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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM FOR 6TH NBER CONFERENCE ON ECONOMICS AND CONTROL

New Haven, Conn., May 25-27, 1977

Wednesday, May 25 10:30-12:00

Davies Hall

Macroeconomics I

Chairman: David Kendrick

- 1. Michael Athans (MIT), E. Kuh & R. Pindyck "Some New Results on the Optimal Control of Macroeconometric Models"
- Edison Tse (Stanford) "Macro-Modelling and Policy Assessment"
- 3. Gregory Chow (Princeton) "Comparison of Econometric Models by Optimal Control Techniques"

Mason Hall

Trade I

Chairman: Masanao Aoki

- J. Chipman (Minnesota) "Optimal Aggregation in International Trade Models: Application to West Germany, 1958-1975."
- 2. Masanao Aoki (UCLA) & M. Canzoneri (Illinois) "Macroeconomic Policy in a Dynamic Two Country Model"
- 3. Thorvaldur Gylfason (IMF) "Endogenous Inflation and the Phillips Curve"

2:00-3:30

Davies Hall

Conputational Algorithms I

Chairman: Fred Norman

- 1. Carl Palash (FRB) "An Analysis of the Application of Almon Constraints to Economic Control"
- 2. Pierre Nepomiastchy & A. Ravelli (IRIA) "Comparison of Resolution and Optimization Techniques"
- 3. G. Chow "Chow's Linear-Quadratic Algorithm & the Michigan Model"
- 4. Ray Fair (Yale) "Some Results"

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Microeconomics I

Chairman: Maurice Wilkinson

- Stanley Gershwin & D. Castanon (MIT) "The Deterministic Dynamic Optimal Behavior of a Firm"
- 2. Richard Gilbert (Berkeley) "Production Flexibility and the Effects of Stabilization Policies"
- 3. D. Hanson (MIT) "Efficient Transitions from a Resource to a Substitute Technology in a Macroeconomic Growth Context"

Coffee

3:30-4:00

4:00-5:30

Davies Hall

Macroeconomics II

Chairman: Franklin Shupp

- Ray Fair (Yale) "The Sensitivity of Fiscal Policy Effects to Assumptions about the Behavior of the Federal Reserve"
- 2. David Kendrick (Texas) "Adaptive Control of Macroeconomic Models with Measurement Error"
- 3. Kent Wall (SCI). Y. Bar-Shalom. & D. Kendrick "Adaptive Control of Macroeconomic Models with Correlated Measurement Errors"

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Estimation

Chairman: Edison Tse

- Cheng Hsiao (NBER, Cambridge) "Money and Income Causality Detection"
- 2. R. Engle (LaJolla) "Estimating Structural Models of Seasonality"
- P. Caines (Harvard) & S. Sethi (U. of Toronto) "A Multivariate Econometric Analysis of Supermarket Sales"

Thursday, May 26 9-10:30

Davies Hall

Trade II

Chairman: Carl Palash

1. Russell Boyer (U. of Western Ontario) "Dirty Floating and Partial Sterilization"

- 2. M. Aoki (UCLA) "How Robust Are the Impact Money Multipliers in A Small Open Economy"
- Jay Levin (Wayne State) "Decentralization Versus Coordination Of Monetary Policies Between the U.S. and the Rest of the World Under Flexible Ex-Change Rates"

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Stochastic Control Chairman

- J. K. Sengupta (Santa Barbara) "Evaluation of Linearized Stabilization Policies under a Nonlinear and Stochastic Framework"
- George Leitmann (Berkeley) & Henry Wan, Jr. (Cornell) "Stabilization Policy for an Economy with Certain Unknown and Unknowable Characteristics"
- R. S. Holbrook & E. P. Howrey (Michigan) "A Comparison of the Chow and Theil Optimization Procedures in the Presence of Parameter Uncertainty"
- 4. Rick Ashley (La Jolla) "Postponed Linear Approximations in Stochastic Optimal Control"

Coffee

10:30-11:00

Davies Hall

11:00-12:30

Assessment & Critique of Control in Economics
Chairmen: D. Kendrick and Edison Tse
Roundtable discussion with M. Athans, R. Fair.
D. Kendrick, D. Newlon and E. Tse.

