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To commemorate its fiftieth anniversary the National Bureau of Economic Research sponsored a series of colloquia to explore the effects of pending and anticipated policy issues on future research priorities for areas of long-standing Bureau concern. As a basis for the panel and audience discussions, economists specializing in the subject area prepared papers in which they reviewed relevant research advances through time and presented their opinions for the direction of future effort. These papers, and in some instances edited transcripts of panelists' comments, appear as part of the National Bureau's Fiftieth Anniversary publications series. Papers developed for the colloquia and publications series and participants in the program included:

THE BUSINESS CYCLE TODAY September 24, 1970—New York City

Moderators:

Morning session: Paul A. Samuelson

Afternoon session: F. Thomas Juster

Presentations:

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| "Dating American Growth Cycles" | <i>Ilse Mintz</i> |
| "The 'Recession' of 1969-1970" | <i>Solomon Fabricant</i> |
| "The Cyclical Behavior of Prices" | <i>Geoffrey H. Moore</i> |
| "Forecasting Economic Conditions: The Record and the Prospect" | <i>Victor Zarnowitz</i> |
| "Econometric Model Simulations and the Cyclical Characteristics of the U.S. Economy" | <i>Victor Zarnowitz</i> |
| "A Study of Discretionary and Nondiscretionary Monetary and Fiscal Policies in the Context of Stochastic Macroeconometric Models" | <i>Yoel Haitovsky and Neil Wallace</i> |

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Panelists:

Morning session: Otto Eckstein, Henry C. Wallich

Afternoon session: Bert G. Hickman, Arthur M. Okun

FINANCE AND CAPITAL MARKETS

October 22, 1970—New York City

Moderator: Robert V. Roosa

Presentation:

“Finance and Capital Markets”

John Lintner

Panelists: William J. Baumol, Sidney Homer, James J. O’Leary

**A ROUNDTABLE ON POLICY ISSUES AND RESEARCH
OPPORTUNITIES IN INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION**

November 5, 1970—Chicago, Illinois

Moderator: Victor R. Fuchs

Presentations:

“Industrial Organization: Boxing the Compass”

James W. McKie

“Antitrust Enforcement and the Modern Corporation”

Oliver E. Williamson

“Issues in the Study of Industrial Organization in a Regime of Rapid
Technical Change”

Richard R. Nelson

“Industrial Organization: A Proposal for Research”

Ronald H. Coase

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PUBLIC EXPENDITURES AND TAXATION

December 2, 1970—Washington, D.C.

Moderator: Walter W. Heller

Presentation:

“Quantitative Research in Taxation and Government Expenditure”

Carl S. Shoup

Panelists: James M. Buchanan, Richard R. Musgrave

ECONOMIC GROWTH

December 10, 1970—San Francisco, California

Moderator: R. Aaron Gordon

Presentation:

“Is Growth Obsolete?”

William D. Nordhaus and James Tobin

Panelists: Moses Abramovitz, Robin C. O. Matthews

HUMAN RESOURCES

May 13, 1971—Atlanta, Georgia

Moderator: Gary S. Becker

Presentation:

“Human Capital: Policy Issues and Research Opportunities”

Theodore W. Schultz

Panelists: Alice M. Rivlin, Gerald S. Somers

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THE FUTURE OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH
April 23, 1971—South Brookline, Massachusetts

Presentation:

“Quantitative Economic Research: Trends and Problems”

Simon Kuznets

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