



Center for the Study of Innovation and Productivity  
**Conference on Technology, Productivity, and Public Policy**  
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco  
November 7-8, 2003

## AGENDA

Revised: 9/30/2003

**Location:** First Floor Conference Center  
101 Market Street, San Francisco, CA

### Friday, November 7

8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m. Welcoming Remarks, **Robert T. Parry**, President,  
*Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*

**Session 1** Chair: **John C. Williams**, *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*

9:00 a.m. **“Tracking the New Economy: Using Growth Theory to Detect Changes  
in Trend Productivity”**  
Presenters: **James Kahn** and **Robert Rich**, *Federal Reserve Bank of New York*  
  
Discussants: **Robert Gordon**, *Northwestern University*  
**James Hamilton**, *University of California, San Diego*

10:15 a.m. Break

### **Session 2**

10:45 a.m. **“Growth, Capital Shares, and a New Perspective on Production Functions”**  
Presenter: **Chad Jones**, *University of California, Berkeley*  
  
Discussants: **Sam Kortum**, *University of Minnesota*  
**Susanto Basu**, *University of Michigan*

12:00 p.m. Lunch

**Session 3** Chair: **Dan Wilson**, *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*

1:30 p.m. **“Frictionless Technology Diffusion: The Case of Tractors”**  
Presenters: **Rodolfo Manuelli** and **Ananth Seshadri**,  
*University of Wisconsin, Madison*  
  
Discussants: **William White**, *Research Triangle Institute*  
**Bart Hobijn**, *Federal Reserve Bank of New York*

#### Session 4

2:45 p.m.

#### “The Political Economy of Intellectual Property Treaties”

Presenter: **Suzanne Scotchmer**, *University of California, Berkeley*

Discussants: **Hal Varian**, *University of California, Berkeley*  
**Jenny Lanjouw**, *University of California, Berkeley*

4:00 p.m.

Break

#### Session 5

4:30 p.m.

#### “Incentives and Invention in Universities”

Presenters: **Saul Lach**, *The Hebrew University* and  
**Mark Schankerman**, *London School of Economics*

Discussants: **James Adams**, *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*  
**Bronwyn Hall**, *University of California, Berkeley*

6:00 p.m.

Reception

7:00 p.m.

Dinner

Keynote Speaker: **Martin Baily**, *Institute for International Economics*

### Saturday, November 8

8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

#### Session 6

Chair: **Mark Doms**, *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*

9:00 a.m.

#### “Relative Prices and Relative Prosperity”

Presenters: **Chang-Tai Hsieh**, *University of California, Berkeley* and  
**Peter Klenow**, *Stanford University*

Discussants: **Francesco Caselli**, *Harvard University*  
**Mark Spiegel**, *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*

10:15 a.m.

Break

#### Session 7

10:45 a.m.

#### “The Skill Content of Recent Technological Change: An Empirical Exploration”

Presenters: **David Autor**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*  
and **Richard Murnane**, *Harvard University*

Discussants: **David Card**, *University of California, Berkeley*  
**Kathryn Shaw**, *Stanford University*

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m.

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