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*Preliminary Program (8/27/14)*

## **Friday September 26**

**12:00-1:15**      **Lunch and Registration**

**1:15-1:30**      **Opening Remarks**

**1:30-3:00**      **Session 1: Theory**

Discriminating between fractional integration and spurious long memory (./docs/papers/Haldrup, Niels.pdf)

Niels **Haldrup** (Aarhus University)

Co-author: Robinson Kruse (Leibniz Universitat Hannover, CREATES)

Time-Varying Parameter Models-Achieving Shrinkage and Variable Selection

Sylvia **Fruhworth-Schnatter** (Vienna University of Econometrics and Business)

On the Coverage Bound Problem of Empirical Likelihood Methods for Time Series (./docs/papers/Zhang, Xianyang.pdf)

Xianyang **Zhang** (University of Missouri-Columbia)

Co-author: Xiaofeng Shao

**3:00-3:30**      **Break**

**3:30-5:00**      **Session 2: Factors**

A spectral EM algorithm for dynamic factor models  
Gabriele **Fiorentini** (University of Firenze)

Fractionally Integrated Panel Data Systems (./docs/papers/Ergemen, Yunus Emre.pdf)

Yunus Emre **Ergemen** (<https://sites.google.com/site/emreergemen/>) (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

High Frequency Economic Data and Weekly Economic Index  
Jim **Stock** (Council of Economic Advisors and Harvard University)

**5:00-6:30**      **1st Poster session and Cocktails**

A Forecast Rationality Test that Allows for Loss Function Asymmetries (./docs/papers/Naghi, Andrea.pdf)

Andrea **Naghi** (University of Warwick)

Exact Inference in DSGE Models

Lynda **Khalaf** (Carleton University)

Testing for spurious multivariate long memory (./docs/papers/Sibbertsen, Philipp.pdf)

Philipp **Sibbersen** (<http://www.statistik.uni-hannover.de/sibbertsen.html?&L=1>) (Leibniz Universitat Hannover)

Co-authors: Marie Holzhausen and Christian Leschinski

Quantile Spectral Processes: Asymptotic Analysis and Inference

(<http://arxiv.org/abs/1401.8104>)

Tobias **Kley** (<http://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/mathematik3/en/team/kley.html>) (Ruhr University Bochum)

Co-authors: Stanislav Volgushev, Holger Dette, Marc Hallin

Noncausal Bayesian Vector Autoregression (./docs/papers/Luoto, Jani.pdf)

Jani **Luoto** (University of Helsinki)

Co-author: Markku Lanne

How Persistent are Monetary Policy Effects at the Zero Lower Bound? (./docs/papers/Neely, Chris.pdf)

Chris **Neely** (<http://research.stlouisfed.org/econ/cneely/>) (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis)

Dynamic models with parsimoniously time-varying parameters

Laurent **Callot** (VU University Amsterdam)

Forecast Rationality Tests in the Presence of Instabilities: Are Central Banks Rational? (./docs/papers/Sekhposyan, Tatevik.pdf)

Tatevik **Sekhposyan** (<http://www.tateviksekhposyan.org/>) (Bank of Canada)

Co-authors: Barbara Rossi (ICREA-UPF, Barcelona GSE, and CREI)

State Prices of Conditional Quantiles: New Evidence on Time Variation in the Pricing Kernel (./docs/papers/Smith, Aaron.pdf)

Aaron **Smith** (<http://asmith.ucdavis.edu>) (University of California Davis)

Co-author: Konstantinos Metaxoglou (Carleton University)

On Size and Power of Heteroscedasticity and Autocorrelation Robust Tests (./docs/papers/Preinerstorfer, David.pdf)

David **Preinerstorfer** (University of Vienna)

Co-author: Benedikt M. Pötscher

Structured Regularization for Large Vector Autoregression (./docs/papers/Nicholson, Will.pdf)

Will **Nicholson** (Cornell University)

Co-authors: David Matteson and Jacob Bien

Regression-Based Mixed Frequency Granger Causality Tests (./docs/papers/Motegi, Kaiji.pdf)

Kaiji **Motegi** (Waseda University)

Co-authors: Jonathan B. Hill (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and Eric Ghysels (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

**6:30-8:30 My Dinner with FRED**

## **Saturday, September 27**

**8:00-8:30 Breakfast**

**8:30-10:00 Session 3: Finance**

Limited Information Likelihood Inference In Stochastic Volatility Jump-Diffusion Models

Dennis **Kristensen** (University College London)

Nonparametric Test for a Constant Beta over a Fixed Time Interval (./docs/papers/Todorov, Viktor.pdf)

Viktor **Todorov** (Northwestern University)

Co-authors: Markus Reiss, Humboldt University and George Tauchen, Duke University

Bootstrapping high-frequency jump tests  
Silvia **Goncalves** (Universite de Montreal)  
Co-authors: Prosper Dovonon (Concordia University), Ulrich Hounyo (Oxford-man institute and CREATES), Nour Meddahi (Toulouse School of Economics)

**10:00-10:30 Break**

**10:30-12:00 Session 4: Functional**

On the prediction of stationary functional time series (./docs/papers/Aue, Alexander.pdf)  
Alexander **Aue** (<http://www.stat.ucdavis.edu/~alexaue/>) (University of California Davis)  
Co-authors: Siegfried Hörmann and Diogo Dubart Noriho

