

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

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Program

Thursday, October 6,

7:00 - Welcome dinner, Bauer Kitchen

Friday, October 7, 2011

9:00-10:00 Plenary talk:

Chair: William Morrison, Wilfrid Laurier University

Gauti Eggertsson (Federal Reserve Bank of New York)

The Inflation-Output Tradeoff Revisited

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

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

Chair: Steffen Ziss, Wilfrid Laurier University

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: José Dorich, Bank of Canada

Ke Pang, Wilfrid Laurier University

12:00-1:00 Lunch

**1:00-3:15 Session 2: Fiscal and Monetary Policy in Liquidity Trap,
Monetary Policy and Volatility**

Chair: Afifa Khazri, Royal Military College

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?

Etiene 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: Angelo Melino, University of Toronto
Trevor Tombe, Wilfrid Laurier University
Martin Menner (Universidad de Alicante)

7:00 – Conference dinner, Solé

Saturday, October 8, 2011

9:00-10:00 Plenary talk:

Chair: David Laidler, University of Western Ontario and C.D. Howe Institute and RCEA

Stephanie Schmitt-Grohé (Columbia University)

Liquidity Traps: An Interest-Rate-Based Exit Strategy

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:00 Session 3: What are the Effects of Large Scale Asset Purchases?

Chair: Mohammed Douch, Royal Military College

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 4: Exit Strategies

Chair: Lukasz Rachel, Bank of England

Andrew T. Foerster (Duke University)

Financial Crises, Unconventional Monetary Policy Exit Strategies, and Agents' Expectations

Jaime Marquez, Ari Morse and Bernd Schusche* (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 5: Modeling Monetary Policy

Chair: Bidyut Talukdar, Saint Mary's University

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

