

EURO AREA BUSINESS CYCLE NETWORK (EABCN)

Conference on
“Advances in Business Cycle Analysis”

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Programme

Thursday 30 May 2019

08:15-08:45 **Registration**

08:45-09:00 **Opening Remarks, Óscar Arce (Banco de España)**

Session 1 (Chair: Gabriel Perez-Quiros) - Structural models

09:00-09:50 **Invited talk: Lucrezia Reichlin (London Business School and CEPR): Modelling Inflation**

09:50-10:20 **Mind the gap! Stylized dynamic facts and structural models**

* Filippo Ferroni (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago)
Joint with Fabio Canova (Norwegian Business School, CAMP and CEPR)

10:20-10:50 **Structural Scenario Analysis with SVARs**

*Ivan Petrella (University of Warwick)
Joint with Juan Antolín-Díaz (London Business School) and Juan F. Rubio-Ramírez (Emory University, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta)

10:50-11:20 **Coffee Break**

Session 2 (Chair: Esther Ruiz) - Macroeconomic uncertainty

11:20-11:50 **The Economic Drivers of Volatility and Uncertainty**

*Massimiliano Marcellino (Bocconi University, IGER, BAFFI-CAREFIN and CEPR)
Joint with Andrea Carriero (Queen Mary, University of London) and Francesco Corsello (Bank of Italy)

11:50-12:20 **Monetary Policy Uncertainty: A Tale of Two Tails**

*Tatevik Sekhposyan (Texas A&M University)
Joint with Tatjana Dahlhaus (Bank of Canada)

12:20-12:50 **Ex-Ante Uncertainty and the Euro Area Business Cycle**

*Cecilia Melo Fernandes (University of Amsterdam, EIOPA)
Joint with Geoff Kenny (European Central Bank)

12:50-14:30 **Lunch and Poster session 1**

Session 3 (Chair: Gergely Ganics) - Macroeconomic forecasting

14:30-15:00 **Improved Methods for Combining Point Forecasts for an Asymmetrically Distributed Variable**

*Shaun Vahey (University of Warwick and CAMA)
Joint with Özer Karagedikli (SEACEN and CAMA) and Elizabeth C. Wakerly (Economic Prediction Systems)

15:00-15:30 **How is Machine Learning Useful for Macroeconomic Forecasting?**

*Dalibor Stevanovic (Université du Québec à Montréal)
Joint with Philippe Goulet Coulombe (University of Pennsylvania), Maxime Leroux (Université du Québec à Montréal) and Stéphane Surprenant (Université du Québec à Montréal)

15:30-16:00 **Monetary Policy and the Predictability of Nominal Exchange Rate**

*Benjamin K. Johansson (Federal Reserve Board)
Joint with Martin Eichenbaum and Sergio Rebelo (both Northwestern University)

16:00-16:30 **Coffee Break**

Session 4 (Chair: Marc Giannoni) - Regime switching, non-linearities and business/financial cycles

16:30-17:00 **Estimating Macroeconomic Models of Financial Crises: An Endogenous Regime Switching Approach**

*Christopher Otrok (University of Missouri and Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis)
Joint with Gianluca Benigno (London School of Economics and CEPR), Andrew Foerster (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco) and Alessandro Rebucci (Johns Hopkins University and NBER)

17:00-17:30 **Forecasting and stress testing macro-financial linkages**

*Simone Manganelli (European Central Bank)
Joint with Sul Khan Chavleishvili (European Central Bank)

17:30-18:00 **Quantile Factor Models**

*Juan J. Dolado (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)
Joint with Liang Chen (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics) and Jesús Gonzalo (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

18:00-18:30 **Contagious Switching**

*Michael T. Owyang (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis)
Joint with Jeremy Piger (University of Oregon) and Daniel Soques (University of North Carolina Wilmington)

Friday 31 May 2019

Session 5 (Chair: Barbara Rossi) - Business cycles and New Keynesian models

08:40-9:30 **Invited Talk: Marc Giannoni (Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas): Global Trends in Interest Rates and r^***

