FEDERAL BUDGET AND TAX POLICY FOR A SOUND FISCAL FUTURE
20-21 MARCH 2009 – AGENDA

FRIDAY, 20 MARCH – Anheuser-Busch Hall, Trial Courtroom No. 309

8:45 a.m.  Opening and Welcome
Kent Syverud, Washington University Law, Dean and Ethan A.H. Shepley
University Professor

Remarks
Cheryl Block, Washington University Law, Professor

9:00-9:30  Opening Address
Allen Schick, University of Maryland, School of Public Policy, Professor
Budgeting for Economic and Fiscal Crises

9:30-11:45  Panel I:  BUDGET PROCESS REFORM

Roundtable

Stuart Butler, The Heritage Foundation, Domestic & Economic Policy Studies, Vice President

Alice Rivlin, Brookings Institution, Senior Fellow in Economic Studies
Taking Back Our Fiscal Future

Irene Rubin, Northern Illinois University, Political Science, Professor Emeritus
Economic Meltdowns, Government Bailouts, and Budget Reform

Allen Schick, University of Maryland, School of Public Policy
Fiscal Sanity Proposals: When Is A “Hail Mary” Rational?

Harry Zeeve, The Concord Coalition, National Field Director
The Role of Public Engagement in the Budget Process

11:45-12  Break/Walk to Whittemore House for Lunch & Keynote Address

12-1:30  Lunch & KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Whittemore House [by reservation]

Alice Rivlin, Brookings Institution
Budget Deficits: The Future is Now!
Friday, 20 March, continued

1:45-4:00  Panel II:  IMPACT OF BUDGET PROCESS RULES

Presenters

Anita Krishnakumar, St. John’s University Law, Assistant Professor
Evolution of the Reconciliation Process

Joseph White, Case Western Reserve University, Professor and Department Chair, Political Science; Director, Center for Public Policy
The President’s Budget Within Federal Budgeting: Consequences of the Adversarial Presidency

George Yin, University of Virginia Law, Edward S. Cohen Distinguished Professor
The Impact of Temporary Effects Legislation

Commentators

Cheryl Block, Washington University Law, Professor

Rebecca Kysar, Brooklyn Law School, Assistant Professor

David Primo, University of Rochester, Associate Professor, Political Science

4:00-4:15  Break

4:15-5:30  Panel III:  ENTITLEMENTS

Presenters

Randall Mariger, U.S. Treasury Department, Office of Economic Policy, Senior Economist
Is the Social Security Trust Fund Saved? Implications for Reform

Daniel Shaviro, New York University Law, Wayne Perry Professor of Tax
The Long-Term Fiscal Gap and Generational Inequity

Commentators

Neil Buchanan, George Washington University Law, Associate Professor

Murray Weidenbaum, Washington University, Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor; Honorary Chairman, Murray Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy
SATURDAY, 21 MARCH – Anheuser-Busch Hall, Trial Courtroom No. 309

8:30 a.m.  Opening Address
Murray Weidenbaum, Washington University, Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor; Honorary Chairman, Murray Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government and Public Policy
   Budgetary Challenges Facing the United States

9:00-10:30  Panel IV: TAX EXPENDITURES AND THE BUDGET

Presenters

Edward Kleinbard, Joint Committee on Taxation, Chief of Staff
   The Joint Committee and Tax Expenditures

J. Clifton Fleming, Jr., Brigham Young University Law, Professor
Robert J. Peroni, University of Texas School of Law, Professor
   A Critique of the Joint Committee’s New Approach to Tax Expenditure Analysis

Commentators

George Yin, University of Virginia Law, Edward S. Cohen Distinguished Professor
Peter Wiedenbeck, Washington University Law, Joseph H. Zumbalen Professor

10:30-10:45  Break

10:45-12:15  Panel V: BUDGET ACCOUNTING

Presenters

Neil Buchanan, George Washington University Law, Associate Professor
   A Proposal for Capital Accounts in the Federal Budget

Cheryl Block, Washington University Law, Professor
   Measuring the True Cost of Government Bailouts

Commentators

Steven Fazzari, Washington University, Professor of Economics

Adam Rosenzweig, Washington University Law, Associate Professor