

The regression discontinuity method in economics: theory and applications May 15-17, 2003

Organizers: Thomas Lemieux (UBC), David Card (Berkeley)

Friday May 16

Breakfast 7:00-9:00 in second floor lounge, Corbett Hall

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL LECTURES WILL BE HELD IN MAX BELL, ROOM 159

Session 1 9:00-12:30

9:00-10:00

Jack Porter (Harvard), "Estimating the Point of Discontinuity in a Regression Discontinuity Design"

Discussant: Geert Ridder (USC)

10:00-11:00

David Card (Berkeley) and David Lee (Berkeley),* "Regression Discontinuity Estimation with Random Specification Error"

Discussant: Keisuke Hirano (Miami)

Coffee Break 11:00-11:30, 2nd floor lounge, Corbett Hall

11:30-12:30

Erich Battistin* (IFS) and Enrico Rettore (Padua), "Another look at the regression discontinuity design"

Discussant: Alberto Abadie (Harvard)

Lunch 12:30-14:00

Session 2 14:00-16:15

14:00-15:00

Wilbert van der Klaauw (North Carolina), "Breaking the Link between Poverty and Low Student Achievement: Does Title I work?"

Discussant: Nicole Fortin (UBC)

Coffee Break 15:00-15:15, 2nd floor lounge, Corbett Hall

15:15-16:15

Jordan Matsudaira (Michigan), "School in the Summertime: A regression-discontinuity analysis of the effect of mandatory summer school attendance and grade retention on student achievement and behavior"

* presenter

Discussant: Craig Riddell (UBC)

Saturday May 17

Breakfast 7:00-9:00 in second floor lounge, Corbett Hall

Session 3 9:00-13:00

9:00-10:00

Joshua Angrist* (MIT) and Kevin Lang (MIT), “How Important Are Classroom Peer Effects: Evidence From Boston’s Metco Program”

Discussant: Thomas Lemieux (UBC)

10:00-11:00

Susan Chen* (North Carolina) and H. Wilbert van der Klaauw (North Carolina), “The Impact of Disability Insurance on Labor Supply in the 1990s”

Discussant: John DiNardo (Michigan)

Coffee Break 11:00-11:30, 2nd floor lounge, Corbett Hall

11:30-12:30

Thomas Kane (UCLA), “A Quasi-Experimental Estimate of the Impact of Financial Aid on College-Going”

Discussant: Guido Imbens (Berkeley)

12:30-13:00

David Card (Berkeley) and Guido Imbens (Berkeley), Conference Wrap-up

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