European University Institute Conference on

HOUSEHOLD PORTFOLIOS

Florence, December 17-18, 1999

Preliminary Program

Friday, December 17

9.00-10.00

What does Theory Have to Say about Household Portfolios?

Christian Gollier (University of Toulouse)

Discussant: Giuseppe Bertola (EUI)

10.00-11.00

Portfolios of the Rich

Chris Carroll (Johns Hopkins University)

Discussant: Marco Pagano (University of Salerno)

Coffee break

11.30-12.30

Household Portfolios in the United States

Carol C. Bertaut and Martha Starr-McCluer (Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve)

Discussant: Nick Souleles (University of Pennsylvania)

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00

Calibration and Computation of Household Portfolio Models

Michael Haliassos (University of Cyprus) and Alexander Michaelides (University of Cyprus)

Discussant: Ramon Marimon (EUI)

Coffee break

15.30-16.30

Household Portfolios in the United Kingdom

James Banks (IFS) and Sarah Tanner (IFS).

Discussant: Chris Paxson (Princeton University)

16.30-17.30

Household Portfolios in The Netherlands

Rob Alessie (Tilburg University), Stefan Hochguertel (EUI), and Arthur Van Soest (Tilburg University).

Discussant: Martin Browning (MacMaster University)

Saturday, December 18

9.00-10.00

Taxes and Portfolio Choice

James Poterba (MIT)

Discussant: Steve Zeldes (Columbia University)

10.00-11.00

Portfolios of the Elderly

Michael Hurd (Rand Corporation)

Discussant: Angus Deaton (Princeton University)

Coffee break

11.30-12.30

Survey Design and Estimation of Portfolio Models

Loriana Pelizzon (London Business School) and Guglielmo Weber (University of Padova)

Discussant: Steve Pischke (MIT)

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00

Household Portfolios in Italy

Luigi Guiso (University of Sassari) and Tullio Jappelli (University of Salerno).

Discussant: Richard Blundell (UCL)

Coffee break

15.30-16.30

Household Portfolios in Germany

Axel Börsch-Supan (University of Mannheim) and Angelika Eymann (University of Mannheim)

Discussant: Arie Kapteyn (Tilburg University)

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