# LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM MIXED WORKSHOPS AND THE 8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MACROECONOMICS AND POLICY

### **April 2015 - March 2016**

#### **Activities Report**

Part A: Summary of Long-term Workshop Series

Part B: Summary of the 8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF

MACROECONOMICS AND POLICY

**Part C:** Evaluation and Achievement

#### Part A: Summary of Long-term Workshop Series

#### 1. Education and Rural-Urban Migration: The Role of Zhaosheng in China

- Speaker: Pei-Ju Liao (Institute of Economics, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)

- Date: April 15, 2015 (Wed)

- Time: 16:40 - 18:10

- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5J

- Total number of attendants: 22 (Students: 15, GRIPS faculty: 7)



#### 2. Growth, Welfare, and Inequality under Basic Income/Flat Tax

- Speaker: Alexis Akira Toda (University of California San Diego)

- Date: May 20, 2015 (Wed)

- Time: 16:40 - 18:10

- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5F

- Total number of attendants: 18 (Students: 13, GRIPS faculty: 5)



# 3. Employment-Based Health Insurance, Uncertain Medical Expenses, and Aggregate Labor Supply

- Speaker: Kai (Jackie) Zhao (University of Connecticut)

- Date: May 28, 2015 (Thu) - Time: 12:10 - 13:20

- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, TBA

- Total number of attendants: 6 (Students: 3, GRIPS faculty: 3)



#### 4. Optimal taxation and income inequality

- Speaker: CC Yang (Academia Sinica)

- Date: June 1, 2015 (Mon) - Time: 10:00 – 12:00

- Venue: GRIPS 9th Floor, Room C913

- Total number of attendants: 4 (GRIPS faculty: 4)

#### 5. Designing Fair Tiebreak Mechanisms: The Case of FIFA Penalty Shootouts

- Speaker: CJ Sun (Deakin University, Australia)

- Date:June 10, 2015 (Wed)

- Time: 16:40 - 18:10

- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5F

- Total number of attendants: 24 (Students: 16, GRIPS faculty: 8)



#### 6. Uncertainty Shocks and the Relative Price of Investment Goods

- Speaker: Munechika Katayama (Kyoto University)

- Date: Oct 14, 2015 (Wed) - Time: 16:40 – 18:10

- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5D

- Total number of attendants: 16 (Students: 9, GRIPS faculty: 7)



#### 7. Quantifying the Cost of Policy Uncertainty and the Cost of Dealing the Reform

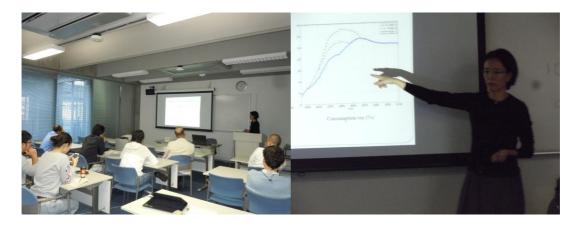
- Speaker: Sagiri Kitao (Keio University)

- Date:Oct 28, 2015 (Wed)

- Time: 12:10 - 13:10

- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5L

- Total number of attendants:10 (Non-GRIPS participants: 2, Students: 3, GRIPS faculty: 5)



#### 8. Analysis of Great Moderation based on Quantile Regression Approach

- Speaker: Nao Sudo (Bank of Japan)

- Date:Nov 11, 2015 (Wed)

- Time: 16:40 - 18:10

- Venue: GRIPS 5th Floor, Room 5D

- Total number of attendants: 20 (Students: 14, GRIPS faculty: 6)



#### 9. Optimal income taxation with heterogeneous agents

- Speaker: CC Yang (Academia Sinica) - Date: November 19, 2015 (Thu)

- Time: 12:10 - 13:30

- Venue: GRIPS 9th Floor, Room C913

- Total number of attendants: 5 (GRIPS faculty: 5)

# Part B: Summary of the 8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MACROECONOMICS AND POLICY with a Nobel Laureate Lecture (jointly sponsored by GRIPS Public Economic Seminar Project and Keio University)

- Date: Mar 2, 2016 (Wed)

