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**Seminar Series**



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***Regressive trend inflation***

Abstract: We identify innovations to trend inflation (rather than to inflation) using a standard trend-cycle model to investigate their aggregate and distributional effects. These innovations lead to persistent economic contraction and are regressive, mainly due to sustained real labor income losses for poor households. While trend inflation reduces real debt for all income groups, poorer households default and cannot benefit from debt revaluation. Their inability to meet short-term obligations and raise liabilities in the medium term exacerbates their losses. Though fiscal and monetary policies that shift trend inflation may offer short-term relief, their long-term effects worsen economic inequality.

Joint with Sebastian Rast and Alejandro Vicendoa

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