

Call for Papers

Behavioral Responses to Taxation and Social Insurance Programs

On December 8 and 9, 2006, the National Bureau of Economic Research will hold a Universities' Research Conference on "Behavioral Responses to Taxation and Social Insurance Programs" in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

The program is being organized by Professors Raj Chetty and Emmanuel Saez of UC, Berkeley and NBER. The program will consist of eight or nine papers with formal discussants for each paper. There will be no published proceedings, but the conference will be summarized in the *NBER Reporter*.

CONFERENCE THEME

The conference will focus on behavioral responses to taxes and social insurance programs, as well as the implications of such responses for government policy. Taxes are broadly defined to include direct individual and corporate taxes as well as indirect taxes. Social insurance programs include public retirement and disability insurance programs, unemployment insurance, government provided health insurance programs, as well as means-tested transfer programs. Papers analyzing how such government policies affect the supply of private insurance are also welcome. Papers analyzing the normative consequences of behavioral responses for the optimal design of tax and social insurance policies will also be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS

In keeping with the Bureau's tradition, priority will be given to empirical research or theoretical work with direct empirical applications. We encourage submissions from researchers early in their careers and also from non-NBER affiliates. Participants will be selected on the basis of papers or abstracts of about 500 words, with a strong preference for papers. Any research that will not be published at the time of the conference can be submitted. The deadline for submissions is **September 15, 2006**. Authors chosen to present papers will be notified in early October. Final drafts of the papers will be due at the NBER on November 23. The NBER will pay the domestic travel and hotel expenses for one author per paper and for discussants at the conference.

Please email your submissions to: confer@nber.org as a pdf or Word file. Please indicate "Universities' Research Conference, December 2006" in the subject heading.

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