

European Summer Symposium in Macroeconomics

Hosted by the Banco de España
Roda de Bará, Tarragona, 28 May - 2 June 1996

Revised Programme

Wednesday 29 May

09.15 - 9.30: Opening Remarks by José Luis Malo de Molina, Director General,
Research Department, Banco de España

1. Morning Session I (Room A)

9.30-10.45: **The Monetary Transmission Mechanism**
Jess Benhabib (New York University)
Roger E A Farmer (University of California, Los Angeles and CEPR)

10.45-11.15: Coffee Break

11.15-12.30: **Optimal Taxation without State-Contingent Debt**
Albert Marcet (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona and CEPR)
Thomas Sargent (Hoover Institution and University of Chicago)
Juha Seppälä (University of Chicago)

14.00-15.30: Lunch

2. Afternoon Session I (Room A)

17.30-18.45: **Inflation Forecast Targeting: Implementing and Monitoring
Inflation Targeting**
Lars E O Svensson (Institute for International Economic Studies,
Stockholm and CEPR)

18.45-20.00: **Monetary Cohabitation in Europe**
Torsten Persson (Institute for International Economic Studies,
Stockholm and CEPR)
Guido Tabellini (Università di Brescia, IGIER, Università Bocconi,
and CEPR)

3. Afternoon Session II (Room B)

17.30-18.45: **Self-Selection of Workers in Search Equilibrium**
Giuseppe Moscarini (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

18.45-20.00: **Adverse Selection, Technology Adoption and Growth**
Gianni de Nicolò (Brandeis University)
Pietro Reichlin (Università di Roma and CEPR)
Paolo Scionolfi (Columbia University)

21.00: Dinner

Thursday 30 May

4. Morning Session II (Room A)

9.30-10.45: **The Poverty of Nations: A Quantitative Exploration**
Varadarajan V Chari (University of Minnesota and Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis)
Patrick J Kehoe (University of Pennsylvania and Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis)
Ellen R McGrattan (Duke University)

10.45-11.15: Coffee Break

11.15-12.30: **In Defence of Indirect Democracy**
David Spector (DELTA, Paris and London School of Economics)

14.00-15.30: Lunch

5. Afternoon Session I (Room A)

17.30-18.45: **Did Colonization Matter for Growth? An Empirical Exploration into the Historical Causes of Africa's Underdevelopment**
Graziella Bertocchi (Università di Modena and CEPR)
Fabio Canova (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona and CEPR)

18.45-20.00: **Ideas Determining Convergence Clubs**
Danny Quah (London School of Economics and CEPR)

6. Afternoon Session II (Room B)

17.30-18.45: **Is There a Trend Break in US GNP? A Macroeconomic Perspective**
Lutz Kilian (University of Pennsylvania)
Lee E Ohanian (University of Minnesota)

18.45-20.00: **Business Cycles in Large Cross-Sections**
Mario Forni (Università di Modena)
Lucrezia Reichlin (ECARE, Université Libre de Bruxelles and CEPR)

21.00: Dinner

Friday 31 May

7. Morning Session III *(Room A)*

9.30-10.45: **Expectation Traps and Discretion**
Varadarajan V Chari (University of Minnesota and Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis)
Lawrence J Christiano (Northwestern University)
Martin Eichenbaum (Northwestern University)

10.45-11.15: Coffee Break

11.15-12.30: **A Representative Consumer Theory of Distribution**
Francesco Caselli (Harvard University)
Jaume Ventura (Massachusetts Institute of Technology and CEPR)

14.00-15.30: Lunch

8. Afternoon Session I *(Room A)*

17.30-18.45: **Trade in Nominal Assets and Net International Capital Flows**
Philippe Bacchetta (Studienzentrum, Gerzensee, Université de Lausanne and CEPR)
Eric van Wincoop (Boston University)

18.45-20.00: **World Real Interest Rates and Productivity Shocks**
John Driffill (University of Southampton and CEPR)
Andrew Snell (University of Edinburgh)

9. Afternoon Session II *(Room B)*

17.30-18.45: **Unemployment Duration, Benefit Duration, and the Business Cycle**
Manuel Arellano (CEMFI, Madrid)
Samuel Bentolila (CEMFI, Madrid and CEPR)
Olympia Bover (Banco de España)

18.45-20.00: **Labor Market Flexibility and Aggregate Employment Volatility**
Antonio Cabrales (University College London and Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona)
Hugo Hopenhayn (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona)

21.00: Dinner

Saturday 1 June

10. Morning Session IV (Room A)

9.30-10.45: **Elephants**
Michael Kremer (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Charles Morcom (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

10.45-11.15: Coffee Break

11.15-12.30: **The Economics of Cultural Transmission and the Dynamics of Preferences**
Alberto Bisin (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Thierry Verdier (DELTA, Paris and CEPR)

14.00-15.30: Lunch

11. Afternoon Session I (Room A)

17.30-18.45: **Unions and Wage Insurance**
Michael Burda (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin and CEPR)

18.45-20.00: **Capital-Skill Complementarity and Inequality**
Per Krusell (University of Rochester and CEPR)
Lee Ohanian (University of Minnesota and University of Pennsylvania)
José-Victor Ríos-Rull (Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and University of Pennsylvania)
Giovanni L Violante (University of Pennsylvania)

12. Afternoon Session II (Room B)

17.30-18.45: **Capital Income Taxation, Heterogeneous Agents and Imperfect Capital Markets**
Christophe Chamley (DELTA and CEPR)

18.45-20.00: **Optimal Government Spending and Taxation in Endogenous Growth Models**

Giancarlo Corsetti (Università di Roma III)

Nouriel Roubini (Stern School of Business, NYU and CEPR)

21.00 Dinner

Sunday 2 June

13. Morning Session V

(Room A)

9.00-10.15: **Control of the Public Debt: A Requirement for Price Stability?**

Michael Woodford (Princeton University)

10.15-10.45: Coffee Break

Organizers: Daniel Cohen (Université de Paris I, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris and CEPR)

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Philippe Weil (ECARE, Université Libre de Bruxelles and CEPR)

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