

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Uncertainty

**Impact of uncertainty shocks on the global economy**

London, 12-13 May 2016

**Venue**

Registration & Regular sessions: Archaeology LT G6, 31-34 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PY.

Lunches & Poster Sessions: Masaryk Room, UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies, 16 Taviton Street, London, WC1H 0BW.

**Keynote Speakers**

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## Programme

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*Each presentation time is divided into 20 minutes for the presenter and 10 minutes for general discussion.*

### **THURSDAY, 12 MAY**

8:30-8:50 Registration and coffee

**8:50-9:00** **Opening:** Jan Kubik (UCL SSEES Director) and Laurent Ferrara (Banque de France)

**9:00-11:00** **Uncertainty and international issues 1**

*Chair: Laurent Ferrara (Banque de France)*

**Exchange rate bands of inaction and play-hysteresis in euro area exports – the role of uncertainty.**

*\*Ansgar Belke (UDE and IZA, Bonn) and Dominik Kronen (UDE, Bonn).*

**Global macro risks in currency excess returns.**

*Kimberly Berg (Bank of Canada) and \*Nelson Mark (University of Notre Dame and NBER).*

**Exchange rates and monetary policy uncertainty.**

*Philippe Mueller (LSE), Alireza Tahbaz-Salehi (Columbia Business School) and \*Andrea Vedolin (LSE).*

**Measuring geopolitical risk.**

*Dario Caldara and \*Matteo Iacoviello (Federal Reserve Board).*

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

**11:30-12:30** **Uncertainty and structural issues**

*Chair: Anthony Garratt (Warwick Business School)*

**Economic uncertainty and structural reforms.**

*\*Alessandra Bonfiglioli (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona GSE and CEPR) and Gino Gancia (CREI, Barcelona GSE and CEPR).*

**The bright side of political uncertainty: the case of R&D.**

*Julian Atanassov (University of Nebraska), \*Brandon Julio (University of Oregon) and Tiecheng Leng (Sun Yat-sen University).*

**12:30-13:15** **Lunch**

**13:15-14:15** **Poster session 1**

**Estimating the effects of global uncertainty in open economies.**

*\*Silvia Delrio (Ca' Foscari University of Venice).*

**From complexity to uncertainty: modeling dynamic interdependencies as financial networks.**

*\*Jean-Baptiste Hase (University of Paris-Saclay)*

**“Wait and see” monetary policy.**

*\*Xiaowen Lei and Michael C. Tseng (Simon Fraser University).*

**Do plants freeze upon uncertainty shocks?**

*Ariel Mecikovsky and \*Matthias Meier (University of Bonn).*

**Explaining the recent slump in investment: The role of expected demand and uncertainty.**

Matthieu Bussière, Laurent Ferrara (Banque de France) and \*Juliana Milovich (University Paris West).

**14:15-15:00 Keynote Talk: Nicholas Bloom (Stanford University)**

*Chair: Wojciech Charemza (University of Leicester)*

**The impact of uncertainty shock on real and financial activities.**

*with Luis Iván Alfaro (Stanford University) and Xiaoji Lin (Ohio State University).*

**15:00-16:00 Measuring uncertainty**

*Chair: Wojciech Charemza (University of Leicester)*

**Black swans and the many shades of uncertainty.**

Nicholas Kozeniauskas (New York University), \*Anna Orlik (Federal Reserve Board) and Laura Veldkamp (New York University).

**Measuring global and country-specific uncertainty.**

Ezgi O. Ozturk (International Monetary Fund) and \*Xuguang Simon Sheng (American University).

**16:00-16:15 Coffee break (short)**

**16:15-17:45 Business cycles and uncertainty 1**

*Chair: Menzie Chinn (University of Wisconsin–Madison)*

**Subjective interest rate uncertainty and the macroeconomy: an international panel approach.**

\*Klodian Istrefi and Sarah Mouabbi (Banque de France).

