

PROGRAM: June 18, 2009 – LOCATION: Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Barcelona (C/ Tinent Coronel Valenzuela, 1-11 - Barcelona)

09:15 - 09:45	Opening address: Albert Solé-Ollé (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB) (Room: "Sala d'Actes")	
09:45 - 10:30	Plenary Session: "Federal Aid an State Economies: Evaluating the Obama Stimulus" - Robert Inman (University of Pennsylvania) (Room: "Sala d'Actes")	
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 - 12:30	<p>Session 1a - GRANTS & ACCOUNTABILITY (Room: "Aula Sardà") Chair: Pilar Sorribas-Navarro (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p>"Sharing the Blame? Local Electoral Accountability and Centralized School Finance in California" Marcelin Joanis (Université de Sherbrooke, GRÉDI and CIRANO) Discussant: Massimo Bordignon (Catholic University of Milan and Cesifo)</p> <p>"Who Do You Blame In Local Finance? An Analysis Of Municipal Financing In Italy" Massimo Bordignon (Catholic University of Milan and Cesifo), Santino Piazza (Defap and I.R.E.S. Piemonte) Discussant: Marcelin Joanis (Université de Sherbrooke, GRÉDI and CIRANO)</p>	<p>Session 1b - COMPETITION FOR FIRMS (Room: "Sala de Recepcions") Chair: José María Durán Universitat de Barcelona & IEB</p> <p>"Corporate Tax Competition between Firms " Simon Loretz (University Oxford Centre for Business Taxation), Padraig Moore (Deutsche Bank London) Discussant: Osiris J. Parcero (United Arab Emirates University)</p> <p>"Optimal Country's Policy Towards Multinationals When Local Regions Can Choose Between Firm-Specific And Non-Firm-Specific Policies" Osiris J. Parcero (United Arab Emirates University) Discussant: Simon Loretz (University Oxford Centre for Business Taxation)</p>
12:30 - 14:00	<p>Session 2a – POLITICAL ECONOMY (Room: "Aula Sardà") Chair: Nobuo Akai (Osaka University)</p> <p>"Changing Needs, Sticky Budgets: Evidence from US Federal Budget Allocation to the States" Valentino Larcinese (LSE), Leonzio Rizzo (University of Ferrara), Cecilia Testa (Royal Holloway University of London) Discussant: Pilar Sorribas-Navarro (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p>"Can Lower Tax Rates Be Bought? Business Rent-Seeking And Tax Competition Among U.S. States" Robert S. Chirinko (University of Illinois), Daniel J. Wilson (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco) Discussant: Albert Solé-Ollé (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p>	<p>Session 2b – EMPIRICAL TAX COMPETITION (Room: "Sala de Recepcions") Chair: Mario Jametti (University of Lugano)</p> <p>"Identification Of Vertical Tax Externalities In Consumption: An Application To The US Case" Alejandro Esteller (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB), Leonzio Rizzo (Università di Ferrara & IEB) Discussant: Johannes Rincke (University of Munich)</p> <p>"Fiscal Competition Over Taxes And Public Inputs: Theory And Evidence" Sebastian Hauptmeier (European Central Bank), Ferdinand Mittermaier (University of Munich), Johannes Rincke (University of Munich) Discussant: Alejandro Esteller (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p>
14:00 - 15:30	WORKING Lunch (Location: Faculty of Economics and Business)	
15:30 - 17:00	<p>Session 3a – TAX vs. YARDSTICK COMPETITION (Room: "Aula Sardà") Chair: Albert Solé-Ollé (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p>"Central Command, Local Hazard and The Race To The Top" Federico Revelli (University of Torino) Discussant: Andreas Wagener (University of Hannover)</p> <p>"Tax Competition, Relative Performance and Policy Imitation" Andreas Wagener (University of Hannover) Discussant: Federico Revelli (University of Torino)</p>	<p>Session 3b - INSURANCE (Room: "Sala de Recepcions") Chair: Leonzio Rizzo (Università di Ferrara & IEB)</p> <p>"On the Optimal Design of Disaster Insurance in a Federation " Timothy Goodspeed (Hunter College and Graduate Center of CUNY), Andrew F. Haughwout (Microeconomic and Regional Studies Federal Reserve Bank of New Cork) Discussant: Gilberto Turati (Università di Torino)</p> <p>"Collective Risks In Local Administrations: Can A Private Insurer Be Better Than A Public Mutual Fund?" Luigi Buzzacchi (<i>Politecnico di Torino, DISPEA</i>), Gilberto Turati (Università di Torino) Discussant: Timothy Goodspeed (Hunter College and Graduate Center of CUNY)</p>
17:00 - 17:30	Coffee break	
17:30 – 18:15	Plenary Session: "Competition for FDI with Vintage Investment and Agglomeration Advantages" - Kai Konrad (WZB Berlin) (Room: "Sala d'Actes")	
20:45	Reception "Palau de Pedralbes"	

