

THEORY AND EVIDENCE IN MACROECONOMICS

University of Bergamo, 15-17 October 1998, Via Salvecchio 19, Room 4

Thursday 15th October

9.15 Welcome address

- Giancarlo Graziola (*University of Bergamo, Head of the Department of Economics*)

9.30- 12.00 **P** 1. THE BUSINESS CYCLE

Chair: Roger Backhouse

- Craig Burnside (*World Bank*), Martin Eichenbaum (*Northwestern University and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*) and Jonas Fisher (*Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*), **“Estimating the Effects of Fiscal Policy Shocks Using Structural and Non-Structural Models”**;

- Don Harding (*Melbourne Institute*) and Adrian Pagan (*Australian National University*), **“Knowing the Cycle”**.

Discussant: James Hartley (*Mount Holyoke College*)

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch-buffet (Caffè del Tasso - Piazza Vecchia)

13.30 - 16.00 **P** 2. THE NEW KEYNESIAN MACROECONOMICS

Chair: James Hartley

- Huw Dixon (*University of York*), **“Theory, Evidence, and New Keynesian Economics in the 1980s”**;

- Domenico Delli Gatti (*Catholic University of Milan*) and Roberto Tamborini (*University of Trento*), **“The Macroeconomics of Imperfect Capital Market”**.

Discussant: Mark Blaug (*University of Exeter*)

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee-break

16.30 - 18.00 **P** 3. THE OLD GROWTH THEORY AND THE NEW

Chair: Mark Blaug

- Paolo Sylos-Labini (*University of Rome*), **“Critical Reflections on the New Growth Theory”**;

- Steeven N. Durlauf (*University of Wisconsin, Madison*), **“Empirics versus Theory in the New Economics of Growth”**(*).

Discussant: Andrea Salanti (*University of Bergamo*)

(*) *Because of illness, Steve Durlauf will be unable to be present, though he intends to write a paper for the volume*

~ 20.00 Dinner (Hotel Cappello d'Oro)

Friday 16th October

9.00 - 12.00 **P** 4. NEW ECONOMETRIC TECHNIQUES AND MACROECONOMICS

Chair: Mary Morgan

- Katarina Juselius (*European University Institute, Florence*), **“On the Concept of Models and Relations in Macroeconomics and Time Series Econometrics”**.

- Ron Smith (*Birkbeck College, University of London*), **“Unit Roots and All That: The Impact of Time-Series Methods in Macroeconomics”**;

Discussants: Carlo Favero (*Bocconi University, Milan*)

Kevin D. Hoover (*University of California, Davis*),

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch-buffet (*Caffè del Tasso - Piazza Vecchia*)

16.30 - 19.00 P 5. THE ROLE OF MONETARY POLICY IN MACROECONOMIC MANAGEMENT

Chair: Carlo Favero

- David F. Hendry (*Oxford University*), “**Modelling U.K. Inflation over the Long Run: Does Money Matter?**”.

- Bennett T. McCallum (*Carnegie Mellon University*), “**Recent Development in Monetary Policy Analysis: The Roles of Theory and Evidence**”;

Discussant: Mary Morgan (*London School of Economics and University of Amsterdam*)

~ **20.00 Dinner** (*Hotel Cappello d’Oro*)

Saturday 17th October

8.45 - 10.45 P 6. MACROECONOMICS IN OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

Chair: Andrea Salanti

- Ivo Maes (*University of Leuven*), “**Macroeconomic Policymaking at the European Commission in the First Half of the 1980s**”;

- Thomas Mayer (*University of California, Davis*), “**Using Government Documents to Assess the Influence of Academic Economics on Macro Policy**”.

Discussant: - Daniel Hausman (*University of Wisconsin*)

10.45 - 11.00 Coffee-break

11.00 - 13.30 P 7. THE LABOUR MARKET

Chair: Kevin Hoover

- Piero Ferri (*University of Bergamo*), “**Wage Dynamics and the Phillips Curve**”;

- Andrew Oswald and Philip Trostel (*University of Warwick*) “**Learning about the Labour Market and the Macro-Economy**”.

Discussant: Roger E. Backhouse (*University of Birmingham*)

13.30 - 15.00 Lunch-buffet (*Caffè del Tasso - Piazza Vecchia*)

15.00 - 17.30 P 8. WHAT HAS BECOME OF IS–LM?

Chair: Daniel Hausman

- Christopher A. Sims (*Yale University*), “**IS-LM Doesn’t Exist; Should We Look for a Replacement? An Essay on the Science and Rhetoric of Empirical Macroeconomics**”;

- Alessandro Vercelli (*University of Siena*), “**The evolution of IS-LM models: empirical evidence and theoretical presuppositions**”

Discussant: Richard Lipsey (*Simon Fraser University*)

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20.00 FAREWELL DINNER (*Restaurant ‘Il Sole’ - Piazza Vecchia*)

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