**What are the macroeconomic effects of high-frequency uncertainty shocks?**

Laurent Ferrara (Banque de France) and \*Pierre Guérin (Bank of Canada).

**Contractionary volatility or volatile contractions?**

David Berger (Northwestern University), \*Ian Dew-Becker (Northwestern University) and Stefano Giglio (University of Chicago).

**19:00+ WORKSHOP DINNER (by invitation)**

**FRIDAY, 13 MAY**

**8:45-10:15 Business cycles and uncertainty 2**

*Chair: Klodian Istrefi (Banque de France)*

**Surprise and uncertainty indexes: Real-time aggregation of real-activity macro surprises.**

\*Chiara Scotti (Federal Reserve Board).

**Economic policy uncertainty spillovers in booms and busts.**

\*Giovanni Caggiano (University of Padova), Efrem Castelnuovo (University of Melbourne) and Juan Manuel Figueres (University of Padova).

**Aggregate uncertainty and sectoral productivity growth: the role of credit constraints.**

Sangyup Choi (IMF), \*Davide Furceri (IMF), Yi Huang (Graduate Institute, Geneva) and Prakash Loungani (IMF).

**10:15-10:45 Coffee break**

**10:45-11:30 Keynote Talk: Barbara Rossi (ICREA-University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona GSE and CREI)**

*Chair: Xuguang Simon Sheng (American University)*

**Understanding the sources of macroeconomic uncertainty.**

with Tatevik Sekhposyan (Texas A&M University) and Matthieu Soupre (Universitat Pompeu Fabra).

**11:30-12:30 Uncertainty and policy**

*Chair: Xuguang Simon Sheng (American University)*

**Monetary policy uncertainty**

Lucas Husted, \*John Rogers and Bo Sun (Federal Reserve Board).

**Testing for policy affected uncertainty in ARMA-GARCH model.**

Wojciech Charemza (University of Leicester), Christian Francq (CREST), \*Svetlana Makarova (UCL) and Jean-Michel Zakoïan (CREST).

**12:30-13:15 Lunch**

**13:15-14:15 Poster session 2**

**Understanding the role of uncertainty in the euro area business cycle.**

\*Cecilia Fernandes and Geoff Kenny (ECB).

**A new index of uncertainty based on internet searches: A friend or foe of other indicators?**

Maria Elena Bontempi, \*Roberto Golinelli, and Matteo Squadrani (University of Bologna)

**Inflation uncertainty, disagreement and monetary policy: Evidence from the ECB survey of professional forecasters.**

Alexander Glas and \*Matthias Hartmann (Heidelberg University).

**Does uncertainty affect participation in the European central bank's survey of professional forecasters?**

\*Víctor López-Pérez (Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena)

**Financial frictions and the volatility of monetary policy shocks in a DSGE model.**

\*Anh Nguyen (Lancaster University).

**14:15-14:30 Information about JIMF Special Issue:** Menzie Chinn and Laurent Ferrara

**14:30-16:00 Sectoral uncertainty**

*Chair: Carlos Díaz (University of Leicester)*

**Uncertainty shocks, banking frictions and economic activity.**

\*Dario Bonciani (European University Institute and LSE) and Björn van Roye (ECB).

**Heterogeneity in the dynamic effects of uncertainty on investment.**

\*Sung Je Byun (Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas) and Soojin Jo (Bank of Canada).

**The labor market channel of macroeconomic uncertainty.**

\*Elisa Guglielminetti (Bank of Italy).

**16:00-16:15 Coffee break (short)**

**16:15-17:15 Uncertainty and international issues 2**

*Chair: Svetlana Makarova (University College London)*

**Volatility risk pass-through.**

\*Riccardo Colacito (University of Chapel Hill), Mariano Croce (University of Chapel Hill), Yang Liu (University of Pennsylvania), and Ivan Shaliastovich (Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania).

**Uncertainty, capital flows, and maturity mismatch.**

\*Nathan Converse (Federal Reserve Board).

**17:15-17:30 Closing**