

TRANS-ATLANTIC PUBLIC ECONOMICS SEMINAR

Fiscal Policy

Call for Papers

On June 14 -16, 2010, the National Bureau of Economic Research jointly with IGER at Bocconi University will sponsor the next Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar, which will take place in Milan, Italy. The program, to be organized by Roberto Perotti of Bocconi University and NBER and Roger Gordon of the University of California, San Diego and NBER, will consist of twelve papers and two formal discussants for each paper. Papers from the conference will be considered for a special issue of the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, subject to the normal refereeing process.

The conference will focus on papers that provide both theoretical and empirical evidence on the effects of fiscal policy on economic performance, both in the short run and the longer run. To what degree can a fiscal stimulus be used to ease an economic downturn? What are the risks and longer-run costs of the resulting increase in debt/GDP ratios, both for any given country and for neighboring countries? What longer-term fiscal pressures do countries face in coming years due both to the retirement of the baby-boom generation, and to dropping fertility rates? How should they best address these pressures?

Emphasis will be on empirically oriented research, but applied theoretical research is also welcome. Preference will be given to papers by younger authors. Papers will be selected on the basis of abstracts of about 750 words or, when possible, completed papers. The deadline for submission is October 1, 2009. Authors chosen to present papers will be notified by November 1, 2009. Travel and local expenses for participants will be covered. Authors should send by email their abstracts to Roberto Perotti and to Roger Gordon, at the following addresses:

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