Econ 491: Macroeconomic policy Seminar schedule

October 17

Martin Li A realistic outlook for the US budget Discussant: Rahim

Peter Wightman **The decline in savings rates: Can it be explained? And has the baby boom generation saved enough?** Discussant: Jonathan

October 24

Paul Moon Why Canada (like other rich countries) grows steadily, but less than miraculously Discussant: Jessica

Andrew Sisley Is Canada falling behind in productivity growth? Discussant: Paul

October 31

Jessica Wood-Rupp Endogenous growth, human capital, and education Discussant: Andrew Sisley

Jim Nicholson Inflation targeting in Canada: Objective, execution, sacrifice, benefits Discussant: Max

November 7

Jonathan Hoddenbagh Long-run macroeconomic implications for Canada of an aging population Discussant: Peter

Max Stohn Shifts in the Canadian Phillips curve 1970-2000 Discussant: Jim Andrew Bragg US monetary policy regime post-Greenspan Discussant: Nadine

November 14

Nadine Metwaly Bubbles and busts in asset prices—how should monetary policy react? Discussant: Andrew Bragg

David Rosen How did Canada get into a debt treadmill before 1995? And out of it? Discussant: Jennifer

Jennifer Sraffoul **The Canadian budget: How much room for manoeuvre for the Martin government?** Discussant: David

November 21

Rahim Daha Implications for Canada of a large, long-term budget deficit in the US Discussant: Martin

Leonard Min Making macroeconomic sense of trends in the Canadian dollar Discussant: Cameron

Cameron Palliser **Plausible quantitative macroeconomic effects of the recent increase in the price of oil and of the Canadian dollar** Discussant: Leonard

> November 28 Deadline for paper