

# 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the **Ottawa Group** (hybrid)



## PROGRAMME

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ROME

07-10 JUNE 2022

**BANCA D'ITALIA**  
CONFERENCE CENTRE  
"CARLO AZEGLIO CIAMPI"

VIA NAZIONALE, 190

## 07 JUNE 2022

11:00 – 11:40 **Registration of participants and welcome coffee**

11:40 – 12:00 **OPENING SPEECH**

Ignazio Visco (tbc) | Governor of Banca d'Italia

12:00 – 13:30 **SESSION 1**  
**EXPENDITURE WEIGHTS IN THE CPI, INCLUDING NEW DATA SOURCES, FREQUENCY AND TIMELINESS**

*Chair:* tbd

**The impact of expenditure weight shifts on inflation: Evidence for the euro area HICP**

Thomas A. Knetsch, Patrick Schwind, Sebastian Weinand | Deutsche Bundesbank

**The Adjusted Price Index and Monthly Adjusted Consumer Expenditure Basket Weights**

Gerry O'Donnell, Clément Yérou | Statistics Canada

**Empirical findings on upper-level aggregation issues in the HICP**

Julika Herzberg, Thomas A. Knetsch, Dilyana Popova, Patrick Schwind, Sebastian Weinand | Deutsche Bundesbank

13:30 – 14:30 *Lunch*

14:30 – 15:30 **SESSION 2**  
**GOING BEYOND CPI – ALTERNATIVE/COMPLEMENTARY MEASURES OF INFLATION AND COST OF LIVING**

*Chair:* tbd

**Combining Price Indices in Temporal Hierarchies**

Robert J. Hill | University of Graz, Daniel Melser | Monash University, Alicia Rambaldi | The University of Queensland, Michael Scholz | University of Klagenfurt

**Alignment of Methodology and Scope between Services Producer Price Indices (SPPIs) and Consumer Price Indices (CPIs): developing a framework for using CPIs in SPPI calculation**

V. Auno, A. Bertin, S.E. Maillfert, J.M. Fournier, D. Blank, R. Draper, N. Elversøe, M. Santiago, R. Vaizner | BLS

15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45 – 16:45 **Cost of Living Index of an Estimated Generalized CES Utility Function that Accounts for Changes in Preferences for and Qualities of Goods**  
Peter Zadrozny | BLS

**Seasonal Products**

W. Erwin Diewert | University of British Columbia and University of New South Wales, Yoel Finkel, Doron Sayag | Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel

## 08 JUNE 2022

9:00 – 10:30 **SESSION 3**  
**NEW DATA SOURCES AND NEW TECHNIQUES TO COMPILE PRICE INDICES, INCLUDING THE IMPLICATIONS ON INDEX FORMULAS (1)**

*Chair: tbd*

**Quality Bias in Price Indexes Evidence from Scanner Data on Consumer Electronics**  
Ana Aizcorbe | BEA, Jan de Haan | Statistics Netherlands, Frances Krsinich | Statistics NZ

**New ways of measuring price development on consumer electronics**  
Kjersti Nyborg Hov, Ragnhild Nygaard | Statistics Norway

**Household Inventory, Temporally Sales, and Price Indices**

Kozo Ueda | Waseda University, Kota Watanabe | Canon Institute for Global Studies, Tsutomu Watanabe | University of Tokyo

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break and Photo session*

11:00 – 12:30 **A MAP for the future of prices indexes at Stats NZ**  
Matthew Stansfield, Frances Krsinich | Statistics New Zealand

**The Importance of Missingness Missing prices and the impact on price indexes**  
Kevin J. Fox | UNSW Sydney, Jan de Haan | Statistics Netherlands

**What do missing prices mean for the choice of index number method with alternative data**  
Ben Hillman, Alex Rose, Helen Sands | ONS

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12:30 – 13:00 **KEYNOTE SPEECH XXXX**

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 16:00 **SESSION 4**  
**NEW DATA SOURCES AND NEW TECHNIQUES TO COMPILE PRICE INDICES, INCLUDING THE IMPLICATIONS ON INDEX FORMULAS (2))**

*Chair: tbd*

**Scanner Data, Chain Drift, Superlative Price Indices and the Redding-Weinstein CES Common Varieties Price Index**

Naohito Abe | Hitotsubashi University, D.S. Prasada Rao | The University of Queensland and Hitotsubashi Institute for Advanced Study (HIAS)

**Stress testing multilateral price index methods: Transactions data and stockpiling during the COVID-19 pandemic**

Joel Liffner, Catherine Smyth, Julian Whiting | ABS Australia

**Choice of window length and linking method for extending multilateral index series over time**

Antonio Chessa, Florin Barb, Stefan Boumans | Statistics Netherlands

**The use of weighted GEKS for the calculation of consumer price indices: an experimental application to Italian scanner data**  
Alessandro Brunetti, Stefania Fatello, Federico Polidoro | Istat, Tiziana Laureti | University of Tuscia, Italy

