

Economic Policy Forty-Eighth Panel Meeting

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Programme

(25 minutes author/s, 15 minutes x 2 discussants, 25 minutes panel discussion)

Friday 24th October

13:00 – 13:50	<i>Lunch</i>
13:50 – 14:00	Opening remarks by Pierre Jaillet, Director General Economics and International Relations, Banque de France
14:00 – 15:20	Political Economy and Financial Markets: Has the Euro Made a Difference? Marcel Fratzscher (European Central Bank) Livio Stracca (European Central Bank) Discussants: Francesco Caselli (London School of Economics) John Hassler (Institute for International Economic Studies)
15:20 – 15:35	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:35 – 16:55	What Drives Spreads in the Euro Area Government Bond Market? Simone Manganelli (European Central Bank) Guido Wolswijk (European Central Bank) Discussants: Morten Ravn (European University Institute) David Thesmar (HEC School of Management)
16:55 – 17:10	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17:10 – 18:30	Scalpel, Please! Dissecting the Euro's Effect on Trade Volker Nitsch (ETH Zurich) Mauro Pisu (National Bank of Belgium) Discussants: Gianmarco IP Ottaviano (University of Bologna) Kevin O'Rourke (Trinity College Dublin)
19:00-20:00	Panel on the current crisis at the Maceo restaurant Opening comments by: Benoit Coeuré (French Treasury) Jean-Pierre Landau (Banque de France) Richard Portes (London Business School and CEPR) Hans-Werner Sinn (Ifo Institute for Economic Research, CES and University of Munich)
20:00	<i>Dinner</i>

Saturday 25th October

- 09:00 – 10:20** **Elections and Economic Policy in Developing Countries**
Lisa Chauvet (IDR, DIAL, Paris)
Paul Collier (University of Oxford)
Discussants: Fabrizio Coricelli (University of Siena and University of Paris I)
Ekaterina Zhuravskaya (New Economic School and CEFIR)
- 10:20 – 10:35* *Coffee Break*
- 10:35 – 11:55** **Beyond Eurosclerosis**
Tito Boeri (Bocconi University)
Pietro Garibaldi (University of Torino)
Discussants: Clemens Fuest (University of Cologne)
Barbara Petrongolo (London School of Economics)
- 11:55 – 12:10* *Coffee Break*
- 12:10 – 13:30** **The Rise in Obesity Across the Atlantic: an Economic Perspective**
Giorgio Brunello (University of Padova)
Pierre-Carl Michaud (RAND)
Anna Sanz-de-Galdeano (University of Girona)
Discussants: Maristella Botticini (Colegio Carlo Alberto, University of Torino)
Diego Puga (Universidad Carlos II Madrid)
- 13:30 – 14:30* *Lunch*
- 14:30 – 15:50** **Job Protection Legislation and Productivity Growth in OECD Countries**
Andrea Bassanini (OECD and University of Paris 2)
Luca Nunziata (University of Padova)
Danielle Venn (OECD)
Discussants: Jan Boone (Tilburg University)
Josef Zweimuller (University of Zurich)
- 15:50 – 16:05* *Coffee Break*
- 16:05 – 17:25** **Ageing and Unused Capacity in Europe: Is There an Early Retirement Trap?**
Viola Angelini (University of Padova)
Agar Brugiavini (University of Venice)
Guglielmo Weber (University of Padova)
Discussants: Rosemarie Nagel (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
Jean Oliver Hairault (University of Paris I)
- 17:25 – 17:40* *Coffee Break*
- 17:40 – 19:00** **International Finance, Capital Mobility and Income Convergence: Is Europe Different?**
Abdul Abiad (IMF)
Daniel Leigh (IMF)
Ashoka Mody (IMF)
Discussants: Klaus Adam (European Central Bank)
Jean Imbs (HEC Lausanne)
- 20:00* *Dinner*