

2ND CESIFO - ECONPOL EUROPE WORKSHOP

Public Policy Evaluation and Optimal Policy Design

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Program

Thursday, 15 October 2020

Session 1

Tax-Benefit Systems

Chair: António Afonso

- 10:00 – 10:05 **Welcome & Introduction**
- 10:05 – 10:40 **Tax-benefit Systems and the Gender Gap in Income**
Karina Doorley and CLAIRE KEANE (Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin)
Discussant: General discussion
- 10:40 – 11:15 **Who Carries the Burden of the Value-Added Tax? Evidence from Germany**
SAMINA SULTAN (LMU Munich)
Discussant: Daniel Stöhlker
- 11:15 – 11:50 **VAT Pass-Through in German Supermarket Retail**
Florian Neumeier and DANIEL STÖHLKER (ifo Institute)
Discussant: António Afonso
- 11:50 – 12:25 **Structural Tax Reforms and Public Spending Efficiency**
ANTÓNIO AFONSO (University of Lisbon), João Tovar Jalles, and Ana Venâncio
Discussant: Claire Keane
- 12:25 – 14:00 **Lunch**

Session 2

Keynote Lecture

Chair: Andreas Peichl

- 14:00 – 15:00 **Keynote Lecture**
How Does Free Mobility of Labor Affect Local Labor Markets Across National Borders
ANDREA WEBER (Central European University) and Julia Schmieder

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Session 3

Sustainable Growth and Macroeconomic Policies

Chair: Mathias Dolls

- 15:00 – 15:35 **Close Encounters of the European Kind: Economic Integration, Sectoral Heterogeneity and Structural Reforms**
 Nauro F. Campos, Vera Z.Eichenauer, and JAN-EGBERT STURM (KOF, ETH Zürich)
 Discussant: Kai Gehring
- 15:35 – 16:10 **External Threats and Group Identity – The Effect of the Russian Invasion in Ukraine on European Union Identity**
 KAI GEHRING (University of Zürich)
 Discussant: Michael Weber
- 16:10 – 16:45 **Managing Household Expectations with Unconventional Policies**
 Francesco D’Acunto, Daniel Hoang, and MICHAEL WEBER (Chicago Booth)
 Discussant: Jan-Egbert Sturm

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Session 4

Eurozone Governance and Macroeconomic Policies

Chair: Jan Fidrmuc

- 9:30 – 10:05 **Debt Rule Design in Theory and Practice: The SGP’s Debt Benchmark Revisited**
 SEBASTIAN HAUPTMEIER (European Central Bank) and Christophe Kamps
 Discussant: Wouter van der Wielen
- 10:05 – 10:40 **Do EU Fiscal Rules Support or Hinder Counter-Cyclical Fiscal Policy?**
 Martin Larch, Eloïse Orseau, and WOUTER VAN DER WIELEN (European Commission, Joint Research Centre)
 Discussant: Christian Keuschnigg
- 10:40 – 11:15 **Italy in the Eurozone**
 CHRISTIAN KEUSCHNIGG (University of St. Gallen), Linda Kirschner, Michael Kogler, and Hannah Winterberg
 Discussant: Thomas Davoine

Session 5

EU Policies

Chair: Christian Keuschnigg

- 11:15 - 11:50 **An Efficiency-Based Rationale for Cross-Country Transfers within the European Union**
 THOMAS DAVOINE (Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna)
 Discussant: Jan Fidrmuc

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11:50 - 12:25 **The Elusive Quest for the Holy Grail of an Impact of EU Funds on Regional Growth**
JAN FIDRMUC (Université de Lille), Martin Hulényi, and Olga Zajkowska
Discussant: Sebastian Hauptmeier

12:25 – 14:00 **Lunch**

Session 6

Labor I

Chair: Julia Schmieder

14:00 – 14:35 **Do Employers Discriminate Participants in Active Labour Market Policies? A Field Experiment During the COVID-19 Pandemic**
ARIANNA GATTA (European University Institute)
Discussant: Patrick Arni

14:35 – 15:10 **Unemployment Insurance and Learning: Evidence from Reservation Wages**
PATRICK ARNI (University of Bristol) and Yanos Zylberberg
Discussant: Ronnie Schöb

15:10 – 15:45 **A New Solidary Basic Income Scheme for Germany**
RONNIE SCHÖB (Freie Universität Berlin)
Discussant: Julia Schmieder

Session 7

Labor II

Chair: Arianna Gatta

15:45 – 16:20 **Health of Elderly Parents, Their Children's Labor Supply, and the Role of Migrant Care Workers**
Wolfgang Frimmel, Martin Halla, Jörg Paetzold, and JULIA SCHMIEDER (DIW Berlin)
Discussant: Samuel Young

16:20 – 16:55 **Non-Compete Clauses, Job Mobility, and Job Quality: Evidence from a Low-Earner Noncompete Ban in Austria**
SAMUEL YOUNG (MIT)
Discussant: Arianna Gatta

End of Conference