

# 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: Helmuth Cremer and Jim Poterba

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: Tiebout Models**

**Chair: Vesa Kannianen**

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 Kannianen and John Burbidge

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

### **Saturday 22 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: Dennis Epple 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 - 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 Figuieres, JEAN HINDRIKS

Discussants: Alexander Plekhanov and Jacob Vigdor