2020 National Transfer Accounts (NTA)Workshop on

Micro-Distributional NTA:

Investigating Inequality, Human Capital, and

Changing Population Composition in a Longitudinal Context

Organized by the Berkeley Center of the Economics and Demography of Aging and

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May 4/5 (WS I) & May 11/12 (WS II), 2020

The goal of the National Transfer Accounts (NTA) project is to improve our understanding of how population growth and changing population age structure influence economic growth, gender and generational equity, public finances, and other important features of the macro-economy. Analyzing the data at the individual level also enables us to look at distributions of individual values for consumption, income and wealth. These are the NTA values after the usual adjustment to match aggregate control totals, i.e., NTA microfiles. In this workshop, we will discuss issues with creating NTA microfiles and the potential research uses of such data, which will present various new methodological challenges. The goal of the workshop is to focus on topics in a longitudinal micro-distributional context: inequality, human capital, and changing population composition in recent decades and in the future. Although many questions will not be clearly answered during the workshop, intellectual discussions are deemed helpful for better understanding the issues and challenges. All NTA members are invited to attend a two-day virtual workshop by Zoom on May 4/5 (WS I) and May 11/12 (WS II); each day will be up to 4 hours.

**The start time for WS I is 8:00 PM on May 4, 2020, Pacific Time.**

**(**5:00 PM Hawaii **on May 4;** 12:00 AM Rio de Janeiro, 3:00 AM Dakar, 5:00 AM Continental Europe, 9:00 AM Mumbai, 11:00 AM Manila, 12:00 PM Tokyo **on May 5).**

**We will schedule WS II for May 11/12 as needed.**

**AGENDA**

**Note:** Presentations will be maximum 20 minutes followed by discussion. Brevity of presentations is encouraged to leave time for discussion. We have listed several people for each presentation to initiate informal discussion; of course, they can also decline to comment. We are not expecting prepared discussant remarks, and discussants may just be reacting to material they are seeing for the first time. We also do not need to hurry through the schedule as we can schedule additional times on May 11. We encourage as much discussion as possible.

All participants will enter the meeting into a “waiting room” and then enter the main meeting with muted microphones. After the scheduled presentations and any discussant remarks, there may be time for open discussion. To adapt open discussion for Zoom, participants should please open the “Participants” box in zoom and click the “Raise Hand” icon. The moderator will invite you to unmute yourself and make your remarks.

**Workshop I**

**Monday, May 4, 2020**

**Pacific Time**

8:00 PM Introductory Remarks

**Ronald Lee,** CEDA & **Andrew Mason**, EWC

**Moderator: Andrew Mason**

8:10-8:45 PM *Combining Income and Consumption Data at Household Level: an Analysis of Intra-household Transfers Based on NTA Micro Data*

Presented by **Bernhard Hammer**

Discussants: **David McCarthy**, **Michael Abrigo**, **Sang-Hyop Lee**

8:45-9:20 PM *The transfer cost of parenthood: Parents and non-parents in NTA*

Presented by **Robert Gal,** *Marton Medgyesi and Pieter Vanhuysse*

Discussants: **Luis Bixby, James Sefton, Andrew Mason**

**Moderator: David McCarthy**

9:20-9:55 PM *Intra-cohort Income Inequalities in France*

Presented by **Hippolyte d’Albis**

Discussants: **Ivan Mejia, Sonja Spitzer, Julien Navaux**

9:55-10:30 PM *US micro-NTA: Trends and Distributions*

Presented by **Gretchen Donehower, Ron Lee, Michael Abrigo, Andy Mason**

Discussants: **Alexia Fürnkranz-Prskawetz, James Rice, Concepción Patxot**

**10:30-10:45 PM Break**

**Moderator: Sang-Hyop Lee**

10:45-11:30 PM Roundtable on methodological issues

* Issues that arise when data come from multiple surveys.
* Including data for profiles that do not come from household surveys, like public education and publicly provided healthcare; how to handle that in a consistent way
* Sub-groups that may not be included in household surveys (nursing home population, temporary workers, military members?)

11:30-12:00 AM Continue the Roundtable discussion if needed.

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Other individuals who choose to join the workshop are welcome