







Conference Title

Sovereign Debt, Sustainability, and Lending Institutions

Short description:

The conference aims to bring together leading scholars to discuss theoretical and empirical issues in sovereign debt sustainability. In particular, we are interested in papers that deal with debt maturity structure, official lending, crisis resolution frameworks, and multiple equilibria, among others. The goal is to identify priorities for both future research and policy-making as it relates to recent developments in the Euro Area and multilateral lending frameworks. The conference will be structured to facilitate interaction and discussion among leading academics and policymakers.

Organizers/Scientific Committee:

Giancarlo Corsetti (University of Cambridge),

Aitor Erce (European Stability Mechanism),

Timothy Kehoe (University of Minnesota),

Juan Rojas (European Stability Mechanism),

Timothy Uy (University of Cambridge)

Dates: September 2-3, 2016

Venue: Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Friday 2 September

08:15 - 08:30 Registration

08:30 - 09:00 **Welcome Remarks**

Giancarlo Corsetti (Cambridge), Timothy Kehoe (Minnesota), and Timothy Uy (Cambridge)

Session 1. Official Lending

09:00 – 10:00 Debt Sustainability and Terms of Official Support

Giancarlo Corsetti (Cambridge) with Aitor Erce (ESM) and Timothy Uy (Cambridge)

Discussant: Timothy Kehoe (Minnesota)

10:00 – 11:00 Non-Defaultable Debt and Sovereign Risk

Leonardo Martinez (IMF) with Juan Carlos Hatchondo (Indiana) and Yasin Onder (Central Bank of Turkey)

Discussant: Pietro Reichlin (LUISS G. Carli)

11:00 – 12:00 Lending of Last Resort in an Open Economy

Luigi Bocola (Northwestern) and Guido Lorenzoni (Northwestern)

Discussant: Charles Brendon (Cambridge)

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

Session 2. Multiple Equilibria 1

13:00 – 14:00 Self-Fulfilling Debt Crises, Revisited: The Art of the Desperate Deal

Mark Aguiar (Princeton) with Hal Cole (Penn), Satyajit Chatterjee (Philadelphia Fed), Zachary Stangebye (Notre Dame)

Discussant: Ramon Marimon (EUI)

14:00 – 15:00 Self-Fulfilling Debt Restructuring

Timothy Uy (Cambridge)

Discussant: Juan Carlos Hatchondo (Indiana)

Session 3. Debt, Growth, and the Macroeconomy

15:30 – 16:30 Fiscal Multipliers and the Home Bias of Government Debt

Fernando Broner (CREI) with Daragh Clancy (ESM), Aitor Erce (ESM) and Alberto Martin (CREI)

Discussant: Martin Weale (Queen Mary/Bank of England)

16:30 – 17:30 Debt into Growth: How Sovereign Debt Accelerated the First Industrial Revolution

Jaume Ventura (CREI) with Hans Joachim Voth (Zurich)

Discussant: Juan Flores (Geneva University)

19:00 **Dinner at Clare College (by invitation only)**

SATURDAY 3 September

08:30 - 08:30 **Registration**

Session 4. Austerity

08:30 – 09:30 Optimal Austerity

Timothy Kehoe (Minnesota) with Juan Carlos Conesa (Stony Brook) and Kim Ruhl (Penn State)

Discussant: Morten Ravn (UCL)

09:30 – 10:30 Sovereign Debt and Structural Reforms

Kjetil Storesletten (Oslo) with Andreas Mueller (Oslo) and Fabrizio Zilibotti (Zurich)

Discussant: Tim Worrall (The University of Edinburgh)

10:30 – 11:30 Saving Europe: The Unpleasant Arithmetic of Fiscal Austerity in Integrated

Economies

Jing Zhang (Chicago Fed) with Enrique Mendoza (Penn) and Linda Tesar (Michigan)

Discussant: Juan Carlos Conesa (Stony Brook)

11:30 – 11:45 **Coffee Break**

Panel

11:45 – 12:45 Managing Debt Overhang

Rolf Strauch (ESM), Jeromin Zettelmeyer (German Ministry of Economics and Transport), Martin Weale (Queen Mary/Bank of England)

Open discussion

12:45 – 13:45 **Lunch**

Session 6. Topics on Sovereign Debt

13:45 – 14:45 Growth Regimes, Endogenous Elections and Fluctuations in Sovereign Default Risk

Satyajit Chatterjee (Philadelphia Fed) with Burcu Eyigungor (Philadelphia Fed)

Discussant: Igor Livshits (Western)

14:45 – 15:45 The Seniority Structure of Sovereign Debt

Christoph Trebesch (Munich) with Matthias Schlegl (Munich) and Mark Wright (Chicago Fed)

Discussant: Aitor Erce (ESM)

15:45 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**

Session 7. Multiple Equilibria II

16:00 – 17:00 Sovereign Default: The Role of Expectations

Juan Pablo Nicolini (Minneapolis Fed) with Joao Ayres (Minnesota), Gaston Navarro (Fed Board) and **Pedro Teles (Bank of Portugal)**

Discussant: Wouter den Haan (LSE)

17:00 – 18:00 Debt Crises: For Whom the Bell Tolls

Hal Cole (Penn) with Guillermo Ordonez (Penn) and Daniel Neuhann (Penn)

Discussant: Jonathan Eaton (Penn State)