Thursday, August 24th

8:30-9:00  Coffee and Registration

Session I: Policies: Announcements and Reforms - Chair: TBA

9:00-10:00 Luigi Paciello, EIEF
“Ambiguous Policy Announcements” (with Claudio Michelacci)
Discussant: Chao Gu, Missouri

10:00-11:00 Randy Wright, Wisconsin
“The Effects of Monetary Policy and Other Announcements” (with Chao Gu and Han Han)
Discussant: Todd Keister, Rutgers

11:00-11:20 Coffee break

11:20-12:20 Roozbeh Hosseini, University of Georgia
“Retirement Financing: An Optimal Reform Approach” (with Ali Shourideh)
Discussant: Yena Park, Rochester

12:20 – 13:30 - LUNCH

Session II: Sovereign Risk – Chair: TBA

13:30-14:30 Pablo D’Erasmo, FRB of Philadelphia.
“Optimal Domestic (and External) Sovereign Default” (with Enrique Mendoza)
Discussant: Juan Carlos Hatchondo, Indiana

14:30-15:30 Marco Bassetto, FRB of Chicago
“Is Inflation Default? The Role of Information in Debt Crises” (with Carlo Galli)
Discussant: Facundo Piguillem, EIEF

15:30-15:50 Coffee Break

Session III: Crises and Fiscal Policy - Chair: TBA

15:50-16:50 Ignacio Presno, Federal Reserve Board
“Fiscal Policy, Sovereign Risk, and Unemployment” (with Javier Bianchi and Pablo Ottonello)
Discussant: Neele Balke, IIES Stockholm
16:50-17:50  Luigi Bocola, Northwestern. 
“Financial Crisis and Lending of Last Resort in Open Economics” (with Guido Lorenzoni) 
Discussant: Javier Bianchi, FRB of Minneapolis

19:00  DINNER

Friday, August 25th

8:00-8:30  Coffee

Session IV: Fluctuations - Chair: TBA

8:30-9:30  Mathieu Taschereau-Demouchel, Cornell

9:30-10:30  Gian Luca Clementi, NYU Stern
“Firm Demographics and the Great Recession” (with Bernardini Palazzo and Peifan Wu) 
Discussant: Tom Winberry, Chicago Booth

10:30-10:50  Coffee break

10:50-11:50  Carlos Urrutia, ITAM
“Employment Protection, Informality, and Business Cycles in Emerging Economies” (with Gustavo Leyva) 
Discussant: Hernan Moscoso-Boedo, Cincinnati

11:50 – 13:00 LUNCH

Session V: Trade - Chair: TBA

13:00-14:00  George Alessandria, Rochester
“Trade Integration and the Trade Balance in China” (with Horag Choi and Dan Lu) Discussant: Michael Waugh, NYU Stern

14:00-15:00  Andrea Prestipino, Federal Reserve Board
“The Macroeconomic Effects of Trade Policy” (with Christopher Erceg and Andrea Raffo) 
Discussant: Matteo Cacciatore, HEC Montreal

15:00  ADJOURN