This PDF is a selection from an out-of-print volume from the National Bureau of Economic Research

Volume Title: NBER Macroeconomics Annual 1996, Volume 11

Volume Author/Editor: Ben S. Bernanke and Julio J. Rotemberg, Editors

Volume Publisher: MIT Press

Volume ISBN: 0-262-02414-4

Volume URL: http://www.nber.org/books/bern96-1

Conference Date: March 8-9, 1996

Publication Date: January 1996

Chapter Title: Front matter, table of contents

Chapter Author: Ben S. Bernanke, Julio J. Rotemberg

Chapter URL: http://www.nber.org/chapters/c11024

Chapter pages in book: (p. -5 - 0)

# NBER

## Macroeconomics Annual 1996

### NBER Macroeconomics Annual 1996

Editors Ben S. Bernanke and Julio J. Rotemberg

THE MIT PRESS

Cambridge, Massachusetts

London, England

Send orders and business information to: The MIT Press 55 Hayward Street Cambridge, MA 02142

In the United Kingdom, continental Europe, and the Middle East and Africa, send orders and business correspondence to:
The MIT Press Ltd.
Fitzroy House, 11 Chenies Street
London WC1E 7ET England

ISSN: 0889-3365

ISBN: hardcover 0-262-02414-4 paperback 0-262-52222-5

#### Copyright Information

Permission to photocopy articles for internal or personal use, or the internal or personal use of specific clients, is granted by the copyright owner for users registered with the Copyright Clearance Center (CCC) Transactional Reporting Service, provided that the fee of \$10.00 per copy is paid directly to CCC, 222 Rosewood Drive, Danvers, MA 01923. The fee code for users of the Transactional Reporting Service is: 0889-3365/96 \$10.00. For those organizations that have been granted a photocopy license with CCC, a separate system of payment has been arranged.

© 1996 by The National Bureau of Economic Research and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

#### INDER DOARD OF DIRECTORS BY MITTERITION

#### **OFFICERS**

Paul W. McCracken, Chairman John H. Biggs, Vice Chairman Martin Feldstein, President and Chief Executive Officer Gerald A. Polansky, Treasurer Sam Parker, Director of Finance and Administration Susan Colligan, Assistant Corporate Secretary Deborah Mankiw, Assistant Corporate Secretary

#### **DIRECTORS AT LARGE**

Peter C. Aldrich George C. Eads Martin Feldstein Elizabeth E. Bailey George Hatsopoulos John H. Biggs Andrew Brimmer Karen N. Horn Carl F. Christ Lawrence R. Klein Don R. Conlan Leo Melamed Merton H. Miller Kathleen B. Cooper Michael H. Moskow Iean A. Crockett

Robert T. Parry
Peter G. Peterson
Richard N. Rosett
Bert Seidman
Kathleen P. Utgoff
Donald S. Wasserman
Marina v. N. Whitman
John O. Wilson

#### DIRECTORS BY UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENT

George Akerlof, California, Berkeley Jagdish Bhagwati, Columbia William C. Brainard, Yale Glen G. Cain, Wisconsin Franklin Fisher, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Saul H. Hymans, Michigan Marjorie B. McElroy, Duke

Joel Mokyr, Northwestern Andrew Postlewaite, Pennsylvania Nathan Rosenberg, Stanford Harold T. Shapiro, Princeton Craig Swan, Minnesota David B. Yoffie, Harvard Arnold Zellner, Chicago

#### DIRECTORS BY APPOINTMENT OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Marcel Boyer, Canadian Economics
Association
Mark Drabenstott, American
Agricultural Economics Association
William C. Dunkelberg, National
Association of Business Economists
Richard A. Easterlin, Economic History
Association
Gail D. Foster, The Conference Board
A. Ronald Gallant, American Statistical
Association

Association
Charles Lave, American Economics
Association
Rudolph A. Oswald, American
Federation of Labor and Congress of
Industrial Organizations
Gerald A. Polansky, American
Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Josh S. Weston, Committee for
Economic Development

Robert S. Hamada, American Finance

#### DIRECTORS EMERITI

Moses Abramovitz George T. Conklin, Jr. Thomas D. Flynn Franklin A. Lindsay Paul W. McCracken Geoffrey H. Moore James J. O'Leary

George B. Roberts Eli Shapiro William S. Vickrey

Because this volume is a record of conference proceedings, it has been exempted from the rules governing critical review of manuscripts by the Board of Directors of the National Bureau (resolution adopted 8 June 1948, as revised 21 November 1949 and 20 April 1968).

#### **Contents**

Editorial: Ben Bernanke and Julio Rotemberg 1

Abstracts 7

INEQUALITY AND GROWTH 11

Roland Bénabou

COMMENTS: Roberto Perotti 74

José-Víctor Ríos-Rull 82

DISCUSSION 91

MISMEASUREMENT IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:

AN EVALUATION 93

Matthew D. Shapiro and David W. Wilcox

COMMENTS: John S. Greenlees 143

Zvi Griliches 147

DISCUSSION 152

A SCORECARD FOR INDEXED GOVERNMENT DEBT 155

John Y. Campbell and Robert J. Shiller COMMENTS: Stanley Fischer 197

Deborah Lucas 201

DISCUSSION 206

CAN TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS CAUSE PRODUCTIVITY

SLOWDOWNS? 209

Andreas Hornstein and Per Krusell

COMMENTS: Robert J. Gordon 259

Valerie A. Ramey 268

DISCUSSION 274

#### BUSINESS FIXED INVESTMENT AND THE RECENT BUSINESS

CYCLE IN JAPAN 277

Nobuhiro Kiyotaki and Kenneth D. West

COMMENTS: Jonas D. M. Fisher 323

David Scharfstein 339

DISCUSSION 342

ARE CURRENCY CRISES SELF-FULFILLING? 345

Paul Krugman

COMMENTS: Timothy J. Kehoe 378

Maurice Obstfeld 393

Peter Garber 403

DISCUSSION 406