

Workshop programme
The financial sector and the macro economy
Venue: Danmarks Nationalbank, Havnegade 5, DK-1093 Copenhagen K (R-salen)
29 September 2015
(by invitation only)

9.00 – 9.30: Registration and coffee

9.30 – 9.45: Opening Remarks: Governor Per Callesen, Danmarks Nationalbank

Morning session 1: Financial factors and the real economy

Chair: Michael Skaarup Matthison, Danmarks Nationalbank

9.45 – 10.10: Financial factors in economic fluctuations
by Francesco Furlanetto, Norges Bank

10.10 – 10.35: Melting Down. Systemic Financial Instability and the Macroeconomy
by Manfred Kremer, European Central Bank

10.35 – 11.00: Policy discussion
10 minutes introduction by lead discussant followed by a general discussion.
Lead discussant: Ulf Michael Bergman, University of Copenhagen

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break

Morning session 2: Credit cycles and house prices

Chair: Niels Lynggård Hansen, Danmarks Nationalbank

11.30 – 11:55: Leverage dynamics and the real burden of debt
by Mikael Juselius, Bank of Finland

11.55 – 12:20: Household debt and house prices in Sweden
by Peter Englund, Stockholm School of Economics

12.20 – 12.45: Policy discussion
10 minutes introduction by lead discussant followed by a general discussion.
Lead discussant: Svend Erik Hougaard Jensen, Copenhagen Business School

12.45 – 13.45: Lunch (Visitors' Dining Room: Svanen + Arne Jacobsen + Myren)

13.45 – 14.30: The Bank of England's One Bank Research Agenda
by Sujit Kapadia, Bank of England

Afternoon session: Firms and debt

Chair: Kim Abildgren, Danmarks Nationalbank

14.30 – 14.55: Firm leverage and investment during the crisis
by Andreas Kuchler, Danmarks Nationalbank

14.55 – 15.20: Credit constraints and entrepreneurship
by Søren Leth-Petersen, University of Copenhagen

15.20 – 15.45: Policy discussion
10 minutes introduction by lead discussant followed by a general discussion.
Lead discussant: Jesper Rangvid, Copenhagen Business School

15.45 – 16.00: Coffee break

Panel discussion: How to deal with financial factors in forecasting and policy advice?

Many macroeconomic models do not explicitly model the financial sector. However, particularly after the recent financial crisis there has been increased focus on the role played by financial factors for macroeconomic volatility and thereby forecasting and policy assessment. Possible key issues that could be addressed by the panel: Is there a need for macroeconomic models to more explicitly deal with the financial sector or give more attention to specific financial factors or variables (e.g. gross debt, house prices etc.)? What are the implications in terms of communication of forecasts if the possibility of regime switches is taken into account? Can a more systematic treatment of financial factors increase the ability of models to assess the materialization of risk and thereby improve the forecasting of macroeconomic instability?

Chair: John Smidt, Danish Economic Councils

16.00 – 17.00: 10 minutes introduction from each of the following panelists:

Jørgen Elmeskov, Statistics Denmark and former OECD

Ulf Söderström, Sveriges Riksbank

Niels Arne Dam, Danish Ministry of Finance

Followed by panel discussion and a general discussion

17.00: End of workshop