Nonstationarity in Time Series of State Densities  
Yoosoon **Chang** (Indiana University)

Testing for Independence Between Functional Time Series (./docs/papers/Rice, Greg.pdf)  
Greg **Rice** (The University of Utah)  
Co-author: Lajos Horváth

**12:00-1:30 2nd Poster session and Lunch**

Heteroskedasticity Autocorrelation Robust Inference in Time Series Regressions with Missing Data (./docs/papers/Rho, Seunghwa.pdf)  
Seunghwa **Rho** (Michigan State University)  
Co-author: Timothy Vogelsang (MSU)

Estimating (Markov-Switching) VAR Models without Gibbs Sampling: A Sequential Monte Carlo Approach  
Mark **Bognanni** (Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland)

Spurious Inference In Unidentified Asset-Pricing Models (./docs/papers/Gospodinov, Nikolay.pdf)  
Nikolay **Gospodinov** (<https://sites.google.com/site/gospodinovfed/>) (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta)  
Co-authors: Raymond Kan (University of Toronto) and Cesare Robotti (Imperial College London)

Local Identification of Nonlinear DSGE Models (./docs/papers/Morris, Stephen.pdf)  
Stephen **Morris** (University of California San Diego)

Estimating and Forecasting Financial Risk: The Realized Quantile Approach  
Abderrahim **Taamouti** (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

A Bayesian Multivariate Functional Dynamic Linear Model (./docs/papers/Kowal, Dan.pdf)  
Daniel **Kowal** (Cornell University)  
Co-authors: David S. Matteson and David Ruppert

Simple Robust Tests for the Specification of High-Frequency Predictors of a Low-Frequency Series (./docs/papers/Miller, Isaac.pdf)  
J. Isaac **Miller** (University of Missouri)

Synthetic Control Theory and Inference for Linear Stationary Processes  
Ricardo **Masini** (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro)  
Co-authors: Marcelo Medeiros (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro), and Carlos Carvalho (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro)

Doubly Constrained Factor Models with Applications (./docs/papers/Tsai, Henghsiu.pdf)  
Henghsiu **Tsai** (<http://www.stat.sinica.edu.tw/htsai/>) (Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica)  
Co-authors: Ruey S. Tsay (University of Chicago), Edward M. H. Lin (Academia Sinica), and Ching-Wei Cheng (Purdue University)

What Drives the Yield Curve?

Michel **van der Wel** (<http://people.few.eur.nl/vanderwel/>)  
(Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Co-authors: Dennis Kristensen and Oliver Linton

Generalized Autoregressive Method of Moments

Marcin **Zamojski** (VU University Amsterdam and Tinbergen Institute)

Granger-Causal-Priority and Choice of Variables in Vector  
Autoregressions ([./docs/papers/Jarocinski, Marek.pdf](http://docs/papers/Jarocinski_Marek.pdf))

Marek **Jarocinski** (European Central Bank)

Co-author: Bartosz Mackowiak, European Central Bank and CEPR

Bias Reduction in Nonlinear and Dynamic Panels in the Presence of  
Cross-Section Dependence, with a GARCH Panel Application ([./docs/papers/Pakel, Cavit.pdf](http://docs/papers/Pakel_Cavit.pdf))

Cavit **Pakel** (Bilkent University)

Comparing Predictive Accuracy and Model Combination Using  
Encompassing Test for Nested Quantile Models

Tae-Hwy **Lee** (University of California Riverside)

**1:30-3:00**

**Session 5: VARs**

Joint Confidence Sets for Structural Impulse Responses

Atsushi **Inoue** (Southern Methodist University)

A delta-method approach for frequentist inference in orthonormal  
SVARs with (and without) sign restrictions

Jose Luis **Montiel Olea** (New York University)

Inference Based on SVARs Identified with Sign and Zero Restrictions:  
Theory and Applications ([./docs/papers/Arias, Jonas.pdf](http://docs/papers/Arias_Jonas.pdf))

Jonás **Arias** (Federal Reserve Board)

Co-authors: Juan R. Rubio-Ramirez (Duke University) and Daniel Waggoner  
(Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta)

**3:00-3:30**

**Break**

**3:30-5:00**

**Session 6: Scale**

The Scale of Predictability ([./docs/papers/Tamoni, Andrea.pdf](http://docs/papers/Tamoni_Andrea.pdf))

Andrea **Tamoni** (<http://www.lse.ac.uk/finance/people/profiles/AndreaTamoni.aspx>) (LSE)

Co-authors: Federico Bandi, Benoit Perron, and Claudio Tebaldi

Heavy Tail Robust Frequency Domain Estimation ([./docs/papers/Hill, Jonathan.pdf](http://docs/papers/Hill_Jonathan.pdf))

Jonathan **Hill** (University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill)

Co-author: Adam McCloskey (Brown University)

Penalized multivariate Whittle likelihood for power spectrum  
estimation ([./docs/papers/Krafty, Robert.pdf](http://docs/papers/Krafty_Robert.pdf))

Robert **Krafty** (Temple University)

Co-author: William O. Collinge (University of Pittsburgh)

**5:00**

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