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Programme

Thursday 11 June

9.00-09.30   *Registration and Coffee*

09.30-10.30   **A multi-country approach to forecasting output growth using PMIs**
Alexander Chudik, Valerie Grossman (both Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas) and
*M Hashem Pesaran (University of Southern California)

Discussant: Ana Galvão (Warwick Business School)

10.30-11.30   **TFP, News, and "Sentiments:" The International Transmission of Business Cycles**
*Andrei Levchenko ((University of Michigan and CEPR) and Nitya Pandalai Nayar (University of Michigan)

Discussant: Régis Barnichon (CREI, Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CEPR)

11.30-12.00   *Coffee break*

12.00-13.00   **Dynamic Model Averaging in Large Model Spaces Using Dynamic Occam's Window**
*Luca Onorante (Central Bank of Ireland) and Adrian E. Raftery (University of Washington)

Discussant: Francesco Ravazzolo (Norges Bank and BI Norwegian Business School)

13.00-14.00   *Lunch*

14.00-15.00   **Poster session 1**

15.00-16.00   **Dynamic predictive density combinations for large datasets in economics and finance**
Roberto Casarin (University Ca' Foscari of Venice and GRETA), *Herman K van Dijk (Erasmus University Rotterdam, VU University Amsterdam and Tinbergen Institute), Stefano Grassi (Aarhus University and CREATES) and Francesco Ravazzolo (Norges Bank)

Discussant: Gernot Doppelhofer (Norwegian School of Economics)

16.00-16.30 *Coffee break*

16.30-17.30 **Large Time-Varying Parameter VAR: A nonparametric approach**
George Kapetanios (Queen Mary University of London), Massimiliano Marcellino (EABCN, Bocconi University and CEPR) and *Fabrizio Venditti (Banca d'Italia)

Discussant: Andreas Pick (De Nederlandsche Bank and Erasmus University Rotterdam)

17.30-18.30 **Approximating time varying structures with time invariant models**
*Fabio Canova (European University Institute and CEPR), Filippo Ferroni (Banque de France and University of Surrey) and Christian Matthes (Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond)

Discussant: Michele Lenza (European Central Bank)

Friday 12 June

08.40-09.00 *Registration and Coffee*

09.00-10.00 **Fiscal Volatility Shocks and Economic Activity**
*Jesús Fernández-Villaverde (University of Pennsylvania and CEPR), Pablo A. Guerrón-Quintana (Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia), Keith Kuester (University of Bonn), Juan Francisco Rubio-Ramírez (Duke University and CEPR)

Discussant: Luca Benati (University of Bern)

10.00-11.00 **Private debt overhang and the government spending multiplier: Evidence for the United States**
Macro Barnardini and *Gert Peersman (both Ghent University)

Discussant: Igor Masten (University of Ljubljana and Bank of Slovenia)

11.00-11.30 *Coffee Break*

11.30-12.30 **Sign Restrictions, Structural Vector Autoregressions, and Useful Prior Information**
*Christiane Baumeister (Bank of Canada) and James D. Hamilton (UCSD)

Discussant: Hilde Christiane Bjørnland (BI Norwegian Business School)

12.30-13.30 *Lunch*

13.30-14.30 **Poster Session 2**

14.30-15.30 **Macroeconomic Forecasting with Small and Medium-Scale Mixed Frequency Bayesian VARS**
Scott Brave (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), R. Andrew Butters (Northwestern University) and *Alejandro Justiniano (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago)

Discussant: Filippo Ferroni (Banque de France)

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* Indicates the presenter.
Sessions are divided into 35 minutes for the presenter, 15 minutes for discussant and 10 minutes for general discussion.

Stress testing the EU fiscal framework
Igor Masten (University of Ljubljana and Bank of Slovenia)

Semi-Global Solutions to DSGE Models : Perturbation Around a Deterministic Path
Victors Ajevskis (Bank of Latvia)

On the Sources of Business Cycles: A Case for Demand-Driven Fluctuations
Michal Andrle (IMF), *Jan Bruha (Czech National Bank) and Serhat Solmaz (The World Bank)

Medium-Term Conditional Forecasting of Euro-Area Macroeconomic Variables with DSGE and BVARX models
Lorenzo Burlon, *Simone Emiliozzi, Andrea Gerali, Alessandro Notarpietro and Massimiliano Pisani (all Banca d'Italia)

Monitoring the world business cycle
Maximo Camacho (Universidad de Murcia) and *Jaime Martínez-Martín (Banco de España and Universidad de Barcelona)

Mixed-frequency large-scale factor models
Elena Andreou (University of Cyprus), Patrick Gagliardini (Università della Svizzera Italiana and SFI) and Eric Ghysels (University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill) and *Mirco Rubin (Università della Svizzera Italiana)

Are the DSGE model shocks fundamental or redundant?
*Filippo Ferroni (Banque de France), Stefano Grassi (University of Kent) and Miguel Leon-Ledesma (University of Kent)

Characterising Financial Cycles Across Europe : One Size Does Not Fit All
Paul P. Hiebert, Tuomas A. Peltonen, *Yves Schüler (all European Central Bank)

Labor supply factors and economic fluctuations
*Francesco Furlanetto (Norges Bank), Claudia Foroni (Norges Bank) and Antoine Lepetit (Paris School of Economics)

Austerity versus Stimulus: The Asymmetric Government Spending Multiplier
Régis Barnichon (CREI, Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CEPR)

A comprehensive evaluation of macroeconomic forecasting methods
Andrea Carriero (Queen Mary University of London), *Ana Galvão (Warwick Business School) and George Kapetanios (Queen Mary University of London)

Using Low Frequency Information for Predicting High Frequency Variables
*Claudia Foroni (Norges Bank), Pierre Guérin (Bank of Canada) and Massimiliano Marcellino (EABCN, Bocconi University and CEPR)

Optimal forecasts from Markov switching models
Tom Boot (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and *Andreas Pick (De Nederlandsche Bank and Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Priors for the long run
Michele Lenza (European Central Bank)

Uncertainty and Economic Activity: A Global Perspective
*Ambrogio Cesa-Bianchi (Bank of England), Alessandro Rebucci (The John Hopkins Carey Business School) and M Hashem Pesaran (University of Southern California)

Estimating Volatility Shocks
*Carlos Montes-Galdon (European Central Bank)

EuroMInd-D: A Density Estimate of Monthly Gross Domestic Product for the Euro Area
Martyna Marczak (University of Hohenheim), *Gian Luigi Mazzi (EuroStat) Tommaso Proietti (Universita di Roma "Tor Vergata" and CREATES)

Credit Cycles and Real Activity: The Swiss Case
Gregor Bäurle and *Rolf Scheufele (both Swiss National Bank)