

# EES Kick-off Workshop

## The Labor Market and the Business Cycle

### ENSURING ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT STABILITY

MARCH 5 – 7, 2009

Kiel Institute for the World Economy / Germany

### Preliminary Program

#### Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

18:30-21:00      *RECEPTION DINNER (Hotel Maritim)*

#### Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

08.30 – 8.45      Opening Remarks — **Dennis J. Snower**

09:00-12:30      MORNING SESSIONS

09:00-10:30      PARALLEL SESSION 1A

**Wolfgang Lechthaler, Christian Merkl** and Dennis J. Snower

*“Monetary persistence and the labor market: A new perspective.”*

**Carlos Thomas** and Francesco Zanetti

*“Labor market reform and price stability: An application to the euro area.”*

09:00-10:30      PARALLEL SESSION 1B

**Hermann Gartner**, Thorsten Schank and Claus Schnabel

*“Cyclicality of nominal wages across bargaining regimes – evidence from German employer-employee data.”*

**Marco Hoeberichts** and Giuseppe Bertola, Aurelijus Dabusinskas  
Mario Izquierdo, Claudia Kwapil, Jeremi Montornès and Daniel  
Radowski

*“Wage and employment response to shocks: Evidence from the WDN survey.”*

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00-12:30 PARALLEL SESSION 2A

**Almut Balleer**

*"New evidence, old puzzles: technology shocks and labor market dynamics."*

**Christian Haefke**, Marcus Sonntag and Thijs van Rens

*"Wage rigidity and job creation."*

11:00-12:30 PARALLEL SESSION 2B

**Aleksander Berentsen**, Randall Wright and Guido Menzio

*"Inflation and unemployment in the long run."*

**Alberto Dalmazzo** and Alex Cukierman

*"Fiscal policy, labour unions and monetary institutions: Their long run impact on unemployment, inflation and welfare."*

12:30-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-18:00 AFTERNOON SESSIONS

14:00-15:30 PARALLEL SESSION 3A

**Thomas A. Lubik**

*"Identifying the labor market search and matching model: Some insights from structural estimation."*

**Lorenza Rossi** and Ester Faia

*"Unions Power, Collective Bargaining and Optimal Monetary Policy."*

14:00-15:30 PARALLEL SESSION 3B

**Torben Andersen**

*"Should labour market policies be business cycle dependent?"*

**Herbert Brücker** and Elke Jahn

*"Migration and wage setting: Reassessing the labor market effects of migration."*

15:30-16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00-17:00 Keynote speech — **Garey Ramey**

17:00-18:00 EES members meeting

19:00-21:00 DINNER (Parkhotel Kieler Kaufmann)

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

08:30-12:45 MORNING SESSIONS

08:30-10:00 PARALLEL SESSION 4A

**Thijs van Rens** and Jordi Galí  
*“The vanishing pro-cyclicality of labor productivity and the great moderation.”*

**Sven Schreiber**  
*“Explaining shifts in the unemployment rate with productivity slowdowns and accelerations: A co-breaking approach.”*

08:30-10:00 PARALLEL SESSION 4B

**Manfred Jäger** and Markus Demary  
*“Monetary Policy Responses under Wage and Price Stickiness in Germany.”*

Rangan Gupta, **Ruthira Naraidoo** and Eric Schaling  
*“Asymmetric Preferences in A New Keynesian Model of Unemployment.”*

10:00-10:15 COFFEE BREAK

10:15-11:15 Keynote speech — **Jordi Galí**

11:15-12:45

PARALLEL SESSION 5A

**Keith Kuester** and Philip Jung

*“The (Un)Importance of unemployment fluctuations for welfare.”*

**Mewael Tesfaselassie** and Eric Schaling

*“On determinacy and learnability in a New Keynesian model with unemployment.”*

11:15-12:45

PARALLEL SESSION 5B

**Guido Ascari** and Tiziano Ropele

*“Sacrifice ratio or welfare gain ratio? Disinflation in a DSGE monetary model.”*

**Liam Graham** and Stephen Wright

*“Information, heterogeneity and market incompleteness.”*

12:45-14:00

LUNCH

14:00-15:30

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

14:00-15:30

PARALLEL SESSION 6A

**Kai Christoffel**, Keith Kuester and Tobias Linzert

*“The role of labor markets for euro area monetary policy.”*

**Ester Faia**, Wolfgang Lechthaler and Christian Merkl

*“Labor turnover costs, workers’ heterogeneity and optimal monetary policy.”*

14:00-15:30

PARALLEL SESSION 6B

**Marcel Jansen** and James Costain

*“Employment fluctuations with downward wage rigidity: The role of worker moral hazard.”*

**Markus Knell** and Alfred Stiglbauer

*“The impact of reference norms on inflation persistence when wages are staggered.”*