



## **BOMOPA ECONOMICS MEETINGS 2006** **6th April**

**Host and sponsor:** Dipartimento di Scienze Economiche Bologna

**Venue:** Sala Seminari - Strada Maggiore 45 Bologna

**Organizing Committee:**

Graziella Bertocchi, Efrem Castelnuovo, Matteo Cervellati and Gianmarco Ottaviano

### **Aim:**

This is the first edition of a joint initiative of members of the Departments of Economics of the Universities of Bologna, Modena-Reggio Emilia and Padova. The meetings are aimed at stimulating discussion among the researchers of the three departments. The idea is to establish a tradition of meetings to be hosted in rotation on a regular basis. The final goal is to create synergies, strengthen cooperation, and foster the development of joint research projects. Participation of all members of the three departments as well as Ph.D students close to thesis completion and Post-Docs is encouraged. Outside guests are also welcome to attend.

### **Preliminary Program**

#### **10.15 – 10.30 Welcome Address**

Matteo Cervellati, Bologna

#### **10.30 – 12.30 Session 1**

Chair: Efrem Castelnuovo, Padova

*Luca Gambetti*, Modena-RE, "The Contribution of Neutral and Investment-Specific Technology Shocks to US Aggregate Fluctuations: Has It Changed and How?"

*Luca Nunziata*, Padova (with John Muellbauer), "Forecasting (and Explaining) US Business Cycles"

*Efrem Castelnuovo*, Padova, "Monetary Policy Switch, the Taylor Curve, and the Great Moderation"

#### **12.30 – 13.45 Short Lunch**

## **13.45 – 15.45 Session 2**

Chair: Paolo Vanin, Padova

*Stefano Gnocchi*, Bologna, "Optimal Simple Monetary Policy Rules and Non-Atomistic Wage Setters in a New-Keynesian Framework"

*Matteo Cervellati*, Bologna (with P. Fortunato and U. Sunde), "Consensual and Conflictual Democratization"

*Paolo Vanin*, Padova (with Paolo Buonanno and Daniel Montolio), "Social Capital and Crime in Italy"

## **15-45 – 16.15 Coffee Break**

## **16.15 – 18.15 Session 3**

Chair: Graziella Bertocchi, Modena-RE

*Giorgio Bellettini*, Bologna (with Hubert Kempf), "Location for Sale: The Political Economy of Public Goods Location"

*Hartmut Lehmann*, Bologna (with Thomas Dohmen and Mark E. Schaffer) " Inside the Black Box: The Russian Firm and Internal Labor Markets in Economic Transition – exploring personnel data"

*Graziella Bertocchi*, Modena-RE, "The Vanishing Bequest Tax"

## **18.15 Adjour**

If you are interested to attend please contact the local organizer:

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