

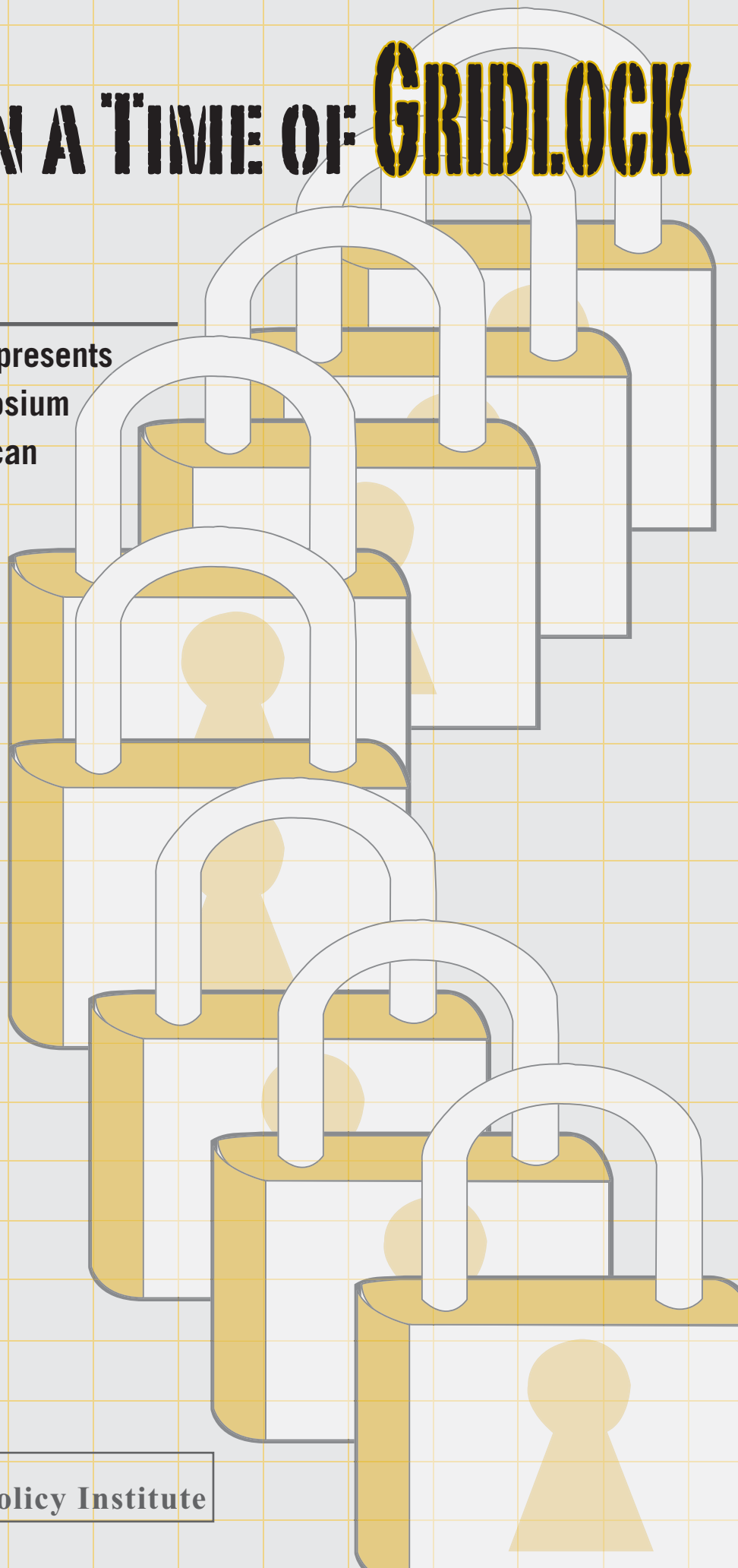
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REGISTRATION - Columbia Foyer
Thursday, May 13, 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Friday, May 14, 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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All sessions will meet in the COLUMBIA BALLROOM

THURSDAY, MAY 13

8:45 – 9:00 AM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

9:00 – 10:30 AM

FEDERAL TAX AND BUDGET ISSUES: A PANEL DISCUSSION OF PROSPECTS AND POLICIES

Organizer/Moderator: *Harvey S. Rosen, Princeton University*

Alan J. Auerbach, University of California-Berkeley
Austan Goolsbee, Council of Economic Advisers
Peter Merrill, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Harvey S. Rosen, Princeton University

10:30 – 10:45 AM **BREAK**

10:45 – 12:15 PM

HOW DOES BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS INFORM TAX POLICY?

