

European Fiscal Federalism in Comparative Perspective

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Final Program

9:15 AM Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Jonathan Rodden, MIT

9:30 AM The Future of Fiscal Federalism in Europe

Chair: Clifford Carrubba, Emory

- Jürgen von Hagen, ZEI and University of Bonn
 - “Monetary Union and Fiscal Federalism” (with Kenneth Kletzer, UC Santa Cruz)
 - “Regional Risk-sharing and Redistribution in the German Federation” (with Ralf Hepp, UC Santa Cruz)

- Fabio Ghironi, Federal Reserve Bank of New York (with Barry Eichengreen, U. of California, Berkeley): “EMU in 2010”

Discussants: Geoffrey Garrett, Yale
Peter Hall, Harvard

11:00 AM Coffee Break

11:30 PM Fiscal Federalism and Hard Budget Constraints

Chair: Lucy Goodhart, Columbia

- Robert Inman, Wharton: “Local Fiscal Discipline in U.S. Federalism.”

- Richard Bird, U. of Toronto (with Almos Tassonyi, Ontario Ministry of Finance): “Constraining Subnational Fiscal Behaviour in Canada: Different Approaches, Similar Results.”

Discussants: Mark Hallerberg, University of Pittsburgh
Andrew Moravcsik, Harvard

1:00 PM Lunch

2:30 PM Institutions and Fiscal Policy I

Chair: Fabio Ghironi, Fed. Reserve Bank of NY

- Stephen Ansolabehere, MIT (with James Snyder, MIT and Alan Gerber, Yale): “Equal Votes, Equal Money: Court-Ordered Redistricting and the Distribution of Public Expenditures in the American States.”
- James Alt, Harvard (with David Dreyer Lassen, Copenhagen, and David Skilling, Harvard): “Institutional Transparency, Accountability, and Fiscal Policy Outcomes in OECD Countries.”

Discussants: Jørgen von Hagen, ZEI
Jørn Rattsø, Norwegian U. of Science and Technology

4:00 PM Coffee Break

4:15 PM Institutions and Fiscal Policy II

Chair: Lars-Erik Borge, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

- Jørn Rattsø, Norwegian University of Science and Technology: “Fiscal Adjustment with Vertical Fiscal Imbalance: Empirical Evaluation of Administrative Fiscal Federalism in Norway.”
- Jonathan Rodden, MIT: “Breaking the Golden Rule: Fiscal Behavior with Rational Bailout Expectations in the German States.”
- Mariano Tommasi, CEDI and Universidad de San Andres (with Matías Iaryczower and Sabastian Saiegh, NYU): “Coming Together: The Industrial Organization of Federalism.”

Discussants: Robert Inman, Wharton
David Cleeton, Oberlin

6:15 PM Joint Reception with CBRSS Conference, followed by Dinner