

# Conference on Economics and Politics

Research Department  
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

## AGENDA

### *Saturday, August 8*

- 9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Welcoming remarks: Arthur Rolnick
- 10:00 a.m. Raquel Fernandez and Richard Rogerson, "Income Distribution, Communities and the Quality of Public Education: A Policy Analysis"
- 11:00 a.m. BREAK
- 11:15 a.m. James A. Kahn and Jong-Soo Lim, "Finite Horizons, Political Economy, and Growth"
- 12:15 p.m. Break for lunch—11th Floor Dining Room
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Jeffrey Liang and Allan H. Meltzer, "A Rational Theory of Income Inequality and the Size of Government in a Dynamic Model of Kuznets' Hypothesis"
- 3:00 p.m. BREAK
- 3:15 p.m. Roberto Chang, "Political Party Negotiations, Income Distribution, and Endogenous Growth"
- 4:15 p.m. BREAK
- 4:30 p.m. Per Krusell and Jose-Victor Rios-Rull, "Choosing Not to Grow: How Bad Policies Can Be Outcomes of Dynamic Voting Equilibria"
- 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner—11th Floor Dining Room

After dinner gathering at Nikki's Cafe (107 Third Avenue North)

***Sunday, August 9***

- 9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. V. V. Chari and Hal Cole, "A Contribution to the Theory of Pork Barrel Spending"
- 11:00 a.m. BREAK
- 11:15 a.m. David Austen-Smith, "Information and Influence: Lobbying for Agendas and Votes"
- 12:15 p.m. Break for lunch—11th Floor Dining Room
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Jon Faust, "Whom can we trust to run the Fed? Theoretical support for the founders' views"
- 3:00 p.m. BREAK
- 3:15 p.m. A. S. Pinto Barbosa, Boyan Jovanovic, and Mark M. Spiegel, "An Optimal Constitution in a Stochastic Environment"
- 4:15 p.m. BREAK
- 4:30 p.m. Torsten Persson and Guido Tabellini, "Federal Fiscal Constitutions. Part I: Risk Sharing and Moral Hazard"
- 5:30 p.m. Closing remarks: Rao Aiyagari and Hal Cole