Organizer/Moderator: *Joel Slemrod, University of Michigan*

James Alm, Georgia State University — Testing Behavioral Economic Theories In Public Economics in the Laboratory
Raj Chetty, Harvard University — Salience and Taxation: Evidence and Policy Implications
Joel Slemrod, University of Michigan — Tax Policy Complexity: Who's Fooling Who?

Discussants: *Alan J. Auerbach, University of California-Berkeley*
Brian Erard, B. Erard & Associates

12:30 – 1:45 PM

LUNCHEON - DISCOVERY BALLROOM

Speaker: The Honorable Chris Van Hollen, Congressman, Maryland's 8th District and Member of the United States House Committee on Ways and Means

Presentation of Davie-Davis Award for Public Service

2:00 – 3:30 PM

HEALTH CARE REFORM: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

Organizer/Moderator: *C. Eugene Steuerle, The Urban Institute*

David Auerbach, Janet Holtzblatt, Paul Jacobs, Alexandra Minicozzi, Chapin White, Congressional Budget Office and Pamela Moomau, Joint Committee on Taxation — Would Health Insurance Mandates Increase Coverage? Synthesizing Perspectives from Health, Tax, and Behavioral Economics

Joseph Antos, American Enterprise Institute — Smarter (and Dumber) Subsidies For Health Insurance

Robert Gillette, Gillian Hunter, Ithai Zvi Lurie, Jonathan Siegel and Gerald Silverstein, U.S. Department of Treasury — Simulating Employee and Employer Responses to Changes in the Exclusion for Employer Sponsored Insurance

Discussants: *C. Eugene Steuerle, The Urban Institute*
Fred T. Goldberg, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

3:30 – 3:45 PM

BREAK

3:45 – 5:15 PM

TAXING FIRMS IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY

Organizers/Moderators: *Kimberly Clausing, Reed College and Dhammika Dharmapala, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Daniel Shaviro, New York University — The Case Against Foreign Tax Credits

Mihir Desai, Harvard University and Dhammika Dharmapala, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — Taxes and the Organizational Form of Foreign Investment

Kimberly Clausing, Reed College — Multinational Firm Headquarters Decisions

Discussants: *Dhammika Dharmapala, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Joel Slemrod, University of Michigan

Jennifer Gravelle, Congressional Budget Office

5:30-6:30 PM

RECEPTION - DISCOVERY BALLROOM

FRIDAY, MAY 14

8:45 – 10:15 AM

ISSUES AFFECTING LOWER INCOME TAXPAYERS: CREDITS AND RETURN PREPARATION

Organizer/Moderators: *Joseph Bankman, Stanford University and Leslie Book, Villanova University*

Karen Hawkins, Internal Revenue Service, Office of Professional Responsibility — Regulating Return Preparers

Elaine Maag, The Urban Institute — Simplifying the Law through a ‘Unified’ Credit for Low-Income Taxpayers

Joseph Bankman, Stanford University — Using Technology to Simplify Filing: Ready Return/Simple Return

Discussants: *Nina Olson, Internal Revenue Service, National Taxpayer Advocate*

Leslie Book, Villanova University

10:15 – 10:30 AM

BREAK

10:30 AM – NOON

TAX ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO THE FINANCIAL SECTOR IN A POST-CRISIS WORLD

Organizers/Moderators: *Daniel Shaviro, New York University and Victoria J. Perry, International Monetary Fund and American Tax Policy Institute*

Thornton Matheson and John Brondolo, International Monetary Fund — Financial Transaction Taxes

Joel Slemrod, University of Michigan, Daniel Shaviro, New York University and Douglas Shackelford, University of North Carolina — Taxation and Financial System Reform

Douglas Elliott, Brookings Institution — The Interface of Financial Regulation and Taxation

Discussants: *Timothy Edgar, University of Western Ontario*

Michael Keen, International Monetary Fund

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FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010

State-Local Tax Program Fiscal Sustainability and Fiscal Institutions

Donald Boyd, Rockefeller Institute of Government

12:00 – 1:15 PM

LUNCHEON – DISCOVERY BALLROOM

Speaker: *Richard Ravitch, Lieutenant Governor, State of New York*

1:30 – 2:45 PM

STATE-LOCAL FISCAL CONDITIONS AND RESPONSES

Moderator: *Ranjana Madhusudhan (Invited)*

Scott Pattison, National Association of State Budget Officers
Christopher Hoene, National League of Cities
J. Fred Giertz, University of Illinois and Trustee, State Universities Retirement System
Nicholas Johnson, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

2:45 – 3:00 PM

BREAK

3:00 – 4:15 PM

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY, FISCAL INSTITUTIONS, AND POLITICS

Moderator: *Sue Urahn, Pew Center on the States*

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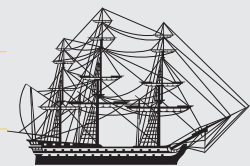
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