



SOUTHERN WORKSHOP IN MACROECONOMICS

Auckland, New Zealand

19 – 20 March 2010

PROGRAM

VENUE:

The Business School, Department of Economics, University of Auckland

Room 206, Owen G. Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road, Auckland, New Zealand

FRIDAY, 19 MARCH

08:30 - 08:55 Registration / Coffee, Juice, Muffins (Level 2 Foyer)

08:55 – 09:00 Opening remarks

Session 1.1. International Business Cycles

09:00 - 09:45 *What Determines European Real Exchange Rates?*

Martin Berka, Massey University; Michael B. Devereux, University of British Columbia

09:45 - 10:30 *Do Falling Iceberg Costs Explain Recent US Export Growth?*

Horag Choi, University of Auckland; George Alessandria, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break (Level 2 Foyer)

Session 1.2. Business Cycles

10:45 - 11:30 *Inflation and Unemployment Gaps in U.S. Business Cycles*

Nicolas Groshenny, Reserve Bank of New Zealand

11:30 - 12:15 *The Transmission of Foreign Shocks to the NZ Economy in an Estimated Structural Small Open Economy Model*

Güneş Kamber, Reserve Bank of New Zealand; Ashley Dunstan, Reserve Bank of New Zealand

12:15 - 13:30 Lunch (Level 3 Social Bridge)

Session 1.3. Social Security, Dynamics and Growth

13:30 - 14:15 Social Security as a Commitment Device
Begoña Domínguez, University of Auckland; Juan Carlos Conesa, UAB

14:15 - 15:00 *Infectious Diseases and Economic Growth*
Aditya Goenka, National University of Singapore; Lin Liu, National University of Singapore; Manh Hung Nguyen, Toulouse School of Economics

15:00 - 15:15 Coffee Break (Level 2 Foyer)

Session 1.4. Health and Labor

15:15 - 16:00 *The Provision of Public Universal Health Insurance: Impacts on Private Insurance, Portfolio Choices and Welfare*
Junsang Lee, Australian National University; Minchung Hsu, GRIPS

16:00 - 16:45 *Risk Sharing Or Bargaining?: The Impact of Spousal Labor Supply on Unemployment Duration*
Jing Liu, Renmin University of China

16:45 - 17:00 Coffee Break (Level 2 Foyer)

17:00 - 18:00 Invited Speaker
Professor Hugo Hopenhayn, University of California – Los Angeles

18:00 - 19:00 Welcome Cocktail (Level 3 Spicers)

SATURDAY, 20 MARCH

08:30 - 09:00 Coffee, Juice, Muffins (Level 2 Foyer)

Session 2.1. Growth

09:00 - 09:45 *American Take-off and the British Fall, Productivity Growth Reconsidered*
Rajabrata Banerjee, Monash University; Jakob B. Madsen, Monash University

09:45 - 10:30 *Endogenous Growth, Population Growth and the Repugnant Conclusion*
Simone Marsiglio, University of Milan

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break (Level 2 Foyer)

Session 2.2. Business Cycles

10:45 - 11:30 *International Business Cycles and the Relative Price of Investment Goods*
Christoph Thoenissen, Victoria University of Wellington; Parantap Basu, University of Durham

11:30 - 12:15 *Investment-specific Technology Shocks and Consumption*
Francesco Furlanetto, Norgess Bank; Martin Seneca, Central Bank of Iceland

12:15 - 13:15 Lunch (Level 3 Social Bridge)

Session 2.3. Taxation and Inequality

13:15 - 14:00 *Progressive Redistribution and Endogenous Growth: A New Finding*
Debasis Bandyopadhyay, University of Auckland; Xueli Tang, Deakin University

14:00 - 14:45 *On Inequality, Tax Evasion and Progressive Taxes*
Mark Phoon, Queensland University of Technology; Radhika Lahiri, Queensland University of Technology

14:45 - 15:00 Coffee Break (Level 2 Foyer)

15:00 - 16:00 Invited Speaker
Professor Timothy J. Kehoe, University of Minnesota

19:00 - 21:00 Workshop Dinner (Cin Cin Restaurant,
Ferry Building, 99 Quay Street)

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