



WORKSHOP ON PUBLIC ECONOMICS

2017 RIDGE MAY FORUM

Montevideo, Uruguay / May 25-26, 2017

Social Sciences and Arts Building (in spanish, "Aulario del Área Social y Artística"),
Gonzalo Ramírez 1915, Montevideo, Uruguay. Third floor, Room 301.

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Keynote Speaker

Joel Slemrod (University of Michigan)



Day 1

09:00 to 10:30hs

SESSION: OPTIMAL TAXATION THEORY

Preference Responsibility vs Poverty Reduction in the taxation of labor incomes

Maniquet Francois (Université Catholique de Louvain)

Jointly Optimal Taxes for Different Sources of Income

Hermle Johannes (UC Berkeley)

10:30 to 10:45hs

Coffee break

10:45 to 12:15hs

SESSION: TAXING THE RICH

The Elasticity of Taxable Wealth: Evidence from Switzerland

Krapf Matthias (University of Basel)

Relocation of the Rich: Migration in Response to Top Tax Rate Changes from Spanish Reforms

Foremny Dirk (IEB and Universitat de Barcelona)

12:15 to 13:45hs

Lunch

13:45 to 15:15hs

SESSION: TAX COMPLIANCE BEHAVIOR

Enforcement in Value Added Tax: Is Third Party Verification Effective?

Mittal Shekhar (Anderson School of Management, UCLA)

Do Firms Evade Taxes Optimally? Evidence from a Large-Scale Field Experiment

Perez-Truglia Ricardo (Anderson School of Management, UCLA)

15:15 to 15:30hs

Coffee break

15:30 to 17:00hs

SESSION: BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS

Optimal Defaults with Normative Ambiguity

Reck Daniel (UC Berkeley)

Taxing to Reduce Obesity

Aguilar Arturo (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México)

17:45hs

POLICY DEBATE: GOVERNANCE AND REGULATION OF PENSION SYSTEMS

Chair: Guillermo Cruces (Argentina)

Speakers: Gabriel Lagomarsino (Uruguay), Rafael Rofman (World Bank), Carlos Marmolejo Trujillo (Mexico)

Location: Salón Multifuncional, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y de Administración, UDELAR. Gonzalo Ramírez 1926

Day 2

09:00 to 10:30hs

SESSION: TAX COLLECTION & EDUCATION ECONOMICS

Entry Through the Narrow Door: The Costs of Just Failing High Stakes Exams

Jenifer Ruiz-Valenzuela, LSE

Administrative Efficiency and Tax Compliance

Rincke Johannes (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg)

10:30 to 10:45hs

Coffee break

10:45 to 12:15hs

SESSION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICY

Shops and the City - Evidence on Local Externalities and Local Government Policy from Big-Box Bankruptcies

Veuger Stan (American Enterprise Institute)

Do Rewards Work? Evidence from the Randomization of Public Works

Scartascini Carlos (Inter-American Development Bank)

12:15 to 13:45hs

Lunch

13:45 to 15:15hs

SESSION: KEYNOTE TALK

Real Firms in Tax Systems

Joel Slemrod (University of Michigan)

15:15 to 15:30hs

Coffee break

15:30 to 17:00hs

SESSION: LABOR AND HEALTH ECONOMICS

Dynamic Competition and Price Regulation When Consumers Have Inertia: Evidence from Medicare Part D

Fleitas Sebastián (University of Arizona)

Firing Costs, Employment and Misallocation Evidence from Randomly-Assigned Judges

Bamieh Omar (European University Institute)