New York/Philadelphia Workshop on Quantitative Macroeconomics

Topic: Labor Markets & Macroeconomics

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045
13th floor Board Room
December 5, 2008

9:00 AM: Continental Breakfast

9:30 AM: Unemployment Dynamics in the OECD
   Mike Elsby, University of Michigan
   Bart Hobijn, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
   Ayşegül Şahin, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
   Discussant: Shigeru Fujita, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

10:30 AM: Coffee Break

10:45 AM: The (Un)importance of Unemployment Fluctuations for Welfare
   Philip Jung, University of Amsterdam
   Keith Kuester, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
   Discussant: Pedro Silos, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

11:45 AM: Coffee Break

12:00 PM: A Quantitative Theory of Information and Unsecured Credit
   Kartik Athreya, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
   Xuan S. Tam, University of Virginia
   Eric R. Young, University of Virginia
   Discussant: Makoto Nakajima, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

1:00 PM: Lunch

2:00 PM: The Evolution of Education: A Macroeconomic Analysis
   Diego Restuccia, University of Toronto
   Guillaume Vandenbergroucke, University of Iowa
   Discussant: Matt Wiswall, New York University

3:00 PM: Coffee Break

3:15 PM: Economies of Scale and the Size of Exporters
   Roc Armenter, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
   Miklos Koren, Central European University
   Discussant: Kim Ruhl, New York University, Stern School of Business

4:15 PM: Coffee Break

4:30 PM: A Life Cycle Model of Trans-Atlantic Employment Experiences
   Sagiri Kitao, University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business
   Lars Ljungqvist, New York University
   Thomas Sargent, New York University
   Discussant: Nobuhiro Kiyotaki, Princeton University

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