41st Konstanz Seminar on Monetary Theory and Monetary Policy

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Program

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### Wednesday, May 19th

#### Morning Session: 9:00 - 11:45

**Chairman:** Jürgen von Hagen  
**Papers:**  
Gianluca Benigno, LSE  
*Revisiting overborrowing and its policy implications.*  
Ruediger Bachmann, University of Michigan  
*Government purchases over the business cycle: the role of heterogeneity and wealth bias in political decision making.*  

**Discussants:**  
Haiping Zhang, Singapore Management University  
Patrick Minford, Cardiff Business School  

#### Lunch: 12:00

#### Afternoon Session: 13:30 - 17:45

**Chairman:** Casper de Vries, Erasmus University Rotterdam  
**Papers:**  
Christian Bayer, University of Bonn  
*Firm-specific productivity risk over the business cycle: Facts and aggregate implications.*  
Luca Sala, Bocconi University  
*Potential output, the output gap and the labor wedge.*  
Irina Telyukova, UC San Diego  
*Directed search over the life cycle.*  

**Discussants:**  
Max Gillman, Cardiff Business School  
Michael Evers, University of Bonn  
Christopher Waller, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis  

#### Dinner: 19:00
Thursday, May 20th

Morning Session: 8:30 - 12:45
Chairman: Berthold Herrendorf
Papers:
  Marcus Hagedorn, University of Zurich
  *Spot wages over the business cycle?*

  Robert Kollman, Free University of Brussels
  *Banks and the international transmission of macroeconomic shocks.*

  Marcel Fratzscher, ECB
  *Macroprudential policy and central bank communication.*

Discussants: Sylvia Kaufmann, OENB
             Gernot Müller, University of Bonn
             Marcel Savioz, SNB Zurich

Lunch: 13:00

Policy Session: 16:30 - 18:30
Chairman: Wolfgang Münchau
Speaker: James Bullard, President, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
Comments:

Dinner: 19:00
Departure by boat to the Conference Dinner at the Hotel Waaghaus
(Gottlieben, CH)
Passport required
Friday, May 21st

Morning Session: 9:30 - 12:15
Chairman: Robert Rasche
Papers: Charles Nolan, University of St. Andrews
Relative price distortions and inflation persistence.

Stefan Niemann, University of Essex
Inflation dynamics under optimal discretionary fiscal and monetary policies.

Discussants: Huw Dixon, Cardiff Business School
John Lewis, De Nederlandsche Bank

Adjourn: 12:15