



## Urban Economics and Public Finance Conference

May 6-7, 2016  
Cambridge, MA

### AGENDA

Friday, May 6, 2016

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| <b>8:30 – 9:00am</b>   | <b><i>Registration and Continental Breakfast</i></b>  |
| <b>9:00 – 9:15</b>     | <b>Welcome and Introduction</b>   |
| <b>9:15 – 10:45</b>    | <b>Do Housing Vouchers Improve Academic Performance? Evidence from New York City</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Keren Horn</i>, University of Massachusetts Boston</li></ul> <b>Discussant:</b> <i>Eric Brunner</i> , University of Connecticut   |
| <b>10:45 – 11:00</b>   | <b><i>Break</i></b>   |
| <b>11:00 – 12:30pm</b> | <b>The Effect of Tax and Expenditure Limits on Voluntary Contributions to Public Schools</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Ashlyn Nelson</i>, Indiana University Bloomington</li></ul> <b>Discussant:</b> <i>Thomas Downes</i> , Tufts University  |
| <b>12:30-1:45</b>      | <b><i>Lunch</i></b>   |
| <b>1:45 – 3:15</b>     | <b>Can Fiscal Rules Constrain the Size of Government? An Analysis of the “Crown Jewel” of Tax and Expenditure Limitations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Byron Lutz</i>, Federal Reserve Board of Governors</li></ul> <b>Discussant:</b> <i>Therese McGuire</i> , Northwestern University |
| <b>3:15 – 3:30</b>     | <b><i>Break</i></b>   |
| <b>3:30 – 5:00</b>     | <b>Switching to Land Value Taxation in Northern Ireland – Estimates of the Distributional Impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Ronan Lyons</i>, Trinity College Dublin</li></ul> <b>Discussant:</b> <i>John Clapp</i> , University of Connecticut  |
| <b>6:00</b>            | <b><i>Conference Reception/Dinner</i></b>   |

Saturday, May 7, 2016

**8:15 – 8:45am**      *Continental Breakfast*

**8:45 – 10:15**      **Measuring the Stringency of Land-Use Regulation: The Case of China's Building-Height Limits**

- *Jan Brueckner*, University of California, Irvine

**Discussant:** *Andrew Haughwout*, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

**10:15-10:30**      *Break*

**10:30 – 12:00noon**      **The Static City? Amsterdam 1832-2015**

- *David Geltner*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and *Thies Lindenthal*, University of Cambridge

**Discussant:** *Christian Redfearn*, University of Southern California