16:00 – 16:15 *Coffee break*

16:15 – 17:45 **Seasonal Products and Multilateral Methods**  
Botir Radjabov | Statec Luxembourg, Ken Van Loon | Statistics Belgium

**Multilateral indices and the relaunch problem: product clustering and alternative solutions**  
Jacco Daalmans | Statistics Netherlands

**Matching, grouping and linking: What impact does the product specification have on a Fisher price index?**  
Claude Lamboray | Eurostat

## 09 JUNE 2022

10:00 – 11:30 **SESSION 5**  
**MEASUREMENT OF HOUSING IN THE CPI**  
*Chair: tbd*

**Timely Rental Price Indices for thin markets: Revisiting a chained property fixed-effects estimator**  
Alan Bentley and Frances Krsinich | Statistics NZ

**Measuring the Services of Durables and Owner Occupied Housing**  
W. Erwin Diewert | University of British Columbia and University of New South Wales, Chihiro Shimizu | University of Tokio

**Bringing the Hedonic-repricing method up to date to adjust for qualitative differences in the residential real estate price index**  
Corinne Becker Vermeulen, Manuel Brand | Statistics Switzerland

11:30 – 11:45 *Coffee break*

11:45 – 12:45 **The Cost of a House versus the Cost of Housing: evaluating different approaches to measuring owned accommodation in the Canadian CPI**  
Patrick Sabourin and Faouzi Tarkhani | Statistics Canada

**The use of administrative data for Italian private housing rental prices index compilation**  
Alessandro Brunetti, Orietta Patacchia, Federico Polidoro | Istat

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12:45– 13:15 **SESSION 6**  
**NEW DATA SOURCES AND NEW TECHNIQUES TO COMPILE PRICE INDICES, INCLUDING THE IMPLICATIONS ON INDEX FORMULAS (3)**  
*Chair: tbd*

**Maximising clothing web scraped data in the Australian CPI**  
Joel Bird, Michael Holt and Joel Liffner | ABS Australia

13:15 – 14:15 *Lunch*

14:15 – 15:15 **Modernising the measurement of clothing price indices using web-scraped data: classification and product grouping**  
Liam Greenhough, Hazel Martindale, Helen Sands | ONS

**Web scraping of booking.com: exploring new data and methodology for the hotel service consumer price index**  
Adrien Montbroussous | INSEE

15:15 – 15:30 *Coffee break*

15:30 – 17:00 **Integration of alternative data into consumer price statistics the UK approach**  
Helen Sands, Joanna Corless, Joe Barker | ONS

**Balancing the Swedish CPI**  
Anders Norberg, Can Tongur | Statistics Sweden

**The general class of multilateral indices and its two special cases**  
Jacek Białek | University of Lodz, Statistics Poland

18:00 *Onwards: Social event (visit+dinner)*

## 10 JUNE 2022

10:00 – 11:00 **SESSION 7**  
**CHALLENGING AREAS OF MEASUREMENT (DIGITALISATION AND SHARED ECONOMY) AND QUALITY ADJUSTMENT (1)**

*Chair: tbd*

**Price Setting in Online and Offline Markets Evidence from Korea**  
Kozo Ueda | Waseda University, Kota Watanabe | Canon Institute for Global Studies, Tsutomu Watanabe | University of Tokyo

**The Country Bias in Quality-Adjusted Euro Area Inflation**  
Jan-Oliver Menz, Elisabeth Wieland, Jens Mehrhoff | Deutsche Bundesbank

11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15 – 12:15 **Is there a measurement bias from quality adjustment in Austria and Italy?**  
Bernhard Goldhammer | ECB, Cristina Conflitti | Banca d'Italia, Fabio Rumler | Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Michaela Maier | Statistics Austria

**Applying advanced techniques to the estimation of Multipurpose Digital Devices price indices**  
Kevin Roche, Lance Taylor, Roobina Keshishbanoosy | Statistics Canada

12:15 – 12:30 **Information on Group of Experts 2023**

12:30 – 12:45 **Outlook 2024 meeting**

12:45 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:00 **SESSION 8**  
**CHALLENGING AREAS OF MEASUREMENT (DIGITALISATION AND SHARED ECONOMY) AND QUALITY ADJUSTMENT (2)**

*Chair: tbd*

**Le substitution bias est mort, vive le substitution bias**  
Jens Mehrhoff | IMF

**Quality Adjustment Methods**

W. Erwin Diewert | University of British Columbia and University of New South Wales

**15:00 – 15:20** **CLOSING REMARKS**

Gian Carlo Blangiardo (tbc) | President of Istat

**15:20 – 16:00** *Farewell coffee break*