Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas – University of Houston  
Second Annual Conference on International Economics  
October 20-21, 2017  
PROGRAM

**Friday, October 20**  
Location: Houston Branch of the Dallas Fed

8:00 am  Breakfast
8:30 am  Welcome Remarks
8:45 am  “Sovereign Default Risk and Firm Heterogeneity”  
_Cristina Arellano_, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis; Yan Bai, University of Rochester; and Luigi Bocola, Northwestern University  
Discussant: _Sebnem Kalemli-Ozcan_, University of Maryland

9:50 am  Break
10:05 am  “Dynamic Geography of the Population and Economic Response to Sea Level Rise”  
Klaus Desmet, SMU; Robert Kopp, Rutgers University; David Nagy, CREI; Michael Oppenheimer, Princeton University, and _Esteban Rossi-Hansberg_, Princeton University.  
Discussant: _Francisco Buera_, Washington University

11:10 am  Break
_Matteo Maggiori_, Harvard University; Brent Neiman, University of Chicago; and Jesse Schreger, Harvard University  
Discussant: _Eric van Wincoop_, University of Virginia

12:30 pm  Lunch  
Moderated discussion with Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas President Robert Kaplan

2:00 pm  “Optimal Spatial Policies, Geography and Sorting”  
Pablo Fajgelbaum, UCLA and _Cecile Gaubert_, UC-Berkeley  
Discussant: _Arnaud Costinot_, MIT

3:05 pm  Break
3:20 pm  “Exchange Rate Disconnect in General Equilibrium”  
_Oleg Itskhoki_, Princeton University and Dmitry Mukhin, Princeton University  
Discussant: _Fabrizio Perri_, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

4:25 pm  Break
_Ariel Burstein_, UCLA; Gordon Hanson, UC-San Diego; Lin Tian, Columbia University, and Jonathan Vogel, UCLA.  
Discussant: _David Atkin_, MIT

5:45 pm  Adjourn

6:30 pm  Dinner
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**Saturday, October 21**  Location: University of Houston Campus, Melcher Hall Room 140