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# Aggregate Demand, the Labor Market and Macroeconomic Policy

**Cambridge, September 4-5, 2014**  
Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, United Kingdom

## **Program**

(Presenters Indicated in **Bold Letters**)

Thursday 4 September

**08:30 – Registration** and coffee

**08:45-09:00 – Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**09:00-09:55**

*"Fiscal Policy in an Unemployment Crisis"* by **Pontus Rendahl** (Cambridge University)

**10:00-10:55**

*"Precautionary Savings and Aggregate Demand"* by **Edouard Challe** (Ecole Polytechnique), Julien Matheron (Banque de France), Xavier Ragot (Paris School of Economics) and Juan F. Rubio-Ramirez (Duke University)

**11:00-11:30 Coffee break**

**11:30-12:25**

*"Uncertainty Traps"* by Pablo Fajgelbaum (UCLA), **Edouard Schaal** (NYU) and Mathieu Taschereau-Dumouchel (Wharton)

**12:30-13:30 Lunch**

**13:30-14:25**

*"The Limited Role of Aggregate Demand Policy in Restoring Output to Its Pre-Crisis Path"* by **Robert Hall** (Stanford University)

**14:30-15:25**

*"Separations, Sorting and Cyclical Unemployment"*, by **Andreas Mueller** (Columbia Business School)

**15:30-16:00 Coffee break**

**16:00-16:55**

*"Demand Stimulus and Inflation: Empirical Evidence"* by Marcus Hagedorn (University of Oslo), Jessie Handbury (Wharton) and **Iouri Manovskii** (University of Pennsylvania)

**17:00-17:55**

*"The Cyclical Opportunity Cost of Unemployment"* by **Gabriel Chodorow-Reich** (Harvard University) and Loukas Karabarbounis (University of Chicago)

**18:00-19:00 Drinks**

**19:00- Dinner** (*by invitation only*)

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Friday 5 September

**09:00-09:50**

*"Financial Frictions, Asset Prices, and the Great Recession"* by Zhen Huo (University of Minnesota) and **Victor Rios-Rull** (University of Minnesota)

**10:00-10:55**

*"Unemployment (Fears), Precautionary Savings and Aggregate Demand"* by **Wouter den Haan** (London School of Economics), Pontus Rendahl (University of Cambridge) and Markus Riegler (London School of Economics)

**11:00-11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:30-12:25**

*"Aggregate Demand, Idle Time, and Unemployment"* by **Pascal Michailat** (London School of Economics) and Emmanuel Saez (Berkeley)

**12:30-13:30 Lunch**

**13:30-14:25** *"Wealth and Volatility"* by Jonathan Heathcote (Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis) and **Fabrizio Perri** (Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis)

**14:30-15:25** *"House Price Gains and U.S. Household Spending from 2002 to 2006"* by **Atif Mian** (Princeton University) and Amir Sufi (Chicago Booth)

**15:30-16:00 Coffee break**

**16:00-16:55** *"House Prices and Consumer Spending in the Great Recession"* by David Berger (Northwestern), Veronica Guerrieri (Chicago Booth), **Guido Lorenzoni** (Northwestern) and Joe Vavra (Chicago Booth)

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**Organisers:** **Giancarlo Corsetti** (University of Cambridge, CFM and CEPR); **Greg Kaplan** (Princeton University and NBER); **Pontus Rendahl** (University of Cambridge, CFM and CEPR).

Timing: 45 minutes for presenter, 10 for general discussion.

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