

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

October 7-8, 2011, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Conference Organization:

The conference will take place at Wilfrid Laurier University, SBE building, corner of University and Albert (wlu.ca/maps/campusmap.php). We will host a welcome dinner on October 6. The conference will start around 9am on October 7 and finish around 4pm on October 8. The plenary talks will be for an hour; there will be two papers per session, 75 minutes.

Hotels:

We reserved rooms for the conference at three hotels: the Waterloo Hotel (thewaterloohotel.ca/), Comfort Inn (comfortinn.com/hotel-waterloo-canada-CN314) and Waterloo Inn (waterlooinn.com). The first is a boutique hotel in the centre of town; the second motel – style, both about 15 min walk from the conference venue, and the third is a larger hotel about 2km away. **Please book the rooms as soon as possible and in any case before September 6** because it is the weekend of the Octoberfest. Please ask for LCERPA Conference (WLU) block booking. The rooms are reserved for us until September 6; afterwards they will be released.

Directions:

The most convenient way to get to Waterloo is to fly to Toronto. The Pearson International airport (YYZ) is about 90km from Waterloo. The city can be reached by airport limousine or airport transport (airwaystransit.com – should be booked in advance); this will take 50 min and up, depending on traffic. The conference overlaps a long weekend (Canadian Thanksgiving holiday is on Monday, Oct 10) so on Friday afternoon the trip can be take a long time. Car rental is an economical choice, the drive is very simple (drive west on highway 401, take exit 278 to Kitchener-Waterloo, take exit to highway 85, take University Ave West exit, then follow map: wlu.ca/maps/directions.php).

Porter Airlines (www.flyporter.com) fly to Toronto Island airport from several large cities in the US, with frequent bus service from downtown Toronto. Buffalo, NY and Detroit are more distant possibilities and require car rental.

Attractions

- the area was settled by German immigrants and it holds the supposedly second largest Octoberfest (after Munich)
- there are many Mennonite communities nearby; Sunday is an excellent day to see old-order Mennonites go to church by horse buggies
- Niagara Falls is ninety minutes away
- Toronto is the largest Canadian city, with a vibrant cultural, gastronomic and sport life;
- with a bit of luck, Fall colours will be in full bloom.