



4th International PhD Meeting of Thessaloniki in Economics, 2016

Program

July 4-5, 2016

Lecture Theatre 8, 1st floor

University of Macedonia

Thessaloniki, Greece

Monday, July 4

Registration: 08:30 – 09:00

Session 1: 09:00 – 11:00

International Economics

Chair: Kerri Agnew

Floating with a Load of FX Debt?

Tatsiana Kliatskova (German Institute for Economic Research, Germany) & Uffe Mikkelsen (International Monetary Fund)

Saving Puzzles, Sudden Stops and Reserve Adequacy in Small Open Economies

Harun Nasir (University of Reading, UK)

Choice of Invoicing Currency in International Trade: Evidence from Turkish Firms

Seyhan Aygul (University of Reading, UK)

The Impact of Employment on House Prices: Detailed Evidence from FDI in Ireland

Kerri Agnew (Trinity College, Ireland)

Coffee break: 11:00 – 11:15

Session 2: 11:15 – 13:15

Microeconomics

Chair: Andreas Tsakiridis

The Limits of Learning

Elliot Aurissergues (Paris School of Economics and University Paris Pantheon Sorbonne, France)

Economics of Music Charts: Market Concentration and Product Variety

Joanna Syrda (University of Bath, UK)

The Fungibility of Development Aid: A Panel Analysis of Development Countries

Christiana Anaxagorou (University of Sheffield, UK)

Feed Substitution and Economies of Scale in Grassland Based Beef Cattle Fishing Farms

Andreas Tsakiridis (Rural Economy and Development Programme (REDP), Ireland & University College Dublin, Ireland), James Breen (University College Dublin, Ireland), Cathal O' Donoghue (Rural Economy and Development Programme (REDP), Ireland), Kevin Hanrahan (Rural Economy and Development Programme (REDP), Ireland), Michael Wallace (Newcastle University, UK) & Paul Crosson (Animal & Grassland Research and Innovation Centre, Ireland)

Lunch: 13:15 – 14:30

Keynote speech: 14:30 – 15:30

Chair: TBA

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Henry Thompson, Auburn University, USA

Session 3: 15:30 – 17:30

Public Economics

Chair: Anastasios Kitsos

The Effects of Tax Shelters and Debt Policy

Zeynullah Gider (University of New Orleans, USA), Jennifer Broadmann (University of New Orleans, USA) & Blake Rayfield (University of New Orleans, USA)

Changing Hierarchies in Public Institutions: Evidence from Central Banks

Jan Weidner (Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany)

Pressure Groups and Public Goods Provision: Might Society Efficiently Decide it has Enough?

Medardo Restrepo (Autonomous University at Barcelona (UAB), Spain)

Distributive Politics in Greece: A Panel Analysis for 2000-2010

Anastasios Kitsos (Plymouth University, UK) & Antonios Proestakis (European Commission, Italy)

Coffee break: 17:30– 17:45

Macroeconomics

Chair: Jorge Bouchot

What Drives Cryptocurrencies' Price? An Event Study Applied to the Bitcoin Case

Dimitrios Koutsoupakis (National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece)

Catering Incentives and Dividend Policy: Evidence from Turkey

Sefa Takmaz (Adnan Menderes University, Turkey)

The Labor Market Implications of a Rise in the Minimum Wage: Evidence from Mexico

Jorge Bouchot (University of Birmingham, UK)

Tuesday, July 5

Keynote speech: 09:00 – 10:00

Chair: Sartzetakis Eftichios, University of Macedonia, Greece

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George Deltas, University of Illinois, USA

Coffee break: 10:00 – 10:30

Session 1: 10:30 – 12:30

Macroeconomics & Monetary Economics

Chair: Tobias Böing

What Drives Greek Inflation?

Nikolaos Krimpas (University of Patras, Greece), **Paraskevi Salamaliki** (University of Patras, Greece) & **Ioannis Venetis** (University of Patras, Greece)

The Impact of Unconventional Monetary Policies in the US, the UK and Japan

Stephanos Papadamou (University of Thessaly, Greece) & **Nikolaos Kyriazis** (University of Thessaly, Greece)

The Effectiveness of IMF and ECB Growth-Supportive Policies in Eurozone's Stabilization Programs: The Special Case of Monetary Policy

Pantelis Kostis (University of Athens, Greece), Kyriaki Kafka (University of Athens, Greece) & Dionysis Valsamis (University of Athens, Greece)

Competitiveness and Current Account Adjustments in the Euro Area

Tobias Böing (European-University Viadrina, Germany) & Georg Stadtmann (European-University Viadrina, Germany & University of Southern Denmark, Denmark)

Lunch: 12:30 – 14:00

Keynote speech: 14:00 – 15:00

Chair: Ilias Katsikas, University of Macedonia, Greece

Unanimous Implementation: A Case for Approval Mechanisms

Dimitris Xefteris, University of Cyprus, Cyprus

Session 2: 15:00 – 17:00

Education, Health & Welfare

Chair: Panagiotis Margaritis

Social Interactions Through Space and Time: Evidence from College Enrollment

Sofoklis Goulas (University of North Carolina, USA) & **Rigissa Megalokonomou** (University of Warwick, UK)

May I Be Excused? Identification of Return to School Absences Using a Natural Experiment

Sofoklis Goulas (University of North Carolina, USA) & Rigissa Megalokonomou (University of Warwick, UK)

A Dynamic Analysis of Demand for Childcare, Maternal Employment and Child Obesity in Russia

Zafar Nazarov (Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, USA) & **Tatyana Zhuravleva** (Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Russia)

Health and Optimal Taxation

Panagiotis Margaritis (University of Manchester, UK)