- Time: 8:40 - 20:30

- Venue: North Hall, 1F North Building, Mita Campus, Keio University
- Total number of attendants: 118 (Non-GRIPS participants: 103, GRIPS Students: 11, GRIPS faculty: 4)
- **Program** (available at <a href="http://ies.keio.ac.jp/en/keio\_grips\_wp">http://ies.keio.ac.jp/en/keio\_grips\_wp</a>)
  - Opening remarks by Alistair Munro (GRIPS), Executive Adviser to the President and Director of PhD Program in Economics (on behalf of GRIPS President)
  - Svetlana Pashchenko (University of Georgia, USA) "Reducing Medical Spending of the Publicly Insured: the Case for Cash-Out Option" joint with Ponpoje Porapakkarm
  - Invited lecture 1: Anton Braun (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, USA) "Private Long-Term Care Insurance Markets: Why is the Market so Small and Coverage Denials so Frequent?" joint with Karen Kopecky and Tatyana Koreshkova
  - Kosuke Aoki (University of Tokyo) "Household Portfolios in a Secular Stagnation World: Evidence from Japan" joint with Alexander Michaelides and Kalin Nikolov
  - Invited lecture 2: Mariacristina De Nardi (University College London, UK, and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, USA), "The Implications of Richer Earnings Dynamics for Consumption, Wealth, and Welfare" joint with Giulio Fella and Gonzalo Paz Pardo
  - SERENA RHEE (University of Hawaii, USA), "Disabled in Frictional Labor Markets: Reluctant to Work vs. Hesitant to Hire" joint with Soojin Kim
  - Invited lecture 3: ERIC FRENCH (University College London), "Medicaid Insurance in Old Age" joint with Mariacristina De Nardi and John Bailey Jones
  - Greetings and introduction of the Nobel Laureate, Prof. Thomas J. Sargent, by ATSUSHI SEIKE, President of Keio University
  - Yukichi Fukuzawa Memorial Lectures in Economics: Thomas J. Sargent (New York University, Awarded Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2011), "A Life-Cycle Model of Trans-Atlantic Employment Experiences" joint with Sagiri Kitao and Lars Ljungqvist
  - Cocktail Reception at the Conference Venue
  - Post-Conference discussion with speakers and invited participants

#### Pictures for the workshop



KEIO-GRIPS Macroeconomics and Policy Workshop



Greeting by Alistair Munro (GRIPS)



Session chair by Sagiri Kitao (Keio University)



Workshop Participants



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## Speakers for the workshop



Svetlana Pashchenko (University of Georgia)



Anton Braun (FED Atlanta)



Kosuke Aoki (University of Tokyo)



Mariacristina De Nardi (UCL, FED Chicago)



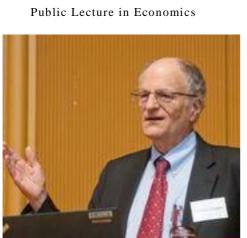
Serena Rhee (University of Hawii)



Eric French (UCL)

# Nobel Laureate Lecture in Economics by Thomas Sargent (Nobel Laureate in Economics, 2011)





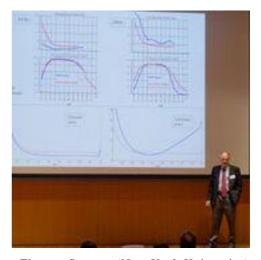
Thomas Sargent (New York University)



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Introduction by the President of Keio University



Thomas Sargent (New York University)



Thomas Sargent (New York University)

## Discussions during and after the workshop













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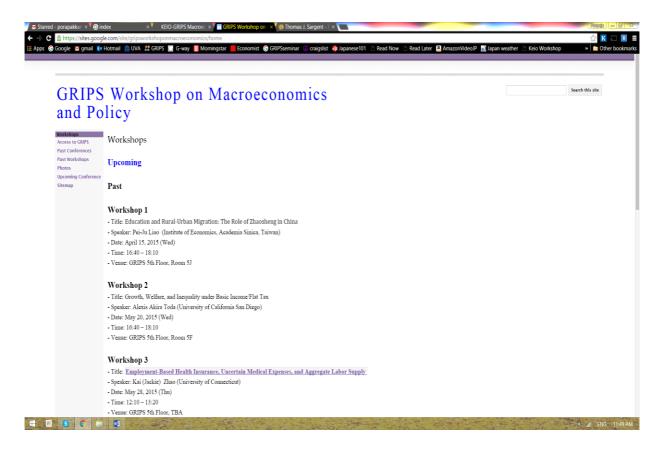
#### Part C: Evaluation and Achievement

#### Long-term Workshop Series

The workshop series on Macroeconomics and Policies ran from Apr 2015 to Feb 2016. We organized four workshops during Apr 2015 to July 2015 and three workshops during Aug 2015 to Feb 2016. The workshops were successful. There were a good number of participants, around 15 participants on average. Many of them are active researchers in the related areas. We also have participants outside GRIPS: Makoto Nirei (Ministry of Finance), and Kazufumi Yamana (Ministry of Finance)

The discussions and exchanges of ideas during the workshop were deep and insightful. Both speakers and participants benefited from the discussion. The workshop series also help build up a research network among invited speakers, our faculty, and the seminar participants.

