

TAPES Conference on Fiscal Federalism 20-22 May 2004



PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Thursday 20 May 2004

Morning Session: Tax Avoidance / Evasion

Chair: Hans-Werner Sinn

09:00 - 10:15 Tax Havens in Federations

Mihir Desai, Fritz Foley and JIM HINES

Discussants: Roger Gordon and Federico Revelli

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:00 Income Segregation and Local Progressive Taxation: Empirical Evidence from Switzerland

KURT SCHMIDHEINY

Discussants: Hans-Werner Sinn and Kate Baicker

12:00 - 14:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session : Fiscal Competition

Chair: Jim Poterba

14:00 - 15:15 Incentive Effects of Fiscal Equalization Transfers on Tax Policy

THIES BÜTTNER

Discussants: Helmut Cremer and Dennis Epple

15:15 - 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 - 17:00 Performance Rating and Yardstick Competition in Social Service Provision

FEDERICO REVELLI

Discussants: Jim Hines and Jean Hindriks

19:30 Conference Dinner

Friday 21 May 2004

Morning Session: Fiscal Federalism

Chair: Dennis Epple

09:00 - 10:15 Do State and Local Governments Use Other Public Expenditures Programs to Undo the Redistribution of Court-Ordered School Finance Equalization

KATHERINE BAICKER and Nora Gordon

Discussants: Holger Sieg and Julia Darby

10:15 - 11:30 Fiscal Federalism and Fiscal Consolidations: Evidence from an Event Study

Julia Darby, ANTON MUSCATELLI and Greame Roy

Discussants: Jim Poterba and Thies Büttner

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 - 13:15 **Capital Tax Competition with Heterogeneous Firms**

KATHERINE CUFF, John Burbidge, and Jack Leach

Discussants: Luca Micheletto and Clemens Fuest

13:15 Light lunch and then depart for afternoon social programme

Saturday 22 May 2004

Morning Session: Tiebout Models

Chair: Vesa Kanninen

09:00 - 10:15 **Myopic Voting and Local Public Good Provision: Theory and Evidence**

DENNIS EPPLE, Stephen Calabrese, Thomas Romer and Holger Sieg

Discussants: Soren Blomquist and Tim Besley

10:15 - 11:30 **State Policy and Local Residential Sorting: Are Tiebout Voters Hobbled?**

MARTIN FARNHAM and Purvi Sevak

Discussants: Michelle White and Nora Gordon

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 - 13:15 **Can Regional Policy in a Federation Improve Economic Efficiency?**

Clemens Fuest and Bernd Huber

Discussants: Vesa Kanninen and Katherine Cuff

13:15 - 14:45 Lunch

Afternoon Session: Fiscal Spillovers

Chair: Roger Gordon

14:45 - 16:00 **Median Voters, Nonresidents, and Property Tax Limitations**

JACOB VIGDOR

Discussants: Brian Knight and Martin Farnham

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:45 **Voluntary Matching Grants**

Jacques Dreze, Charles Figuières, JEAN HINDRIKS

Discussants: Alexander Plekhanov and Jacob Vigdor