Program of the conference on

"Reflections on Fiscal Federalism: Elaborating the Research Agenda"

October 30/31, 2009

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| 13:30 – 14:30 | **Robert Young**  
*Keynote address “Interesting Directions in Federalism and Fiscal Federalism”*                                                      |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Coffee break                                                                                                                           |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | **Friedrich Heinemann**  
“The Political Economy of Corporate Tax Harmonization – Why Do European Politicians (Dis)like Minimum Tax Rates?” (with Steffen Osterloh)  
*Discussant: Benny Geys* |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | **Christian Leßmann**  
“Aid, Growth, and Devolution” (with Gunther Markwardt)  
*Discussant: Jon Fiva* |
| 19:00         | Conference dinner                                                                                                                      |

**Friday, October 30, 2009**

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| 10:00 – 11:00 | **Thushyanthan Baskaran**  
“Creative Destruction and Fiscal Federalism: A Study of Three Regions” (with Lars Feld and Jan Schnellenbach)  
*Discussant: Áron Kiss* |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | **Jon Fiva**  
“Do Re-election Probabilities Influence Public Investment?” (with Gisle James Natvik)  
*Discussant: Friedrich Heinemann* |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch break                                                                                                                           |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **Ehtisham Ahmad**  
“Political Economy of Interrelated Fiscal Federalism Reforms”  
*Discussant: Ronnie Schöb* |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | **Margarita Kalamova**  
“Foreign Direct Investment and Decentralization”  
*Discussant: Thushyanthan Baskara* |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee break                                                                                                                           |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | **Áron Kiss**  
“Minimum Tax in Repeated Tax Competition”  
*Discussant: Maja Adena* |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | **Ronnie Schöb**  
“Dissatisfied with Life, but Having a Good Day: Time-Use and Well-Being of the Unemployed” (with Andreas Knabe, Steffen Rätzel and Joachim Weimann)  
*Discussant: Robert Young* |
| 17:30 – 18:30 | Reception and closing of conference                                                                                                   |

**Saturday, October 31, 2009**