

Conference in Honor of Bob Gordon

April 25, 2025

Kellogg Global Hub, room 1410

Sponsored by:

Center for International Macroeconomics

Center for Economic History

Organizers: Martin Eichenbaum and Joel Mokyr

Conference Program and Schedule

Friday, April 25

8:30-9:00 Coffee – outside of room 1410

9:00-9:05 Welcome: **Martin Eichenbaum (Northwestern)**

Session 1:

Chair: Joel Mokyr

9:05-9:45 **Valerie Ramey (UCSD)**, joint with Shigeru Fujita (Philadelphia Fed) and Tal Roded (MIT FutureTech), “Why Didn’t the U.S. Unemployment Rate Rise at the end of WWII?”

9:45-9:55 Discussion

9:55-10:10 Coffee Break

Session 2:

Chair: Joel Mokyr

10:10-10:50 **Alexander Field (Santa Clara)**, “The World War II U.S. Rubber Famine”

10:50-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

Session 3:

Chair: Joel Mokyr

11:15-11:55 **Mark Watson (Princeton)**, “Recovering From COVID”

11:55-12:05 Discussion

12:05-1:15 Faculty Lunch – Served in room 2410

Session 4:

Chair: Martin Eichenbaum

1:15-1:55 **Joel Mokyr (Northwestern)**, “Bob Gordon: Economic Historian”

1:55-2:05 Discussion

2:05-2:45 **Peter Klenow (Stanford)** joint with Timo Boppert (IIES), Huiyu Li (San Francisco Fed), and Reiko Laski (Stanford), “Idea Rents and Firm Growth”

2:45-2:55 Discussion

2:55-3:10 Break

Session 5:

Chair: Martin Eichenbaum

3:10-3:50 **Barry Eichengreen (Berkeley)**, “Another Great Wave”

3:50-4:00 Discussion

4:00-4:10 Break

Session 6:

Chair: Martin Eichenbaum

4:10-4:50 **Gauti Eggertsson (Brown)**, “Mr. Keynes and the Classics: A Suggested Reconciliation”

4:50-5:00 Discussion