“Zero Bound on Interest Rates and New Directions in Monetary Policy” conference

The Laurier Centre for Economic Research and Policy Analysis and the Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis in Canada

October 7-8, 2011, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Program

Thursday, October 6, 7:00 - Welcome dinner

Friday, October 7, 2011

9:00-10:00 Plenary talk: Gauti Eggertsson (Federal Reserve Bank of New York)

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:00 Session 1: Lessons from Quantitative Easing

Yoshiyuki Nakazono* (Waseda University and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) and Kozo Ueda (Bank of Japan)

Policy Commitment and Market Expectations: Lessons Learned from Survey Based Evidence under Japan's Quantitative Easing Policy

Christopher J. Neely (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis)

The Large-Scale Asset Purchases Had Large International Effects

Discussants: René Lalonde, Bank of Canada
Ke Pang, Wilfrid Laurier University

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30 Session 2: Fiscal and Monetary Policy in Liquidity Trap

Signe Krogstrup*, Samuel Reynard and Barbara Sutter (Swiss National Bank)

Liquidity Effect at the Zero Lower Bound

Julio A. Carrillo (Ghent University) and Céline Poilly* (Université catholique de Louvain, IRES)

On the Recovery Path during a Liquidity Trap: Do Financial Frictions Matter for Fiscal Multipliers?

Discussants: Angelo Melino, University of Toronto
Trevor Tombe, Wilfrid Laurier University

2:30-3:00 Coffee break

3:00-4:30 Session 3: Monetary Policy and Volatility

Kimberly Beaton, Benjamin Evans and René Lalonde* (Bank of Canada)

The Relative Merits of Inflation Targeting versus Price Level Targeting: Banking Sector Shocks, Banking Crises and the Lower Bound of Interest Rates

Etienne Farvaque (Université de Lille 1), Piotr Stanek* (Cracow University of Economics) and Stephane Vigeant (Université de Lille 1)

How Efficient are MPCs in Managing Aggregate Volatility?

Discussants: Paula Hernández-Verme, Universidad de Guanajuato
Martin Menner (Universidad de Alicante)

7:00 – Conference dinner
Saturday, October 8, 2011

9:00-10:00 Plenary talk: Stephanie Schmitt-Grohé (Columbia University)

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:00 Session 4: What are the Effects of Large Scale Asset Purchases?

  Christiane Baumeister* (Bank of Canada) and Luca Benati (Banque de France)
  
  *Unconventional Monetary Policy and the Great Recession: Estimating the Impact of a Compression in the Yield Spread at the Zero Lower Bound

  Sharon Kozicki, Eric Santor* and Lena Suchanek (Bank of Canada)
  
  The Impact of Large Scale Asset Purchases on Commodity Prices

  Discussants: Gabriel Bruneau, University of Montreal
  David Laidler, University of Western Ontario and C.D. Howe Institute

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30 Session 5: Exit Strategies

  Andrew T. Foerster (Duke University)
  
  Financial Crises, Unconventional Monetary Policy Exit Strategies, and Agents’ Expectations

  Jaime Marquez, Ari Morsey and Bernd Schlusche* (Federal Reserve Board)
  
  Overnight Interest Rates and Reserve Balances: Econometric Modeling of Exit Strategies

  Discussants: Giuseppe Ferrero, Bank of Italy
  Matthew Doyle, University of Waterloo

2:30-3:00 Coffee break

3:00-4:30 Session 6: Modeling Monetary Policy

  Robert Amano, Rhys Mendes and Stephen Murchison* (Bank of Canada)
  
  Endogenous Rule-of-Thumb Price Setters and Monetary Policy

  Martin Menner (Universidad de Alicante)
  
  “Gesell” Tax and Efficiency of Monetary Exchange

  Discussants: Jean-Paul Lam, University of Waterloo
  Babak Mahmoudi, Queen’s University