State-Space Models, Regime Switching, and Identification

A workshop sponsored by the Weidenbaum Center at Washington University and the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

May 10-11, 2002

Thursday, May 9

6:00 - 7:00 - Reception at the Adam's Mark (second floor in "Directors Row 24")

Friday, May 10

9:00 - 9:30 - Pastries and Coffee in Eliot 300

9:30 - 10:30 – Invited Lecture: James Hamilton (University of California, San Diego) *"New developments in regime-switching estimation"*

10:30 - 10:45 - Coffee break in Eliot 300

10:45 - 11:30 – Charles Nelson (University of Washington) "Zero-information-limit models and spurious inference: The case of ARMA with near cancellation"

11:30 - 12:15 – Marcelle Chauvet (University of California, Riverside) "Evaluating the role of human capital in economic development: A factor analysis approach"

12:15 - 1:00 - Catered lunch in Eliot 300

1:00 - 1:45 – Roberto Rigobon (MIT) "Measuring the reaction of monetary policy to the stock market"

1: 45 - 2:30 – Richard Startz (University of Washington) "Why were changes in the federal funds rate smaller in the 1990s?"

2:30 - 2:45 - Break

2:45 - 3:30 – Geert Bekaert (Columbia University) *"The term structure of real rates and expected inflation"*

3:30 - 4:15 – René Garcia (Université de Montréal) "Empirical assessment of an intertemporal option pricing model with latent variables"

4:15 - 4:30 - Break

4:30 - 5:15 – Allan Timmermann (University of California, San Diego) "Strategic asset allocation under regime switching"

6:00 - 8:00 – Dinner at Café Mira, located at 12 North Meramec Avenue in Clayton

Saturday, May 11

9:00 - 9:30 - Pastries and Coffee in Eliot 300

9:30 - 10:15 – Siddhartha Chib (Washington University) "Bayesian analysis of hidden-Markov, change-point, and stochastic volatility models: a summary"

10:15 - 11:00 – Michael Dueker (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis) *"Non-Markovian regime switching with endogenous states"*

11:00 - 11:15 - Break

11:15 - 12:00 – Simon Potter (Federal Reserve Bank of New York) "A nonlinear model of the business cycle"

12:00 - 12:45 - Catered lunch in McMillan Café

12:45 - 1:30 – Chang-Jin Kim (Korea University) "*Time-varying parameter models with endogenous explanatory variables*"

1:30 - 2:10 – Jeremy Piger (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis) "A Markov-switching model of business cycle dynamics with a post-recession 'bounceback' effect"

2:10 - 2:20 - Break

2:20 - 3:00 – James Morley (Washington University) "Smooth but not random: the behaviour of aggregate consumption according to cointegration analysis with correlated unobserved components"

3:00 - conference adjourns