

# EconPol Europe Conference 2019

## Europe's Competitiveness and the Rise of China

Brussels, 7 – 8 November 2019

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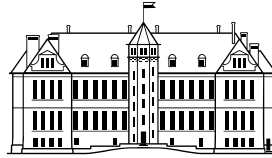
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### Program

#### 7 November 2019

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| 12:00         | <b>Arrival, registration &amp; light lunch</b>  |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | <b>Welcome address</b><br>Ulrike <b>Wolf</b> (Director General, Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy)<br>Clemens <b>Fuest</b> (President, ifo Institute & EconPol Europe)                                     |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | <b>Main Keynote speech, working title: <i>The Future Agenda for Europe's Competitiveness</i></b><br>Carlos <b>San Basilio</b> (Secretary General of the Treasury and International Financing, Spanish Ministry of Economy and Business Affairs) |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | <b>Coffee break</b>   |
| 14:30 – 15:15 | <b>Introductory Keynote: <i>The EU and China</i></b><br>Daniel <b>Gros</b> (Director, CEPS & EconPol Europe)  |

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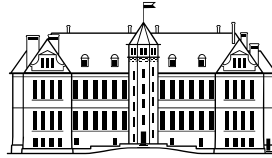


- 15:15 – 16:45      **Panel Discussion**  
**Moderator:** Maithreyi **Seetharaman** (FORTUNE)  
Koen **Jonkers** (Deputy Head of Joint Research Centre Knowledge for Finance, Innovation and Growth Unit, European Commission)  
Sherry **Madera** (Global Head of Industry and Government Affairs, Refinitiv)  
Luisa **Santos** (Director for International Relations, BusinessEurope)  
Xu **Zhengbing** (Counsellor for Economic and Commercial Affairs, Chinese Mission to the EU)
- 16:45 – 17:15      **Coffee break**
- 17:15 – 18:30      **Plenary session: Chinese Competition**  
Stefano **Schiavo** (University of Trento & EconPol Europe): *Trademarks and Firm Competitiveness: An Empirical Analysis of the World Top R&D Spending Companies*  
Andrea **Ciani** (Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics): *European Integration, Trade and Globalization: Eastern Europe's Response to Chinese Competition*  
Koen **Jonkers** (European Commission): *China: Challenges and Prospects from an Industrial and Innovation Powerhouse*
- 19:00                **Dinner (by invitation only)**

## 8 November 2019

- 09:00 – 10:30      **Parallel sessions I**
- 1A – **Supporting Firm Innovation and R&D: What is the Optimal Policy Mix?**  
Irem **Güçeri**, Martin **Simmler** (University of Oxford, Centre for Business Taxation & EconPol Europe), Marko **Köthenbürger** (ETH Zürich, KOF & EconPol Europe): *Supporting Firm Innovation and R&D: What is the Optimal Policy Mix?*  
Discussants:  
Georg **Licht** (ZEW)  
Melvin **van Velthoven** (European Commission)

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### 1B – Productivity Growth in Europe

Agnès **Bénassy-Quéré** (Paris School of Economics): *How Does TFP React to Financial Crises? The Non-Trivial Impact of Credit Constraints*

Leon **Bettendorf** (CPB & EconPol Europe): *Stable Markups in the Netherlands*

Peter **Bauer** (European Commission): *Productivity in Europe: Trends and Drivers in a Service-Based Economy*

### 1C – National and Ideological Biases in Empirical Economic Research

Friedrich **Heinemann** (ZEW & EconPol Europe): *Biases in Fiscal Multiplier Estimates*

Niklas **Potrafke** (ifo & EconPol Europe): *Ideologically-Charged Terminology: Austerity, Fiscal Consolidation, and Sustainable Governance*

Gabi **Waldhof** (IAMO): *Subjectivity in Macroeconomic Forecasting*

10:30 – 11:00

**Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:30

**Parallel sessions II**

### 2A – Labor Market Effects of Digitalization and Automation

Glenda **Quintini** (OECD): *Automation, Skills Use and Training Participation*

Wiljan **van den Berge** (CPB & EconPol Europe): *Automatic Impact: What Happens to Workers at Firms that Automate?*

Santo **Milasi** (European Commission): *The Changing Nature of Work and Skills in the Digital Age*

Tuomo **Suhonen** (VATT & EconPol Europe): *Cognitive Skills and Personality as Determinants of University Major and Subsequent Earnings*

### 2B – Fair Taxation

Susanne **Forstner** (IHS & EconPol Europe): *Tax Progressivity, Performance Pay, and Search Frictions*

Clemens **Fuest** (ifo & EconPol Europe): *Fair Taxation and International Tax Competition*

António **Afonso** (ISEG, REM & EconPol Europe): *Taxation and Public Spending Efficiency: An International Comparison*

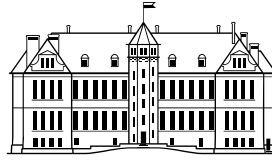
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**Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30

**Parallel Sessions III**

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### 3A – **Current Account Imbalances**

Klaus **Weyerstrass** (IHS & EconPol Europe): *Current Account Development between the Euro Area and China and Possible Determinants*

Thomas **Grjebine** (CEPII & EconPol Europe): *The Role of Fiscal Policies in the France-German Imbalances*

Luigi **Bonatti** (University of Trento & EconPol Europe): *Current Accounts in the Euro Area: Some Remarks*

Discussant: Giovanni **Ferri** (LUMSA)

### 3B – **Eurozone Governance**

Michael G. **Arghyrou** (University of Piraeus): *Private Bank Deposits and Macro/Fiscal Risk in the Euro Area*

Cinzia **Alcidi** (CEPS & EconPol Europe): *Deposit Insurance in the EU: National and Common Schemes*

Mathias **Dolls** (ifo & EconPol Europe): *An Unemployment Re-Insurance Scheme for the Eurozone?*

Zenon **Kontolemis** (European Commission): *EMU Deepening: Progress and Future Plans*

15:30 – 16:00

### **Closing remarks**

Clemens **Fuest** (President, ifo Institute)