

Productivity and the Industrial Revolution*

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
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Minneapolis, Minnesota

October 9–10, 1998

Friday, October 9**

- 2:10 p.m. Welcoming Remarks—Arthur Rolnick
- 2:15 p.m. John Laitner, University of Michigan
“Structural Change and Economic Growth”
Discussant: Douglas Gollin, Williams College
- 3:15 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3:30 p.m. Gary Hansen, University of California-Los Angeles
“Malthus to Solow” with Edward C. Prescott
Discussant: Gregory Clark, University of California-Davis
- 4:30 p.m. Coffee Break
- 4:45 p.m. Kenneth Pomeranz, University of California-Irvine
“East Asia, Europe, and the Industrial Revolution”
Discussant: Joel Mokyr, Northwestern University
- 6:15 p.m. Cocktail Reception—Atrium, second floor

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**All sessions take place in the Research Conference Room, seventh floor.

Saturday, October 10

- 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast—Atrium, second floor
- 9:30 a.m. David Weil, Brown University
“Population, Technology, and Growth: From the Malthusian Regime to the Demographic Transition” with Oded Galor
Discussant: Per Krusell, University of Rochester
- 10:30 a.m. Nancy Stokey, University of Chicago
“How Does Growth Get Started?”
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:15 a.m. Francesco Caselli, University of Chicago
“How Regions Converge” with Wilbur John Coleman II
Discussant: Vincenzo Quadrini, Duke University
- 12:30 p.m. Buffet Luncheon—Dining Room, second floor
- 1:30 p.m. Jeremy Greenwood, University of Rochester
“Measuring the Rate of Technological Progress in Structures”
with Michael Gort and Peter Rupert
Discussant: Edward C. Prescott, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and University of Chicago and Steve Snipes, University of California-Los Angeles
- 2:30 p.m. Coffee Break
- 2:45 p.m. Mark Huggett, Centro de Investigacion Economica, ITAM
“Does Productivity Fall After the Adoption of New Technology?”
with Sandra Ospina
Discussant: Russell Cooper, Boston University
- 3:45 p.m. Coffee Break
- 4:00 p.m. James Schmitz, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
“Puzzling Movements in U.S. Iron-Ore Productivity”
Discussant: Peter Klenow, University of Chicago
- 5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks
- 5:15 p.m. Cocktail Reception—Atrium, second floor