

Workshop on **Reforming the Public Sector**Venice International University, San Servolo, **25–26 July****PROGRAMME****Friday, 25 July 2014**09:15 – 09:30 **Welcome & Introduction****Session 1
Fiscal Solvency and Austerity**

- 09:30 – 10:30 **Keynote Lecture I
The Austerity of 2010-2013**
FRANCESCO GIAVAZZI (Bocconi University)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 11:45 **Fiscal Policy Sustainability in the GIPS: New Evidence from Non-Linear Models with State-Varying Thresholds**
Roberto De Santis (ECB), GABRIELLA LEGRENZI (Keele University) and Costas Milas (Liverpool University)
- 11:45 – 12:30 **Haircut Size, Haircut Type and the Probability of Serial Sovereign Debt Restructurings**
CHRISTOPH SCHROEDER (ZEW Mannheim)
- 12:30 – 14.00 Lunch

**Session 2
Public Debt**

- 14:00 – 14:45 **The Deja-Vu of Financial Repression**
Florian Buck and ULF MAIER (both at University of Munich)
- 14:45 – 15:30 **Public Debt, Fiscal Consolidation and the Effect on Employment**
Veronica Escudero and ELVA LOPEZ MOURELO (both at ILO)
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

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Session 3
Tax-Spending-Debt Policy

- 16:00 – 16:45 **Allocating Public Funds under Uncertainty: the Role of Strict Budget Constraints**
WOUTER VAN DER WIELEN (KU Leuven)
- 16:45 – 17:30 **Fiscal Equalization Schemes and Sub-central Government Borrowing**
Salvador Barrios (European Commission) and DIEGO MARTINEZ (Universidad Pablo Olavide at Seville)
- 17:30 – 18:15 **Optimal Factor Income Taxation with Endogenous Skill Accumulation**
Konstantinos Angelopoulos, Stylianos Asimakopoulos and JAMES MALLEY (all three at University of Glasgow)
- 19:30 Conference Dinner on San Servolo

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Session 4
Reforms and Public Sector Efficiency

- 09:30 – 10:30 **Keynote Lecture II**
Public Sector Reform – What are the issues?
PETER BIRCH SORENSEN (University of Copenhagen)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 11:45 **A Simple Four Quadrants Model to Monitor the Performance of Local Governments**
Danilo Ballanti, Roberto Dispotico, FRANCESCO PORCELLI (University of Warwick) and Francesco Vidoli
- 11:45 – 12:30 **The Efficiency of Public Administration and Firm Performance**
Florian Misch and MUSTAFA YETER (both at ZEW Mannheim)
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

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Session 5 **Reforms and Quality of Public Administration**

- 14:00 – 14:45 **World Bank Policy Lending for Public Sector Reform**
LODEWIJK SMETS (University of Leuven and University of Antwerp)
- 14:45 – 15:30 **Relinquishing Public Ownership: External Constraints Matter**
Ilaria Petrarca and ROBERTO RICCIUTI (both at University of Verona)
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

Session 6 **Reforms and Incentives**

- 16.00-16.45 **Privatizing Knowledge: Did the US Get it Right?**
GUIDO COZZI and Silvia Galli (both at University of St. Gallen)
- 16.45-17.30 **Reforming the Public Sector's Wage Policy**
PEDRO GOMES (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)
- 17.30-18.15 **Incentives to Work and Production Efficiency in the Public Sector**
GEORGE ECONOMIDES, Apostolis Philippopoulos and Petros Varthalitis (all three at Athens University of Economics and Business)
- 18.15-18.30 **Publication Briefing**

End of Conference