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09:30 - 11:30	<p>Session 4a – DEBT AND INVESTMENT (Room: “Aula Sardà”) Chair : Antoine Loeper (Kellogg School of Management)</p> <p>“The Timing of Elections in Federations: A Disciplining Device against Soft Budget Constraints?” Karolina Kaiser (University of Munich), Emmanuelle Taugourdeau (CNRS, CES, University of Paris) Discussant: Nobuo Akai (Osaka University)</p> <p>“Soft Budgets And Local Borrowing Regulation In A Dynamic Decentralized Leadership Model With Saving And Free Mobility” Nobuo Akai (Osaka University), Motohiro Sato (Hitotsubashi University) Discussant: Emmanuelle Taugourdeau (CNRS, CES, University of Paris)</p> <p>“Public Investment, Revenue Shocks, and Borrowing Restrictions” Thiess Buettner(Ludwig Maximilian University and CESifo), David E. Wildasin (University of Kentucky) Discussant: Benny Geys (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung)</p>	<p>Session 4b - TAX COMPETITION (Room: “Sala de Recepcions”) Chair: Jordi Jofre-Monseny (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p>“The Role of Mobility in Tax and Subsidy Competition” Alexander Haupt (University of Plymouth), Tim Krieger (<i>University of Paderborn</i>) Discussant: Jun-ichi Itaya (Hokkaido University)</p> <p>“Partial Tax Coordination in a Repeated Game Setting” Jun-ichi Itaya (Hokkaido University), Makoto Okamura (Hokkaido University), Chikara Yamaguchi (Hiroshima Shudo University) Discussant: Alexander Haupt (University of Plymouth)</p> <p>“Homeownership rates and local income redistribution” Sigrid Röhrs (University of Zurich) Discussant: Kurt Schmidheiny (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)</p>
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break	
12:00 - 13:30	<p>Session 5a – TAX COMPETITION AND AGGLOMERATION (Room: “Aula Sardà”) Chair: Kurt Schmidheiny (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)</p> <p>“Taxing Agglomeration Rents: The Importance of Being Different” Hyun-Ju Koh (University of Munich), Nadine Riedel (Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation) Discussant: Mario Jametti (University of Lugano)</p> <p>“Agglomeration economies and the tax level” Jordi Jofre-Monseny (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB), Albert Solé-Ollé (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB) Discussant: Marius Brühlhart (University of Lausanne)</p>	<p>Session 5b - EQUALIZATION (Room: “Sala de Recepcions”) Chair: Núria Bosch (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p>“Does sharing with poor make us richer? Theory of efficiency-enhancing intergovernmental transfers” Maksym Ivanyna (Universität Regensburg) Discussant: Petra Enß (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)</p> <p>“Tax Competition and Equalization: The Impact of Voluntary Cooperation on the Efficiency Goal” Petra Enß (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen) Discussant: Maksym Ivanyna (Universität Regensburg)</p>
13:30 - 15:00	WORKING Lunch (Location: Faculty of Economics and Business)	
15:00 - 16:30	<p>Session 6a - TAX STRUCTURE (Room: “Aula Sardà”) Chair: Alejandro Esteller (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p>“Decentralization, Competition And The Local Tax Mix: Evidence From Flanders” Benny Geys (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung), Federico Revelli (University of Torino) Discussant: Fédéric Holm-Hadulla (European Central Bank and Ifo Institute for Economic Research)</p> <p>“Fiscal Equalization and the Local Tax Structure” Fédéric Holm-Hadulla (European Central Bank and Ifo Institute for Economic Research) Discussant: Leonio Rizzo (University of Ferrara)</p>	<p>Session 6b - TAXES AND FIRM MOBILITY (Room: “Sala de Recepcions”) Chair: Thiess Buettner(Ludwig Maximilian University and CESifo)</p> <p>“Progressive Taxes and Firm Births” Hans Ulrich Bacher (University of Lausanne), Marius Brühlhart (University of Lausanne) Discussant: Thiess Buettner(Ludwig Maximilian University and CESifo)</p> <p>“Competition for Firms: Zero-Sum or Positive-Sum Game” Marius Brühlhart (University of Lausanne), Kurt Schmidheiny (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) Discussant: Jordi Jofre-Monseny (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p>
16:30 - 17:00	Coffee break	
17:00 – 17:45	Plenary Session: “Life Cycle Dynamics Within Metropolitan Comunities” - Dennis Epple (Carnegie Mellon University) (Room: “Sala d’Actes”)	
19:15	Cultural activity: Guided walking tours at the Gothic Quarter of Barcelona / Dinner: “Restaurant La Miranda del Museu”	