

## Programme

Friday, 26 February 2016

09:00 – 09:10 **Welcome & Introduction**  
PAUL DE GRAUWE (London School of Economics)

**Parallel Session 1a**  
**Risk and Debt**  
**(Ludwig Erhard Room)**

09:10 – 09:50 **Domestic and External Debt and Default**  
DIRK NIEPELT (Study Center Gerzensee & University of Bern)

09:50 – 10:30 **Robust Bond Risk Premia**  
MICHAEL BAUER (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco) and James D. Hamilton

**Parallel Session 1b**  
**Exchange Rates and Financial Markets**  
**(Richard Musgrave Room)**

09:10 – 09:50 **China's Capital Flight: Pre- and Post-Crisis Experiences**  
YIN-WONG CHEUNG (City University of Hong Kong), Sven Steinkamp, and Frank Westermann

09:50 – 10:30 **Financial Market Imperfections and the Pricing Decision of Firms: Theory and Evidence**  
Almut Balleer, NIKOLAY HRISTOV (Ifo Institute), Michael Kleemann, and Dominik Menno

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee Break

**Parallel Session 2a**  
**Eurozone I**  
**(Ludwig Erhard Room)**

10:50 – 11:30 **Euro Area Imbalances**  
JAKOB DE HAAN (De Nederlandsche Bank), Jan P.A.M. Jacobs, and Mark Mink

11:30 – 12:10 **European Integration and the Feldstein-Horioka Puzzle**  
Margarita Katsimi and GYLFI ZOEGA (University of Iceland)

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**Parallel Session 2b  
Eurozone II  
(Richard Musgrave Room)**

- 10:50 – 11:30 **Modelling the Time-Variation in Euro Area Lending Spreads**  
Boris Blagov, MICHAEL FUNKE (Hamburg University), and Richhild Moessner
- 11:30 – 12:10 **Multilateral Loans and Interest Rate: Further Evidence on the Seniority Conundrum**  
Sven Steinkamp and FRANK WESTERMANN (Osnabrueck University)
- 12:10 – 13:10 Lunch

**Plenary Session 3  
Presentations by  
Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Award Candidates  
(Ludwig Erhard Room)**

- 13:10 – 13:40 **A Unified View of Systemic Risk: Detecting SIFIs and Forecasting the Financial Cycle via EWs**  
ALESSANDRO SPELTA (Catholic University of Milan)
- 13:40 – 14:10 **The Behavioral Origins of Aggregate Fluctuations**  
JAKOB GRAZZINI (Catholic University of Milan), and Domenico Massaro
- 14:10 – 14:40 **“Wait and See” Monetary Policy**  
XIAOWEN LEI (Simon Fraser University), and Michael C. Tseng
- 14:40 – 15:10 **Macroprudential Policy in a Knightian Uncertainty Model with Credit-, Risk-, and Leverage Cycles**  
EDDIE GERBA (London School of Economics), and Dawid Zochowski
- 15:10 – 15:30 Coffee Break

**Parallel Session 4a  
Budgetary and Macroeconomic Policies  
(Ludwig Erhard Room)**

- 15:30 – 16:10 **Natural Disasters, Government Spending, and the Fiscal Multiplier**  
JAN FIDRMUC (Brunel University London), Sugata Ghosh, and Weonho Yang
- 16:10 – 16:50 **On the Composition of Public Spending and Taxes**  
George Economides, Hyun Park, APOSTOLIS PHILIPPOPOULOS (Athens University of Economics and Business), and Stelios Sakkas

**Parallel Session 4b  
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15:30 – 16:10 **Does Austerity Pay Off?**  
Benjamin Born, GERNOT J. MUELLER (University of Tübingen), and Johannes Pfeifer

16:10 – 16:50 **Empirical Framework for Macroeconomic Policies in South Africa**  
ROMAIN HOUSSA (University of Namur), Jolan Mohimont, and Christopher Otrok

19:00 **Conference Dinner**

**Saturday, 27 February 2016**

**Plenary Session  
(Ludwig Erhard Room)**

09:30 – 11:00 **Policy Debate:  
Quantitative Easing: Curse or Cure?**  
Introduced by Paul De Grauwe, Jakob de Haan and Frank Westermann

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

**Parallel Session 5a  
(Ludwig Erhard Room)**

11:30 – 12:10 **Animal Spirits and the International Transmission of Business Cycles**  
PAUL DE GRAUWE (London School of Economics) and Yuemei Ji

12:10 - 13:10 Lunch

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### **Business Cycles (Ludwig Erhard Room)**

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- 13:10 – 13:50 **News Shocks and Business Cycles: Bridging the Gap from Different Methodologies**  
CHRISTOPH GÖRTZ (University of Birmingham), John D. Tsoukalas, and Francesco Zanetti
- 13:50 – 14:30 **Understanding Cyclical Behavior of Crude Oil Production and Consumption and their Effect on Crude Oil Prices**  
MARC GRONWALD (University of Aberdeen), and Xin Jin

### **Parallel Session 6b Money and Banking (Richard Musgrave Room)**

- 13:10 – 13:50 **Revisiting the Impact of Bank Capital Requirements on Lending and Real Activity**  
GIANNI DE NICOLO (International Monetary Fund)
- 13:50 – 14:30 **US Monetary Policy in a Globalized World**  
Jesùs Crespo Cuaresma, GERNOT DOPPELHOFER (Norwegian School of Economics), Martin Feldkircher, and Florian Huber
- 14:30 – 14:50 Coffee break

### **Parallel Session 7a Various Issues (Ludwig Erhard Room)**

- 14:50 – 15:30 **Economic Diversification: Six Case Studies**  
THORVALDUR GYLFASSON (University of Iceland)
- 15:30 – 16:10 **No Price Like Home: Global House Prices, 1870 – 2012**  
Katharina Knoll, Moritz Schularick, and THOMAS STEGER (Leipzig University)
- 16:10 – 16:50 **Macro News and Stock Returns in the Euro Area: A VAR-GARCH-in-Mean Analysis**  
GUGLIELMO MARIA CAPORALE (Brunel University London), Fabio Spagnolo, and Nicola Spagnolo

### **Parallel Session 7b Various Issues (Richard Musgrave Room)**

- 14:50 – 15:30 **Understanding Benign Liquidity Traps: The Case of Japan**  
STEFAN HOMBURG (Leibniz University Hannover)
- 15:30 – 16:10 **Price Changes - Stickiness and Internal Coordination in Multiproduct Firms**  
Wilko Letterie, and ØIVIND NILSEN (Norwegian School of Economics)
- 16:10 – 16:50 **How Relieving is Public Debt Relief? A Macroeconomic Dynamic Game Approach**  
Dmitri Blueschke, and REINHARD NECK (University of Klagenfurt)

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