

Surrey Workshop on Macroeconomics

**Theme:** Debt and Fiscal Policy

19-20 May 2022

School of Economics, University of Surrey

Centre for International Macroeconomic Studies

Times in British Summer Time (BST)

Thursday, 19 May

**13:55-14:00** Opening remarks by Anastasios Karantounias, University of Surrey.

**14:00- 14:55** *“Micro risks and Pareto improving policies”* by Aguiar, Amador and Arellano.

**Presenter:** Manuel Amador, University of Minnesota.

**Discussant:** Sarolta Laczó, Queen Mary University of London.

**15:00-15:55** *“Sovereign Default Risk and Firm Heterogeneity,”* by Arellano, Bai and Bocola.

**Presenter:** Yan Bai, University of Rochester.

**Discussant:** Russell Cooper, European University Institute.

**15:55-16:10** Coffee break

**16:10-17:05** *“Expenditure Consolidation and Sovereign Debt Restructurings: Front- or Back-loaded”* by Asonuma and Joo.

**Presenter:** Hyungseok Joo, University of Surrey.

**Discussant:** Fernando Broner, CREI.

**17:10-18:05:** *“Monetary and Fiscal Policies in Times of Large Debt: Unity is Strength,”* by Bianchi, Faccini and Melosi.

**Presenter:** Leonardo Melosi, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

**Discussant:** Christian Matthes, Indiana University.

Friday, 20 May

**14:00-14:55** *“What drives variation in the US Debt/Output ratio? The dogs that didn’t bark,”* by Jiang, Lustig, Van Nieuwerburgh and Xiaolan.

**Presenter:** Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh, Columbia University.

**Discussant:** Refet Gürkaynak, Bilkent University.

**15:00-15:55** *“The constraint on public debt when  $r < g$  but  $g < m$ ,”* by Reis

**Presenter:** Ricardo Reis, London School of Economics.

**Discussant:** Pierpaolo Benigno, University of Bern.

**15:55-16:10** Coffee break

**16:10-17:05** *“A General Theory of Tax-Smoothing,”* by Karantounias.

**Presenter:** Anastasios Karantounias, University of Surrey.

**Discussant:** Marco Bassetto, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

**17:10-18:10** Plenary lecture

*“Three World Wars: Fiscal-Monetary Consequences,”* by Hall and Sargent.

**Presenter:** Thomas J. Sargent, New York University.

**18:10-18:15:** Concluding remarks by Kjetil Storesletten, University of Minnesota.

Organizers

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