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***Household Heterogeneity and the Transmission of Monetary Policy to
Consumer Sentiment in the Euro Area***

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The seminar will be held in the
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on Tuesday, 19 May 2026 at 14:00

Abstract:

This paper studies the effects of ECB monetary policy shocks on consumer sentiment in the euro area and assesses the role of household heterogeneity in their transmission. Combining high-frequency identified monetary policy shocks with monthly consumer survey data, the paper shows that contractionary shocks reduce inflation expectations, increase unemployment expectations, and weaken spending intentions. Despite substantial heterogeneity in household characteristics both within and across euro area countries, the analysis finds little evidence that the responses of sentiment differ systematically across household groups or countries. Within countries, responses do not vary systematically by income, employment status, education, age, or gender. Across countries, variation in liquidity constraints, marginal propensities to consume, and exposure to variable-rate debt likewise does not meaningfully affect the transmission of monetary policy to sentiment. The findings thus indicate that household heterogeneity, while central to many models of monetary policy transmission, plays a limited role in shaping the responses of consumer sentiment to monetary policy shocks.

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