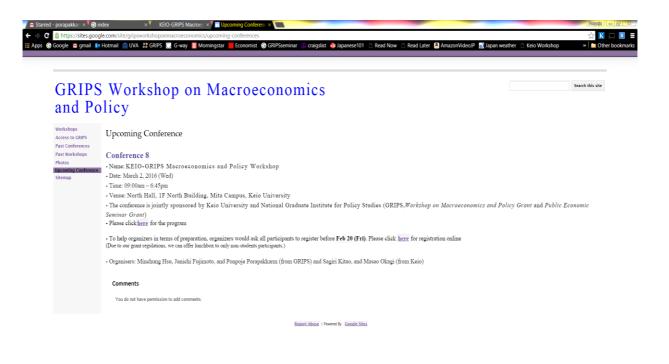
The workshop information is publicly accessible through the website, <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/gripsworkshoponmacroeconomics/">https://sites.google.com/site/gripsworkshoponmacroeconomics/</a>. The website is also used to archive the papers or slides from the past workshop.



#### • Short-term Conference

For this year, we initiate a collaboration with Keio University and held the first joint conference (the 8<sup>th</sup> GRIPS International Conference of Macroeconomics and Policy), *Keio-GRIPS Macroeconomics and Policy Workshop*. The workshop brought the world renowned scholars to Tokyo. This included Thomas Sargent (New York University) who received the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2011. There were also senior and well established economists joining as invited speakers; Mariacristina De Nardi (University College London, UK and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), USA, Eric French (University College London, UK), and Anton Braun (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, USA).

There was a formal call for paper for the workshop. There were 16 high quality papers from researchers both inside and outside Japan. For example, Chung Tranz (Australian National University, Australia), Marek Kapi cka (University of California Santa Barbara, USA), Hikaru Saijo (University of California Santa Cruz, USA), Yi-Chan Tsai (National Taiwan University, Taiwan, Taiwan), Michal Fabinger (University of Tokyo), Kozo Ueda (University of Tokyo). Due to our limited time slot, we can accept only three papers, specifically Kosuke Aoki (University of Tokyo), Svetlana Pashchenko (University of Georgia, USA), and Serena Rheee (University of Hawaii, USA).



The workshop was opened for the publics. We actively try to outreach more participants both inside and outside GRIPS by having the detailed program publically accessible through the website <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/gripsworkshoponmacroeconomics/upcoming-conferences">https://sites.google.com/site/gripsworkshoponmacroeconomics/upcoming-conferences</a>. In addition, we sent emails for calls for participants. There are 48 registered participants for the workshop. For examples, Takeshi Tashiro (Deputy Director, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry), Shigenori Shiratsuka (Deputy Directir-General, Bank of Japan), Etsuro Shioji

(Hitotsubashi University), Drew Griffen (University of Tokyo), Michio Suzuki (University of Tokyo), Yoshimasa Shirai (Keio University), Kengo Nutahara (Senshu University), Hongwei Chuang (Tohoku University), Koki Oikawa (Waseda University), and Tomoyuki Nakajima (Kyoto University). In addition there were a good number of Ph.D. students and Master students from both GRIPS and Keio University attending the workshop.

The workshop was successful and it was the first initiation to create a network and a collaboration among universities and research institutes in Tokyo area. Thanks to the composition of speakers and participants in the workshop, the workshop has set a new bar for an economic conference in Tokyo area. With the support from Policy Research Grant, we plan to continue our collaboration with Keio University in the next year and try to expand the collaboration to other universities, for example University of Tokyo, Hitotsubashi University. This will mutually benefits both faculty and research students at GRIPS and participating universities. In addition, the joint workshop is also helpful in terms of the efficient use of the conference grant, which came from public money. In the future, the organizers will work harder and continue to increase the number of participants, particularly the participants from outside GRIPS.