2-3:30

Davies Hall

Adaptive Control

Chairman: Gregory Chow

- 1. M. Athans, R. Ku, S. Gershwin & D. Castanon (MIT) "Implications of the Uncertainty Threshold Principle for Economic Systems"
- 2. Yaakov Bar-Shalom (U. of Connecticut) "Effect of Parameter Uncertainty vs. Additive Disturbances in the Control of Macroeconomic Models"

3. C. R. Johnson. Jr. & E. Tse (Standord) "Adaptive Control without Identification"

Mason Hall Macroeconomics III Chairman: Götz Uebe

- Franklin Shupp (Illinois, Urbana) "Monetary and Fiscal Policy and the Government Budget Constraints"
- 2. Tom Cooley (Santa Barbara) and Carol Corrado (FRB) "The Costs of Controlling Cyclical Instability in Housing"
- 3. Roger Craine & A. Havenner (FRB) "The Optimal Monetary Instrument: An Empirical Assessment"
- 4. Ken Davis "Crowding Out: Its Importance and the Federal Reserve's Optimal Response to Large Budget Deficits"

Coffee

3:30-4:00

4-5:30

Davies Hall Microeconomics II

- E. Arzac & M. Wilkinson (Columbia) "Optimal Stabilization of a Quarterly Econometric Model of the U.S. Livestock and Feed Grain Markets"
- 2. James Sweeney (Standord) "The Demand for Gasoline: A Vintage Capital Model"
- 3. D. Yaron (Chicago) "A Model for the Analysis of the Seasonal Aspects of Water Quality Control in an Urban Setting"

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Computational Algorithms II Chairman: Fred Norman

- 1. Arne Drud (Technical University of Denmakr) "Computational Experience with an Optimization Code Based on Sparse-Matrix Techniques and Reduced Gradients"
- 2. Leon Lasdon & J. Mantell (Case Western Reserve) "Optimal Control of Large Econometric Models"
- 3. Richard Bird (Queen's University) "CRUNCHER 1:
 A Preliminary Report"
- 4. Round table discussion

Friday, May 27 9-10:30

Davies Hall

Controllability, Large Scale & Microproblems

Chairman: Bob Brito

- 1. A. Norman (Texas) & W. Jung "The Dependent Target Test for Controllability"
- 2. H. Myoken (Nagoya City U., Japan) "Stabilization Policies of Large Scale Econometric Models under Hierarchical Decentralized Control and Information Structures"
- 3. Götz Uebe (Technical University of München. Germany) "An Impossibility Theorem of Stabilization"
- 4. Edward Stohr (Northwestern) "Optimal State Estimation Procedures and the Design of Management Information Systems"

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Macroeconomics IV

Chairman: Dan Newlon

- 1. Don Schlagenhauf (Arizona) & F. Shupp "Wage and Price Controls in a Flexprice-Fixprice Model"
- 2. Sheldon Chang & H. O. Stekler (S.U.N.Y.. Stony Brook) "Optimal Control: When Not to Control"
- 3. Carl-Louis Sandblom (Concordia University) "Simulation Results on the Evaluation of Economic Policies"
- 4. Nicolas Mathieu (Economic Council of Canada) "Trade-offs Between Target Achievements in an Open Economy: AN Application to the Canadian System"

Coffee

10:30-11:00

11:00-12:30

Davies Hall

Equilibrium & Stability

Chairman: Rick Ashley

- 1. D. Brito (Ohio State) & J. D. Richardson (Wisconsin at Madison) "Some Disequilibrium Dynamics of Exchange-Rate Change: A German Application"
- 2. William Brock & M. Magill (Chicago) "Stability Methods in Dynamic Economics"

Mason Hall Expectations & Criterion Functions Chairman: Roger Craine

- 1. Lucas Papademos (Columbia) "Welfare Criteria. Uncertain Supply Shocks and Optimal Employment-Inflation Policies"
- Malcolm Galatin (C.U.N.Y.) "The Effects of Forecasting on Economic Behavior"
- 3. Peter Pauly & Günther Bock v. Wülfingen (Univer. of Hamburg) "An Optimization Approach in Multiple Target Problems Using Inequality Restrictions The Case Against Quadratic Criterion Functions"