

2018 Conference on Real-Time Data Analysis, Methods and Applications

Sponsored by: The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Friday, October 12th 2018

8:00 to 8:50 Continental Breakfast

8:50 to 9:00 Welcome

9:00 to 10:00 *Estimating the Natural Rate of Interest in Real Time*
Sergiy Kasyanenko (World Bank) and **David H. Papell** (University of Houston)
Discussant: **Anna Orlik** (Federal Reserve Board of Governors)

10:00 to 11:00 *Potential Output Pessimism and Austerity in the EU*
Pei Kuang and Kaushik Mitra (University of Birmingham)
Discussant: **Athanasios Orphanides** (MIT)

11:00 to 11:30 Refreshments

11:30 to 12:30 *Measuring Geopolitical Risk*
Dario Caldara and Matteo Iacoviello (Federal Reserve Board of Governors)
Discussant: **Chiara Scotti** (Federal Reserve Board of Governors)

12:30 to 1:30 Lunch

1:45 to 2:30 *The Impact of Brexit on UK Businesses: Evidence from the Decision Maker Panel*
Nick Bloom (Stanford University), Phil Bunn (Bank of England), Scarlet Chan, **Paul Mizen** (University of Nottingham), Pawel Smietanka (Bank of England), and Greg Thwaites (Bank of England)

2:30 to 3:30 *Machine Learning for Regularized Survey Forecast Combination: Partially-Egalitarian Lasso and its Derivatives*
Francis X. Diebold (University of Pennsylvania) and Minchul Shin (University of Illinois)
Discussant: **Mark Watson** (Princeton)

3:30 to 4:00 Refreshments

4:00 to 5:00 *The Conquest of Inflation Credibility in the US*
Marco Del Negro (Federal Reserve Bank of New York), Roberto Casarin (University Ca' Foscari of Venice), and Francesco Ravazzolo (University of Bozen/Bolzano)
Discussant: **Frank DiTraglia** (University of Pennsylvania)

5:00 to 6:00 *Expectation Formation Following Large Unexpected Shocks*
Scott R. Baker (Northwestern University), Tucker S. McElroy (US Census Bureau), and
Xuguang S. Sheng (American University)
Discussant: **Stefano Eusepi** (University of Texas, Austin)

6:15 onwards Reception

Saturday, October 13th 2018

8:00 to 8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30 to 9:30 *Rationality and Subjective Bond Risk Premia*
Andrea Buraschi (Imperial College), Ilaria Piatti (University of Oxford), and **Paul Whelan**
(Copenhagen Business School)
Discussant: **Jonathan Wright** (Johns Hopkins)

9:30 to 10:30 *From Fixed-Event to Fixed Horizon Density Forecasts*
Gergely Ganics (Bank of Spain), Barbara Rossi (Pompeu Fabra) and **Tatevik Sekhposyan**
(Texas A&M University)
Discussant: **Todd Clark**

10:30 to 11:00 Refreshments

11:00 to 12:00 *Survey-Based Multivariate Density Forecasts*
Florens Odendahl (Pompeu Fabra)
Discussant: **Shaun Vahey** (University of Warwick)

12:00 onwards Adjourn and Lunch

Organizers:

Dean Croushore (University of Richmond)
Domenico Giannone (Federal Reserve Bank of New York)
Keith Sill (Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia)
Shaun Vahey (University of Warwick)
Simon Van Norden (HEC Montreal)