 18.00	Parallel Sessions	Sovereign Debt	Banks and Macro- Models

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Welcome and Introduction

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Keynote Speech:

Trust, Institutions and Growth

Yann Algan (Sciences Po Paris)

14:15 – 14:45

Coffee Break

14:45 – 16:15

Session A1: Financial Markets, Room: 1

Chair: Michael Weber

The Legal Uncertainties and Financial Fragility

Meradj Pouraghdam (Science Po Paris)

An Equilibrium Model With Diversification-Seeking Households, Competing Banks and (Non-)Correlated Financial Innovations

Sabrina Studer (University of Zurich)

Nominal Rigidities and Asset Pricing

Michael Weber (Haas School of Business - UC Berkeley)

Session A2: Product Markets, Regulation and Productivity, Room: 2

Chair: Vahagn Jerbashian

Productivity, Markups and International Trade: The Case of Small Open Economy

Umut Kilinc (STATEC)

Macroeconomic Effects of the U.S. Product Market Deregulation

Georg Duernecker (University of Mannheim) and Matthias Mand (University of Mannheim)

Knowledge Licensing in a Model of R&D-Driven Endogenous Growth

Vahagn Jerbashian (University of Barcelona and CERGE-EI)

16:15 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00

Session B1: Monetary Policy, Room: 1

Chair: Giovanni Pellegrino

Monetary Policy and Defaults in the US

Michele Piffer (London School of Economics)

Identifying Monetary Policy Shocks via Heteroskedasticity: a Bayesian Approach

Dmitry Kulikov (Eesti Pank) and Aleksei Netšunajev (Freie Universität Berlin)

Uncertainty and Monetary Policy in the US: A Journey in the Non-Linear Territory

Giovanni Pellegrino (University of Verona)

Session B2: Unemployment Dynamics, Room: 2

Chair: Tord Krogh

Hiring Uncertainty: A New Labour Market Indicator

Ekkehard Ernst (ILO, Geneva) and Christian Viegelahn (ILO, Geneva)

Employment, Hours and Wage Responses in a Labour Market with Taxes

Thomas Breda (Paris School of Economics) and Luke Haywood (DIW Berlin)

Real Wage Rigidity and the Unemployment Volatility Puzzle in a Small Open Economy

Tord Krogh (Statistics Norway and University of Oslo)

18:00 – 18:30

Break

18:30-21: 00

Conference Dinner

Tuesday, June 24

09:00 – 10:00, Room: 1

Keynote Speech:

Measuring the International Synchronization of Business Cycles

Jean Imbs (Paris School of Economics and CEPR)

10:00-10:30

Coffee Break

10:30– 12:00

Session C1: Inflation, Room: 1

Chair: Lars Winkelmann

The Determinants of Inflation Differentials in the Euro Area

Laura Moretti (Goethe University Frankfurt)

Price and Wage Inflation Inertia Under Time-Dependent Adjustments

Giovanni Di Bartolomeo (Sapienza University of Rome) and Marco Di Pietro (Sapienza University of Rome)

Inflation Expectations Spillovers between the United States and Euro Area

Aleksei Netšunajev (Freie Universität Berlin) and Lars Winkelmann (Freie Universität Berlin)

Session C2: Optimum Currency Area, Room: 2

Chair: Alessandro Ferrari

Multinational Firms and Business Cycle Transmission

Dominik Menno (European University Institute and RWTH Aachen University)

Idiosyncratic Risk, Borrowing Constraints and Financial Integration - A Discussion of Ambiguous Results

Maik Heinemann (University of Potsdam) and Alexander Wulff (University of Potsdam)

United in Divergence: Productivity Gaps, Implicit Currency Misalignments and Current Account Imbalances in Common Currency Areas

Alessandro Ferrari (Bocconi University)

12:00 – 13.00

Lunch

13:00 – 14:30

Session D1: Forecasting, Room: 1

Chair: Chiara Peroni

Does Joint Modeling of the World Economy Pay Off? Evaluating Multivariate Forecasts from a GVAR

Jonas Dovern (University of Heidelberg)

Did the Real-Time Information Content of Eurostat's Macroeconomic Data Worsen?

Ulrich Fritsche (University of Hamburg, KOF ETH Zurich and GWU Washington) and Katharina Glass (University of Hamburg)

The EU Commission Production Function Approach to Estimate Output Gap: The Case of Luxembourg

Chiara Peroni (STATEC, Luxembourg)

Session D2: Financial Stress / Credit Risk, Room: 2

Chair: Matteo Falagiarda

The Response of Monetary Policy to Financial Stress: A Dynamic Panel Threshold Analysis

Danvee Floro (University of Kiel), Joselito R. Basilio (University of Illinois in Chicago/Central Bank of the Philippines) and Björn van Roye (Kiel Institute for the World Economy)

Financial Stress, Sovereign Debt and Economic Activity in Industrialized Countries: Evidence from Dynamic Threshold Regressions

Christian R. Proaño (New School for Social Research), Christian Schoder (Vienna University of Economics and Business) and Willi Semmler (New School for Social Research)

Credit Supply Dynamics and Economic Activity in Euro Area Countries: A Time-Varying Parameter VAR Analysis

Martin Bijsterbosch (ECB) and Matteo Falagiarda (ECB and University of Bologna)

14:30– 14:45

Coffee Break

14:45– 16:15

Session E1: Leverage and Banks, Room: Straßburg

Chair: Jochen Guentner

Overleveraging in the Banking Sector: Evidence from Europe

Frauke Schleer (ZEW Mannheim), Willi Semmler (New School for Social Research) and Julian Illner (ZEW Mannheim)

Macprudential Regulation and the Role of Monetary Policy

William Taylor (Lancaster University) and Roy Zilberman (Lancaster University)

Bank Risk Taking, Credit Booms and Monetary Policy

Elena Afanasyeva (Goethe University Frankfurt) and Jochen Guentner (Johannes Kepler University Linz)

Session E2: Exchange Rates, Room: Luxemburg
Chair: Galina Kolev

Central Banks and Macroeconomic Policies: Relaxing the Trilemma

Andreas Steiner (University of Osnabrueck)

The Politics of Surprise Devaluations: Modelling Motives for Giving Up a Peg

Frank Bohn (Radboud University Nijmegen)

Fed or Fundamentals? What Drives Exchange Rates in Emerging Economies?

Galina Kolev (Cologne Institute for Economic Research and University of Mannheim)

16:15 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00

Session F1: Sovereign Debt, Room: Straßburg

Chair: Kirill Shakhnov

Sovereign Debt in the U.S. and Growth Expectations

Juan Equiza-Goñi (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Monetary Policy, Bank Bailouts and the Sovereign-Bank Risk Nexus in the Euro Area

Marcel Fratzscher (DIW Berlin, Humboldt-University Berlin and CEPR) and Malte Rieth (DIW Berlin)

The Allocation of Talent: Finance vs. Entrepreneurship

Kirill Shakhnov (European University Institute)

Session F2: Banks and Macro-Models, Room: Luxemburg

Chair: Jörg Rieger

Solow, Ramsey, and Banks

Hans Gersbach (ETH Zurich and CEPR), Jean-Charles Rochet (University of Zurich) and Martin Scheffel (University of Cologne)

Interbank Uncertainty in a DSGE Model

Christian Grimme (Ifo Institute) and Thomas Siemsen (Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich)

Global Investors, Macro-Prudential Regulation and the Transmission of Financial Shocks

Jörg Rieger (University of Heidelberg)