

**Crisis Aftermath:
Economic policy changes in the EU and its Member States
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Keynote speakers



Fabian Zuleeg, Chief Economist, European Policy Centre, Brussels, Belgium:

What future for Europe's economic and social model(s)?

Fabian Zuleeg is Chief Economist at the European Policy Centre, responsible for the Political Economy Programme. Prior to joining the European Policy Centre, he worked as an Economic Analyst in the private and public sectors. He holds a PhD in Political Economy of EU enlargement from Edinburgh University.

Fabian leads the European Policy Centre's work in the Economic Policy Forum and on the Well-being 2030 project, a two-year joint research project with the European Commission. His current work is focusing on the Europe 2020 strategy, the EU budget, the Digital Single Market, the economic and Euro crises and the future sustainability of Europe's economic and social models. He is particularly interested in how European policy and economic governance can contribute to the delivery of public services in the light of rising public debt and demographic change.



Massimo Rostagno, Head of the Monetary Policy Strategy Division, European Central Bank Frankfurt am Main, Germany:

The ECB's monetary policy strategy in good and bad times

Massimo Rostagno is responsible for all aspects related to the ECB's monetary policy strategy, included communication and medium-term monetary policy orientation. Before he joined the ECB in 1998, he worked as a Desk Economist in the European Department of the IMF for two years and started his career in 1993 at the Banca d'Italia as an Economist in the Research Department.

Massimo Rostagno studied Economics (Bocconi University) and Monetary Economics (UCLA). Furthermore, he has published several papers on Political Economy and Monetary Economics.



Zsolt Darvas, Research Fellow, Bruegel Institute, Brussels, Belgium:

The future of the euro

Zsolt Darvas, a Hungarian citizen, joined Bruegel as a Visiting Fellow in September 2008 and continued his work at Bruegel as a Research Fellow from January 2009. He is also Research Fellow at the Institute of Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Associate Professor at the Corvinus University of Budapest.

From 2005 to 2008, he was the Research Advisor of the Argenta Financial Research Group in Budapest. Before that, he worked at the research unit of the Central Bank

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Masahiko Yoshii, Kobe University, EU Institute, Kobe, Japan:

Japan's lost two decades: Lessons to today's euro crisis?

Masahiko Yoshii is a Professor at the Graduate School of Economics at Kobe University from 2000 and the President of the EU Institute in Japan from 2011 April. He is also editor of the Japanese academic journal: Comparative Economic Studies (Kyoto).

Yoshii holds his Doctor of Economics degree from Kobe University where he teaches courses in Russian and

Central and Eastern European Economies, Economic Systems and Comparative Economics since 2000.



Ádám Török, Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, University of Pannonia, Veszprém, Hungary:
Competitiveness of Hungary in 2020: „a fundamentalist” and „a chartist” approach

Ádám Török is a full member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and a professor at the University of Pannonia in Veszprém. His areas of expertise are international economics and industrial relations as well as competition and technology policy.

He was the Deputy Head of the International Trade Department at the Institute of Economic Planning of the National Planning Office between 1986 and 1989. From 1990 he worked as the Director of the Research Institute of Industrial Economics at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences for eight years. He was the Hungarian National Bank's board chairman between 1993 and 1994 and a member of the Fiscal Council from 2009 to 2011.



Gabriele Cipriani, Director, European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg:
The EU Budget: a ‘Trojan horse’ for better national spending?

Gabriele Cipriani has over 30 years experience in EU public finances and is the author of several publications and conference papers in this field. Following a PhD in Political Sciences (University of Bologna) and a Master degree in European law (College of Europe - Bruges), he joined in 1978 the European Court of Auditors where he has spent his whole career. He is currently Director of the Court's Chamber

responsible for Structural policies, Transport and Energy.



Árpád Kovács, University of Szeged, Former President of the Hungarian Court of Auditors, Szeged, Hungary:

Scenarios of the fiscal crisis management in the EU Member States

Árpád Kovács is a Professor at the University of Szeged where he teaches courses in Public Finance and Auditing in Public Finance. He is the President of the Editorial Committee of the bilingual Journal of Public Finance and from 2008 he is the President of the Hungarian Economic Association. He is also a Member of the Board of Directors at the International Consortium on Government Financial Management and a Member of Board of Directors at the Hungarian State Holding Company, where he was the President between 1996 and 1997. Kovács was the President of the State Audit Office of Hungary between 1998 and 2009. He was the President of International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions between 2004 and 2007. He achieved his Habilitation in Economics at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics in 2003. Since then he is a visiting professor at several Hungarian Universities.

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