

08:55-09:00 Welcome

Francesco Ravazzolo (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano) and Francesco Furlanetto (Norges Bank)

SESSION I Chair: Claudia Foroni (European Central Bank)

09:00 – 09:45 **Barbara Rossi** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra): Forecasting in the Presence of Instabilities: How Do We Know Whether Economic Models Work and How to Improve Them

Discussant: Michael McCracken (Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis)

09:45 – 10:30 **Todd Clark** (Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland): The Identifying Information in Vector Autoregressions with Time-Varying Volatilities: An Application to Endogenous Uncertainty

Discussant: **Elmar Mertens** (Deutsche Bundesbank)

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

SESSION II Chair: **Francesco Ravazzolo** (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano) 11:00 – 11:45 **Evi Pappa** (Universidad Carlos III): Sentimental Business Cycles Discussant: **Knut Are Aastveit** (Norges Bank)

11:45–12:30 **Giorgio Primiceri** (Northwestern University): The Mortgage Rate Conundrum Discussant: **Ferre De Graeve** (KU Leuven)

12:30 – 13:15 **Fabio Canova** (BI Norwegian Business School): FAQs: Which Filter Should I Use to Measure the Output Gap? Are Gaps and Cyclical Fluctuations the Same? Discussant: **Paolo Gelain** (Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland)

13:15-14:45 Lunch

SESSION III Chair: **Joaquin Vespignani** (University of Tasmania)

14:45 - 15:30 **Tatevik Sekhposyan** (Texas A&M University): Monetary Policy Uncertainty:

A Tale of Two Tails

Discussant: **Francesca Loria** (Federal Reserve Board)

15:30 – 16:15 **Domenico Giannone** (Federal Reserve Bank of New York): Economic Predictions with Big Data: The Illusion of Sparsity Discussant: **Hilde Bjørnland** (BI Norwegian Business School)

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break

SESSION IV Chair: Francesco Furlanetto (Norges Bank)

16:30 – 17:00 **Davide Ferrari** (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano): Forecasting with horizon-specific dynamic factor models by penalized pseudo-likelihood

17:00–17:30 **Drago Bergholt** (Norges Bank): The decline of the labor share: new empirical evidence

19:00 – 22:00 Dinner at the Hotel a La Torre