

**Program: Public Economics - Conference in Honour of Robin Boadway
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, 14-15 May 2009**

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All sessions will be held at the Policy Studies Building (138 Union St.), Queen's University, in Conference Room 202.

Thursday, May 14, 2009

8:00-8:30am – Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:30am – Session 1: Optimal Income Taxation [Chair: **Pierre Pestieau** (U de Liège)]

Comparative Statics of Optimal Nonlinear Taxation in the Presence of a Publicly Provided Input

Authors: **Craig Brett** (Mount Allison U) and **John Weymark** (Vanderbilt U)

First Discussant: **Richard Harris** (Simon Fraser U)

Second Discussant: **Katherine Cuff** (McMaster U)

A Comparison of Optimal Tax Policies when Compensation and Responsibility Matter

Authors: **Laurence Jacquet** (Norwegian School of Economics) and Dirk Van de gaer (Ghent U)

First Discussant: **Michael Hoy** (U of Guelph)

Second Discussant: **Motohiro Sato** (Hitotsubashi U)

10:30-11:00am – Coffee

11:00am-12:00pm – Session 2: Local Public Goods and Mobility [Chair: **Nicolas Marceau** (UQAM)]

Incentive Equivalence with Fixed Migration Costs

Author: **Sam Bucovetsky** (York U)

First Discussant: **John D. Wilson** (Michigan State U)

Second Discussant: **Dan Usher** (Queen's U)

12:00-1:30pm – Lunch

1:30-3:30pm – Session 3: Political Economy [Chair: **Sumon Majumdar** (Queen's U)]

Opting Out of Publicly Provided Services and Two-Tier Health and Education

Authors: Christoph Lulfesmann (Simon Fraser U) and **Gordon Myers** (Simon Fraser U)

First Discussant: **Rose Anne Devlin** (U of Ottawa)

Second Discussant: **Steve Coate** (Cornell U)

Analyzing the Case for a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Authors: Marina Azzimonti (U of Texas), Marco Battaglini (Princeton U), and **Steve Coate** (Cornell U)

First Discussant: **Al Slivinski** (U of Western Ontario)

Second Discussant: **David Wildasin** (U of Kentucky)

3:30-4:00pm – Coffee

4:00-6:00pm – Session 4: Fiscal Competition [Chair: **Frank Flatters** (Queen's U)]

Fiscal Competition for Imperfectly-Mobile Labor and Capital: A Comparative Dynamic Analysis

Author: **David Wildasin** (U of Kentucky)

First Discussant: **Bev Dahlby** (U of Alberta)

Second Discussant: **Michael Smart** (U of Toronto)

Optimal Fiscal Federalism in the Presence of Tax Competition

Authors: **Eckhard Janeba** (U of Mannheim) and **John D. Wilson** (Michigan State U)

First Discussant: **Steeve Mongrain** (Simon Fraser U)

Second Discussant: **Marcel Gérard** (FUCAM)

6:30pm – Conference Dinner; The River Mill, 2 Catarqui Street, The Woolen Mill, Kingston, Ontario

Dinner Addresses by **Michael Keen** (IMF), **Nicolas Marceau** (UQAM), and **Pierre Pestieau** (U de Liège)
Speech by **Robin Boadway** (Queen's U)

Friday, May 15, 2009

8:30-9:00am – Continental Breakfast

9:00-11:00am – Session 5: Human Capital Accumulation [Chair: **Sam Wilson** (U of Alberta)]

Efficient Subsidization of Human Capital Accumulation with Overlapping Generations and Endogenous Growth

Author: **Wolfram Richter** (U of Dortmund) and Christoph Braun (U of Dortmund)

First Discussant: **Jim Davies** (U of Western Ontario)

Second Discussant: **Maria Racionero** (Australian National U)

Fertility, Human Capital Accumulation, and the Pension System

Authors: Helmuth Cremer (U de Toulouse), **Firouz Gahvari** (U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), and **Pierre Pestieau** (U de Liège)

First Discussant: **Ray Rees** (U of Munich)

Second Discussant: **Jean-François Wen** (U of Calgary)

11:00-11:30am – Coffee

11:30am-12:30pm – Session 6: Taxation and Firm Investment [Chair: **Harry Kitchen** (Trent U)]

Taxation and Skills Investment in Frictional Labour Markets

Author: **Jean-François Tremblay** (U of Ottawa)

First Discussant: **Craig Brett** (Mount Allison U)

Second Discussant: **Eckhard Janeba** (U of Mannheim)

12:30-2:00pm – Lunch

2:00-4:00pm – Session 7: Social Insurance and Redistribution [Chair: **Marianne Vigneault** (Bishop U)]

Social and Private Long Term Care Insurance with Variable Altruism

Authors: **Pierre Pestieau** (U de Liège) and **Motohiro Sato** (Hitotsubashi U)

First Discussant: **John Burbidge** (U of Waterloo)

Second Discussant: **Vicky Barham** (U of Ottawa)

Tagging with Leisure Needs

Authors: **Pierre Pestieau** (U de Liège) and **Maria Racionero** (Australian National U)

First Discussant: **Stefan Dodds** (Carleton U)

Second Discussant: **John Weymark** (Vanderbilt U)

4:00-4:30pm – Coffee

4:30-5:30pm – Session 8: Optimal Enforcement [Chair: **Michael Keen** (IMF)]

Policies for the Informal Sector with Undocumented Workers

Authors: **Katherine Cuff** (McMaster U), **Nicolas Marceau** (UQAM), **Steeve Mongrain** (Simon Fraser U), and **Joanne Roberts** (U of Calgary)

First Discussant: **Patrick Francois** (UBC)

Second Discussant: **Wolfram Richter** (U of Dortmund)

5:30-5:45pm – Concluding Remarks by **Pierre Pestieau** (U de Liège)