

James Poterba to give annual Karl Borch Lecture

The 15th lecture in memory of NHH Professor Karl Borch, scheduled for Wednesday June 21, 2017, will be held by James Poterba.

James Poterba is the Mitsui Professor of Economics at MIT. He is also the President of the National Bureau of Economic Research and is a world-leading economist. His 2017 Karl Borch Lecture topic is, “Retirement Security: The role of Public and Private Insurance Markets”.

Poterba has published numerous articles in finance and economic journals. He has served as President of the Eastern Economic Association and the National Tax Association, as vice president of the American Economic Association, and as a director of the American Finance Association. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the Econometric Society.

Dr. Poterba's research focuses on how taxation affects the economic decisions of households and firms, particularly those involving saving and portfolio behavior. His recent research has analyzed the determinants of retirement saving, the draw-down of assets after households reach retirement, and the role of tax-deferred retirement saving programs such as 401(k) plans in contributing to retirement security

He is a former editor of the Journal of Public Economics, the leading international journal for research on taxation and government spending. Dr. Poterba served as a member of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform in 2005. In 2014, he received the Daniel M. Holland Medal from the National Tax Association for the study and practice of public finance.

Karl Borch was a professor at NHH during 1963-1986, and is considered to be one of the founders of Economics of Uncertainty, with a long list of interesting contributions published in leading scientific periodicals and books.

The idea behind the Karl Borch Lecture is to attract a leading international scholar to hold an annual guest lecture about a current research theme for scientific staff, students, and others who are interested.

The Karl Borch Lecture 2015 Organizing Committee consists of Professor Gunnar Stensland, Professor Leif K. Sandal, Professor Guttorm Schjelderup, Professor Knut K. Aase and Associate Professor Trond Døskeland. The lecture is arranged by the Department of Business and Management Science, with support from NHH Funds and Institute for Research in Economics and Business Administration (SNF).

Karl Borch Lecture 2017

Professor James Poterba “*Retirement Security: The role of Public and Private Insurance*”.

Date: Wednesday June 21

Time: 12:15-13:45

Place: Karl Borch's Auditorium

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Karl Borch Lecture Series web site:

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