



5<sup>th</sup> WORKSHOP ON  
MACROECONOMIC DYNAMICS:  
Theory and Applications

Roma, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Economic Research Department, Bank of Italy

**Program**

**Plenary session (Emeroteca)**

*Session chairs: Francesco Lippi (University of Sassari) and Fabio Panetta (Bank of Italy)*

9.15-9.30 Welcome address – **Mario Draghi, Governor of the Bank of Italy**

9.30-10.15

Fertility, Education, and Mortality: A Unified Theory of the Economic and Demographic Transition  
**Matteo Cervellati** (University of Bologna), **Uwe Sunde** (IZA - University of Bonn)

*Discussant: Francesco Billari (Bocconi University)*

10.15-11.00

Loose Commitment

**Davide Debortoli** (Pompeu Fabra University), **Ricardo Nunes** (Pompeu Fabra University)

*Discussant: Klaus Adam (European Central Bank)*

11.00-11.30 *Coffe break*

11.30-12.15

How the Removal of Deposit Rate Ceilings Has Changed Monetary Transmission in the US:  
Theory and Evidence

**Karel Mertens** (European University Institute)

*Discussant: Guido Lorenzoni (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)*

12.15-13.00

Education Decisions and Policy Interventions: A General Equilibrium Evaluation

**Giovanni Gallipoli** (University of British Columbia), **Costas Meghir** (University College London),  
**Giovanni L. Violante** (New York University)

*Discussant: Ramon Marimon (European University Institute)*

13.00-14.00 *Buffet lunch*

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE : Guido Ascari (University of Pavia), Giorgio Belletini (University of Bologna), Gianluca Femminis (University Cattolica of Milano), Francesco Lippi (University of Sassari), Marco Maffezzoli (Bocconi University), Alessandro Missale (University of Milano), Tommaso Monacelli (Bocconi University), Michele Santoni (University of Milano) and Alessandro Secchi (Bank of Italy).

**Parallel session 1: Business cycle (Emeroteca)**  
*Session chair: Tommaso Monacelli (Bocconi University)*

14.00-14.45

VAR Analysis and the Great Moderation

**Paolo Surico** (Bank of England), **Luca Benati** (Bank of England)

*Discussant: Giancarlo Corsetti (European University Institute)*

14.45-15.30

S-Curve Redux: On the International Transmission of Technology Shocks

**Zeno Enders** (European University Institute), **Gernot J. Muller** (Goethe University of Frankfurt)

*Discussant: Luca Dedola (European Central Bank)*

15.30-16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00-16.45

The Role of Housing Collateral in an Estimated Two-Sector Model of the U.S. Economy

**Matteo Iacoviello** (Boston College), **Stefano Neri** (Bank of Italy)

*Discussant: Caterina Mendicino (Bank of Canada)*

16.45-17.30

Liquidity and Spending Dynamics

**Veronica Guerrieri** (University of Chicago), **Guido Lorenzoni** (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

*Discussant: Gabriele Camera (Purdue University)*

**Parallel session 2: Fiscal Policy and Government Debt (Sala CF)**

*Session chair: Guido Ascari (University of Pavia)*

14.00-14.45

Sticky Wages and Rule of Thumb Consumers

**Andrea Colciago** (University of Milano - Bicocca)

*Discussant: Lorenzo Forni (Bank of Italy)*

14.45-15.30

Social Security and Risk Sharing

**Piero Gottardi** (University of Venezia), **Felix Kubler** (University of Mannheim)

*Discussant: Tito Pietra (University of Bologna)*

15.30-16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00-16.45

In Search of a Theory of Debt Management

**Elisa Faraglia** (London Business School), **Albert Marcet** (Pompeu Fabra University), **Andrew Scott** (London Business School)

*Discussant: Stefania Albanesi (Columbia University)*

16.45-17.30

Inflation and Debt Dynamics under Fiscal Stress

**Stefano Eusepi** (Federal Reserve Bank, New York), **Bruce Preston** (Columbia University)

*Discussant: Giuseppe Ferrero (Bank of Italy)*