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2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Workshop of  
Southern Ontario Macro Economists  
(AWSOME Vol. 2)

May 22, 2018  
Great Hall of the University Club

**Program**

- 9:00 - 9:30 Welcome and breakfast
- 9:30 - 11:00 **Monetary and Fiscal Policy Session**  
**Stephen Williamson** (Western University): *“Can the Fiscal Authority Constrain the Central Bank?”*  
**Derek Stacey** (Ryerson University): *“Do Financial Constraints Cool a Housing Boom?”* with Lu Han, Chandler Lutz, and Ben Sand
- 11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 - 12:45 **Business Cycle Session**  
**Gajendran Raveendranathan** (McMaster University): *“The Firm Dynamics of Business Cycles”*, with Joao Ayres  
**Hashmat Khan** (Carleton University): *“The Shifts in the Lead-Lag Properties of the US Business Cycle”* with Joshua Brault
- 12:45 - 14:15 Lunch at the dining room of the University Club
- 14:15 - 15:45 **Productivity Session**  
*Sponsored by The Partnership to Study Productivity, Firms and Incomes*  
**Michelle Alexopoulos** (University of Toronto): *“Secular Stagnation, Technological Change and Productivity”*, with Jon Cohen  
**Tasso Adamopoulos** (York University): *“Geography and Agricultural Productivity: Cross-Country Evidence from Micro Plot-Level Data”*, with Diego Restuccia
- 15:45 - 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00 - 16:45 **Banking Session**  
**Amy Hongfei Sun** (Queen’s University): *“A Macroeconomic Theory of Banking Oligopoly”* with Mei Dong, Stella Huangfu, and Chenggang Zhou
- At 16:45 Reception and refreshments

## **Participants (preliminary)**

Tasso Adamopoulos (York University)  
Michelle Alexopoulos (University of Toronto)  
Constantine Angyridis (Ryerson University)  
Marcelo Arbex (University of Windsor)  
Claustre Bajona (Ryerson University)  
Joshua Brault (Carleton University)  
Bettina Brueggemann (McMaster University)  
Edda Claus (Wilfrid Laurier University)  
Ugochi Emenogu (Ryerson University)  
Miquel Faig (University of Toronto)  
Dana Galizia (Carleton University)  
Alina Garnham (Ryerson University)  
Stephanie Houle (McMaster University)  
Doriane Intungane (Ryerson University)  
Alok Johri (McMaster University)  
Stephen Jones (McMaster University)  
Muhebullah Karimzada (McMaster University)  
Hashmat Khan (Carleton University)  
Shahed Khan (McMaster University)  
Marc-André Letendre (McMaster University)  
Jacob Loree (Ryerson University)  
Zachary Mahone (University of Toronto)  
Pau Pujolas (McMaster University)  
Md. Mahbubur Rahman (McMaster University)  
Gajendran Raveendranathan (McMaster University)  
Victor Rego (McMaster University)  
Christos Shiamptanis (Wilfrid Laurier University)  
Noah Spencer (McMaster University)  
Derek Stacey (Ryerson University)  
Amy Hongfei Sun (Queen's University)  
Hakan Toksoy (Ryerson University)  
Mike Veall (McMaster University)  
Stephen Williamson (Western University)  
Jacob Wright (McMaster University)  
Terry Yip (McMaster University)