

Financing Unemployment Insurance: Research Workshop
Hosted by the W.E. Upjohn Institute
Friday, April 23, 2021

All times Eastern Daylight

Session 1: State Trust Fund Insolvency

Noon-1:00

Chair: Michael Horrigan, W.E. Upjohn Institute

Mark Duggan, Stanford University

Why UI Financing Matters

Robert Pavosevich, U.S. Department of Labor (retired)

State Trust Fund Solvency: What's Going On?

Marta Lachowska, W.E. Upjohn Institute

UI Trust Fund Dynamics and Correlates of Insolvency

Wayne Vroman, The Urban Institute

Four Ways to Repay UI Trust Fund Debt

Session 2: The Taxable Wage Base

1:00-2:00

Chair: Marta Lachowska, W.E. Upjohn Institute

Kevin Murphy, Oakland University

Incidence of the UI Payroll Tax

Po-Chun Huang, National Chengchi University, Taipei

Employment Effects of the Unemployment Insurance Tax Base

Audrey Guo, University of Santa Clara

Unemployment Insurance and Multi-Establishment Firms

Isaac Sorkin, Stanford University

Discussion of Taxable Wage Base Research

Break

2:00-2:30

Session 3: Experience Rating

2:30-3:30

Chair: Chris O'Leary, W.E. Upjohn Institute

Michael Miller, U.S. Department of Labor (retired)

Alternative Methods of Experience Rating

Alix Gould-Werth, Washington Center for Equitable Growth

Experience Rating and Participation in UI

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Patricia Anderson, Dartmouth College
Experience Rating, Claims, and Denials
Andrew Johnston, University of California-Merced
UI Financing and Labor Demand

Session 4: Further Issues, Perspective, and Future Research

3:30-5:00

Chair: Steve Woodbury, Michigan State University and W.E. Upjohn Institute
Arash Nekoei, Stockholm University

The Design of Unemployment Insurance: Benefits and Taxes

Jeff Robinson, State of Washington Employment Security Department

Examining Unemployment Insurance Financing in Washington State

Alexandre Mas, Princeton University

Financing Unemployment Insurance: Future Research Needs

Daniel S. Hamermesh, Barnard College and IZA

Financing UI Today: Rip Van Winkle's View

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Financing Unemployment Insurance: Policy Forum

Hosted by the W.E. Upjohn Institute

Thursday, April 29, 2021

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Session 1: Welcome and Summary of the Research Workshop

11:00-11:20

Michael Horrigan, W.E. Upjohn Institute

Introductions and Logistics

Marta Lachowska, W.E. Upjohn Institute

Summary of the Research Workshop

Session 2: What Are the Problems?

11:20-12:15

Moderator: Michael Horrigan, W.E. Upjohn Institute

Michele Evermore, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

Dayne Freeman, Maryland Department of Labor

Douglas Holmes, UWC–Strategic Services on Unemployment & Workers' Compensation

Session 3: Policy Issues I – General Policy Issues

1:00-1:45

Moderator: Marta Lachowska, W.E. Upjohn Institute

Arthur Sweetman, McMaster University

Employment Insurance in Canada

Robert Asaro-Angelo, New Jersey Department of Labor

UI Financing Options for States

Julie Whittaker, Congressional Research Service

Expansion of UI to Self-Employed and Contract Workers

Session 4: Policy Issues II – Experience Rating and the Tax Base

1:45-2:30

Moderator: Steve Woodbury, Michigan State University and W.E. Upjohn Institute

Andrew Stettner, The Century Foundation

Experience Rating Issues

William Carrington, Congressional Budget Office

Experience Rating, Forward Funding, and Automatic Stabilization

Mathew Barewicz, Vermont Department of Labor

The Taxable Wage Base

Session 5: Breakout Sessions on Reform Considerations

2:45-3:45

Moderator: Chris O'Leary, W.E. Upjohn Institute

- This session is designed for participation–themed questions will define each breakout room
- Report from each group

Session 6: What Have We Learned?

3:45-4:00

Moderator: Michael Horrigan, W.E. Upjohn Institute

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