

Northwestern Macro Conference
May 18-19, 2018
Kellogg Global Hub
Room 5101
Evanston, IL

Friday, May 18

9:30-10:30 *No Flying Cars but 140 IPAs: Productivity Growth in the Brand Economy*
(with Gagnon, Gruber, and Hottman)
Presenter: Rob Vigfusson, Discussant: Nicolas Vincent

10:30-11:30 *Secular Stagnation, Technological Change and the Relationship with Productivity*
Presenter: Michelle Alexopolous, Discussant: Titan Alon

11:30-12:30 *Intermediation as Rent Extraction*
Presenter: Guido Menzio, Discussant: Ralf Meisenzahl

12:30-1:30 *Lunch*

1:30-2:30 *Mortgage Choices and Rapid Housing Price Appreciation* (with Barlevy)
Presenter: Jonas Fisher, Discussant: Sena Coskun

2:30-3:30 *Discretion Rather than Rules: Equilibrium Uniqueness and Forward Guidance with Inconsistent Optimal Plans* (with Weber)
Presenter: Jeff Campbell, Discussant: Roc Armenter

3:30-4:30 *Economic Agents as Imperfect Problem Solvers*
Presenter: Cosmin Ilut, Discussant: Martin Bodenstein

4:30-5:30 *Growing Productivity without Growing Wages: The Micro-Level Anatomy of the Aggregate Labor Share Decline* (with Vincent)
Presenter: Matthias Kehrig, Discussant: Chris Gust

5:30- *Dinner*

Format will be 30 minutes for presenters, 10 minutes for discussants, 10 minutes for general discussion, and 10 minutes as a buffer/break between presentations.

Saturday, May 19

- 9:30-10:30 *Stock Market Cross-Section Skewness and Business Cycle Fluctuations*
Presenter: Thiago Ferreira, Discussant: Victor Luo
- 10:30-11:30 *Competitive or Random Search* (with Maibom and Moen)
Presenter: Rasmus Lentz, Discussant: Ben Johannsen
- 11:30-12:30 *A Monetary-Fiscal Theory of the Price Level*
Presenter: David Miller, Discussant: Gideon Bornstein
- 12:30-1:30 *Lunch*
- 1:30-2:30 *Synchronization and Bias in a Simple Macroeconomic Model*
Presenter: Assaf Patir, Discussant: Joao Guerriero
- 2:30-3:30 *Bubbly Recessions*
Presenter: Toan Phan, Discussant: Riccardo Masolo

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