09:30-10:00 **Putting the Cycle Back into Business Cycle Analysis**

*Dana Galizia (Carleton University)
Joint with Paul Beaudry (Bank of Canada and NBER) and Franck Portier (University College London and CEPR)

10:00-10:30 **Sticky prices and the transmission mechanism of monetary policy: A minimal test of New Keynesian models**

*Guido Ascari (University of Oxford)
Joint with Timo Haber (University of Cambridge)

- 10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**
- Session 6 (Chair: Evi Pappa) - Micro-level data, macro-level fluctuations, and business cycle dating**
- 11:00-11:30 **Sentimental Business Cycles**
 *Evi Pappa (European University Institute, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, CEPR)
 Joint with Andresa Lagerborg (European University Institute) and Morten O. Ravn (University College London, CEPR and ESRC Centre for Macroeconomics)
- 11:30-12:00 **Monetary Policy, Corporate Finance and Investment**
 *Clodomiro Ferreira (Banco de España)
 Joint with James Cloyne (University of California Davis, NBER and CEPR), Maren Froemel (London Business School) and Paolo Surico (London Business School, Bank of England and CEPR)
- 12:00-12:30 **Monetary Policy and Production Networks: an Empirical Investigation**
 *Mishel Ghassibe (University of Oxford)
- 12:30-13:00 **A new approach to dating the reference cycle**
 *Ana Gómez Loscos (Banco de España)
 Join with Maximo Camacho (University of Murcia) and María Dolores Gadea Rivas (University of Zaragoza)
- 13:00-14:30 **Lunch and Poster session 2**
- Session 7 (Chair: Elmar Mertens) - Lessons from the Great Recession**
- 14:30-15:00 **A Time Series Model of Interest Rates With the Effective Lower Bound**
 *Elmar Mertens (Deutsche Bundesbank)
 Joint with Benjamin K. Johansson (Federal Reserve Board)
- 15:00-15:30 **Euro Area and U.S. External Adjustment: The Role of Commodity Prices and Emerging Market Shocks**
 *Robert Kollmann (ECARES, Université Libre de Bruxelles and CEPR)
 Joint with Massimo Giovannini (European Commission, JRC), Stefan Hohberger (European Commission, JRC), Marco Ratto (European Commission, JRC), Werner Roeger (European Commission, DG ECFIN) and Lukas Vogel (European Commission, DG ECFIN)
- 15:30-16:00 **Public Expenditure Multipliers in Recessions. Evidence from the Eurozone**
 *Salvatore Perdichizzi (University of Bologna)
 Joint with Andrea Boitani (Catholic University of Sacred Heart)
- 16:00 Closing remarks

* Indicates the presenter.

Invited talks are divided into 45 minutes for the presenter and 5 minutes for general discussion. Other presentations are 25 minutes for the presenter and 5 minutes for general discussion.

Poster Session 1 (12:50 – 14:30 Thursday 30 May)

Survey-Based Multivariate Density Forecasts

*Florens Odendahl (Banque de France)

The Real-Time Information Content of Financial Stress on European Business Cycles

*Thomas Theobald (Macroeconomic Policy Institute IMK)

Joint with Jakob Fiedler (University Duisburg-Essen and Deutsche Apotheker- und Ärztebank)

Is euro area lowflation here to stay? Insights from a time-varying parameter model with survey data

*Joris Wauters (National Bank of Belgium and Ghent University)

Joint with Arnoud Stevens (National Bank of Belgium)

Poster Session 2 (13:00 – 14:30 Friday 31 May)

Is there News in Inventories?

*Christoph Gortz (University of Birmingham)

Joint with Christopher Gunn (Carleton University) and Thomas Lubik (Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond)

Monetary policy communication shocks and the macroeconomy

*Benedikt Kolb (European University Institute and Deutsche Bundesbank)

Joint with Robert Goodhead (European University Institute and Central Bank of Ireland)

Heterogeneous Effects of Single Monetary Policy on Unemployment Rates in the Largest EMU Economies

*Alexander Mihailov (University of Reading)

Joint with Giovanni Razzu and Zhe Wang (both University of Reading)

State-Dependent Monetary Policy Regimes

*Shayan Zakipour-Saber (Central Bank of Ireland)