

ECONOMIC POLICY IN THE MODERN WELFARE STATE **CEPR PP SYMPOSIUM 2009**

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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 19 JUNE

Session 1:

Keynote Speakers

Venue:

Alexandersalen, Bispetorv

09.00 - 10.00

The Mirrlees Review: Reforming the Tax System for the 21st Century
Richard Blundell (University College London and CEPR)

10.00 - 10.15

Coffee Break

10.15 - 11.15

Taxation and Labor Supply: New Theory and Danish Evidence
*Raj Chetty (Harvard University)
Anders Frederiksen (Aarhus School of Business)
John N. Friedman (University of California, Berkeley)
Tore Olsen (Copenhagen Business School)
Luigi Pistaferri (Stanford University and CEPR)

11.15 - 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 - 12.30

On the Future of Capital Taxation
Thomas Piketty (Paris School of Economics and CEPR)

12.30 - 13.30

Lunch Buffet

Session 2:

Venue:

St. Øvelsessal, Studiestræde 6

13.30 - 14.30

Government Transfers and Political Support
*Marco Manacorda (London School of Economics and CEPR)
Edward Miguel (University of California, Berkeley)
Andrea Vigorito (Universidad de la República)

14.30 - 15.30	Informal Taxation Benjamin Olken (MIT) *Monica Singhal (Harvard University)
15.30 - 16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.00 - 17.00	Unemployed but Optimistic: Optimal Insurance Design with Biased Beliefs Johannes Spinnewijn (London School of Economics)
17.00 - 18.00	The Unequal Geographic Burden of Federal Taxation David Albouy (University of Michigan)
19.30	<i>Conference Dinner</i>

SATURDAY 20 JUNE

Session 3:

Venue: *St. Øvelsessal, Studiestræde 6*

09.00 - 10.00	Dynamics and Stability of Constitutions, Coalitions, and Clubs Daron Acemoglu (MIT and CEPR) Georgy Egorov (Harvard University) *Konstantin Sonin (New Economic School, Moscow and CEPR)
10.00 - 11.00	Rotten Parents and Disciplined Children: A Politico-Economic Theory of Public Expenditure and Debt Zheng Song (Fudan University) *Kjetil Storesletten (University of Oslo and CEPR) Fabrizio Zilibotti (University of Zurich and CEPR)
11.00 - 11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.30 - 12.30	What Explains Fertility? Evidence from Italian Pension Reforms Francesco Billari (Università Bocconi) *Vincenzo Galasso (Università Bocconi and CEPR)

12.30 - 13.30 *Lunch Buffet*

Session 4:

Venue: *St. Øvelsessal, Studiestræde 6*

13.30 - 14.30	Why Can Modern Governments Tax So Much? An Agency Model of Firms as Fiscal Intermediaries *Henrik Kleven (London School of Economics and CEPR) Claus Thustrup Kreiner (University of Copenhagen) Emmanuel Saez (University of California, Berkeley and CEPR)
14.30 - 15.30	The Effect of the Polish Flat Tax on Taxable Income of Entrepreneurs Wojciech Kopczuk (Columbia University)
15.30 - 16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>

16.00 - 17.00	Sufficient Statistics for Welfare Analysis: A Bridge Between Structural and Reduced-Form Methods Raj Chetty (Harvard University)
17.00	<i>End of Conference</i>

* Indicates the presenter

Keynote speakers have 45 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes Q&A.

All other speakers will have 60 minutes for their presentations, taking questions as they come.

Organizers:

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