

# **Inflation Targeting, Central Bank Independence and Transparency**

**15-16 June 2007**  
**Winstanley Lecture Theatre**  
**Trinity College**  
**Cambridge**

## **Programme**

### **Thursday 14 June**

18.30 – 19.30 Welcome Reception, 1 Newnham Terrace, First Floor Seminar Room, Darwin College

### **Friday 15 June**

8:00-9:00 Registration, Blue Boar Common Room, Winstanley Lecture Theatre, Trinity College, coffee on arrival

Chair: Hashem Pesaran

9:00-9:30 Keynote policy speech: Paul Tucker (Bank of England)

9.30-10.30 Glenn Rudebusch and John Williams (San Francisco)  
*Revealing the Secrets of the Temple: The Value of Publishing Central Bank Interest Rate Projections*  
Discussant: Fabio Milani (California, Irvine)

10.30–11:00 Coffee

Chair: Seppo Honkapohja

11:00–12:00 Stefano Eusepi (New York) & Bruce Preston (Columbia)  
*Central Bank Communication and Expectations Stabilization*  
Discussant: Bob Tetlow (Fed)

12.00 –12.30 Keynote policy Speech: José Manuel González-Páramo (ECB)  
*Credibility and expectations in modern central banking.*

12:30–14:00 Lunch, The Cloisters, Wren Library, Trinity College

Chair: John Driffill

14:00–15:00 Keynote speech: Lars Svensson (Princeton)

15:00–16:00 Refet S. Gürkaynak (Bilkent), Andrew T. Levin (Fed) & Eric Swanson (San Francisco)  
*Does inflation targeting anchor long-run inflation expectations?*  
Discussant: Michael Ehrmann (ECB)

16:00–16:30 Tea

- Chair: Petra Geraats
- 16:30–17:30 Gianna Boero, Jeremy Smith & Kenneth Wallis (Warwick)  
*Uncertainty and disagreement in economic prediction: the Bank of England Survey of External Forecasters*  
 Discussant: Meredith Beechey (Federal Reserve)
- 17:30–18:30 Keynote speech: Carl Walsh (California)  
*Transparency, Flexibility, and Inflation Targeting*
- 19:00 Reception:  
 19:30 Dinner: Upper Hall, Jesus College

### Saturday 16 June

- Chair: Sean Holly
- 9:30-10:30 Campbell Leith (Glasgow) & Simon Wren Lewis (Oxford)  
*The Optimal Monetary Policy Response to Exchange Rate Misalignments.*  
 Discussant: Mike Wickens (York)
- 10:30-11:30 Athanasios Orphanides & John Williams (San Francisco)  
*Inflation Targeting under Imperfect Knowledge*  
 Discussant: Martin Ellison (Warwick)
- 11:30–12:00 Coffee
- 12:00–13:00 Keynote speech: Jordi Gali (CREI)  
*Labor Market Frictions and Monetary Policy Design*
- 13:00–14:30 Lunch, The Old Kitchens, Trinity College
- Chair: Sumru Altug
- 14:30–15:30 Alessandro Calza (ECB), Tommaso Monacelli (Bocconi) and Livio Stracca (ECB)  
*Mortgage Markets, Collateral Constraints and Monetary Policy: Do Institutional Factors Matter?*  
 Discussant: Stefan Gerlach (BIS)
- 15:30–16:30 Günter Beck & Volker Wieland (Frankfurt)  
*Money in Monetary Policy Design under uncertainty: The Two-Pillar Phillips Curve versus ECB-Style Cross-Checking*  
 Discussant: Jagjit Chadha, BNP Paribas
- 16:30–17:00 Tea
- 17:00-18:00 Round Table Discussion Chair: Petra Geraats.  
 (Willem Buiter, LSE, Steve Nickell, Oxford, Glenn Rudebusch, Lars Svensson)