



WAGE BARGAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND MONETARY AND ECONOMIC POLICIES

Colloque co-organisé par la BANQUE DE FRANCE et la DARES
9/10 October 2007, Paris (Palais Brongniart)
Programme

Tuesday, 9 October

● **WELCOME ADDRESS** (9:00-9:15 a.m.)
Jean-Pierre Landau (Banque de France)

● **SESSION 1: INAUGURAL SESSION** (9:15-12:00 a.m.)
Chair: Olivier Jean Blanchard (MIT)

Keynote speakers:

Christian Pfister (Banque de France): "Labour Market Flexibility: What Does Banque de France Tell Us?"
Olivier Blanchard (MIT and NBER) and **Jordi Galí** (CREI and Universitat Pompeu Fabra): "A New Keynesian Model with Unemployment"

COFFEE BREAK: 10:30-10:45 a.m.

Gilles Saint-Paul (Université des Sciences Sociales de Toulouse, Conseil d'Analyse Economique, CEPR and IZA):
"Alternative Strategies for Fighting Unemployment: Lessons from the European Experience"
Richard Freeman (Harvard University and LSE): "Alternative Modes of Compensation: Employment and Productivity"

LUNCHTIME: 12:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

● **SESSION 2.1: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: EVIDENCE FROM MICRO DATA, PART 1 (2:00-4:00 p.m.)**

Chair: Jorgen Elmeskov (OECD)

Speakers:

Pedro Portugal (Departamento de Estudos Económicos do Banco de Portugal): "Wage Setting in the Portuguese Labor Market : A Microeconomic Approach"

Discussant: **Steinar Holden** (University of Oslo, Norges Bank and CESifo)

Sara de la Rica (Universidad del Pais Vasco and IZA) and Ainara González San Román (Universidad del Pais Vasco): "The Impact of Firm-Level Contracting on Wage Levels and Inequality: Spain, 1995-2002"

Discussant: **David Margolis** (CNRS, Université Paris-1)

Olivier Barrat (Direction Générale du Travail), Hélène Chaput, Antoine Naboulet and **Loup Wolff** (DARES):
"Wage Bargaining and Compensation Practices in France : An Overview"

Discussant: **Thomas Amossé** (Centre d'Etudes de l'Emploi)

COFFEE BREAK: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

● **SESSION 2.2: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: EVIDENCE FROM MICRO DATA, PART 2 (4:30-6:30 p.m.)**

Chair: Antoine Magnier (DARES)

Speakers:

Monika Merz (University of Bonn and IZA): "Collective Female Labor Supply : Evidence From Germany"

Discussant: **Dominique Goux** (DARES)

Michael Rusinek (Université Libre de Bruxelles) and François Rycx (Université Libre de Bruxelles and IZA): "Rent-sharing under Different Bargaining Regimes : Evidence from Linked Employer-Employee Data"

Discussant: **Sebastien Roux** (CREST-INSEE & LEA, Paris)

Sanvi Avouyi-Dovi (Banque de France), Denis Fougère (CREST-INSEE, Banque de France, CEPR and IZA) and

Erwan Gautier (Banque de France): "Collective Bargaining and Firm-Level Agreements in France: How Do they Affect Wage Dynamics?"

Discussant: **Sara de la Rica** (Universidad del Pais Vasco and IZA)

Wednesday, 10 October

● **SESSION 3: INVITED LECTURES (9:00-10:30 a.m.)**

Chair: Jordi Galí (CREI and Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

Speakers:

Steinar Holden (University of Oslo, Norges Bank and CESifo) and Fredrik Wulfsberg (Norges Bank) : "How Strong is the Macroeconomic Case for Downward Real Wage Rigidity".

Frank Smets (European Central Bank): "Wage Dynamics in the Euro Area"

COFFEE BREAK: 10:30-11:00 a.m.

● **SESSION 4: WAGE RIGIDITY AND INSTITUTIONS (11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)**

Chair: Pedro Portugal (Departamento de Estudos Económicos do Banco de Portugal)

Speakers:

Louis Christofides (University of Cyprus and University of Guelph) and Paris Nearchou (University of Cyprus): "Patterns of Nominal and Real Wage Rigidity"

Discussant: **Frank Smets** (European Central Bank)

Daniele Checchi (University of Milan and IZA) and **Luca Nunziata** (University of Padova and IZA): "Are Labour Market Institutions Endogenous? An Investigation of Unemployment, Unions and Wages"

Discussant: **Thomas Philippon** (Stern University, NYC)

LUNCHTIME: 1:00-2:30 p.m.

● **SESSION 5: SEARCH AND BARGAINING STRUCTURAL MODELS (2:30-4:30 p.m.)**

Chair: Monika Merz (University of Bonn and IZA)

Speakers:

Michael U. Krause (Deutsche Bundesbank), David J. Lopez-Salido (Federal Reserve Bank, Washington, and CEPR) and Thomas Lubik (Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond): "Do Search Frictions Matter for Inflation Dynamics?"

Discussant: **Pierre Cahuc** (CREST-INSEE)

Céline Poilly and **Jean-Guillaume Sahuc** (Banque de France): "Welfare Implications of Heterogeneous Labor Markets in a Currency Area"

Discussant: **Kai Christoffel** (European Central Bank)

Mark Gertler (New-York University and NBER), Luca Scala (IGIER, Università Bocconi) and **Antonella Trigari** (Università Bocconi, CEPR and NBER): "An Estimated Monetary DSGE Model with Unemployment and Staggered Nominal Wage Bargaining"

Discussant: **Angel Gavilan** (Banco de España)

COFFEE BREAK: 4:30-5:00 p.m.

● **SESSION 6: ROUND TABLE: "BARGAINING AND ECONOMIC POLICIES: SOME THOUGHTS, NEXT STEPS..." (5:00-6:00 p.m.)**

Chair: Marc-Olivier Strauss-Kahn (Banque de France)

Participants:

Olivier Jean Blanchard (MIT): "Bargaining, Fluctuations, and Macroeconomic Policy: Progress and Open Issues",

Richard Freeman (Harvard University and LSE),

Antoine Magnier (DARES).

6:00 p.m. : COCKTAIL