

International Conference

## Day of Progressive Economic Policy 2020

### The German EU Presidency and the Economic, Ecological and Social Challenges for Europe

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Head Quarters  
Berlin

#### Draft Conference Programme

(State of 16 January 2020; all speakers tbc)

#### Tuesday, 26th May 2020

- 18:00 Welcome
- **Kurt Beck**, Chairman of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation
- 18:15 **Plenary panel discussion with keynote speeches on “Green Deal, Industrial Policy and Just Transition”**
- Keynote speeches:
- **Frans Timmermans**, EU-Commission, Executive Vice-President
  - **Mariana Mazzucato**, Professor at University College London in Economics of Innovation and Public Value as well as Director of the Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (IIPP)
- The keynote speakers engage in a discussion with:
- **Svenja Schulze**, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) in Germany, Berlin
  - **Stefan Körzell**, Member of the Executive Board of the German Trade Union Confederation (DGB) in Germany
  - **Lea Wermelin**, Minister for the Environment in Denmark
- 20:00 Networking Reception

**Wednesday, 27th May 2020**

- 09:00 Welcoming Remarks
- **Maria Joao Rodrigues**, President of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), former Minister of Employment of Portugal
- 09:15 **Plenary panel discussion with keynote speeches on “SDGs, EMU and Taxation”**
- Keynote speeches:
- **Paolo Gentiloni**, EU-Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs
  - **Laurence Boone**, Chief Economist of the OECD, Paris
- The keynote speakers engage in a discussion with:
- **Norbert Walter-Borjans**, Leader of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD), former Minister of Finance of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia
  - **Tytti Tuppurainen**, Member of the Finnish Parliament (MP, SDP), Minister for European Affairs in Finland
  - **Sebastian Dullien**, Research Director of the Macroeconomic Policy Institute (IMK) at the Hans-Boeckler-Foundation as well as Professor for International Economics at HTW Berlin
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 **Five parallel panel workshops on important European policy topics**
1. **Green New Deal for Europe**
    - **Uwe Schneidewind**, President and Chief Research Executive of the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy as well as Professor for Sustainable Transition Management at the University of Wuppertal
    - **Jochen Flasbarth**, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) in Germany, Berlin
    - **Michael Vassiliadis**, Chairman of Trade Union for Mining, Chemicals and Energy Industries (IG BCE) as well as President of IndustriAll Europe
    - **Céline Charveriat**, Executive Director of the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP), Brussels

## 2. Fiscal policy in Europe

- **Jakob von Weizsäcker**, Chief Economist and Director General for Economic and Fiscal Policy and Global Economy at the German Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF) in Germany, Berlin
- **Achim Truger**, Professor for Economics at the University of Duisburg-Essen and Member of the German Council of Economic Experts
- **Agnès Bénassy Quéré**, Professor for Economics at the University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne and Paris School of Economics, Member of the General Board of the Banque de France and Member of the Franco-German Council of Economic Experts
- **Ann Pettifor**, Director of the Policy Research in Macroeconomics, PRIME

## 3. European tax policy

- **Johannes Becker**, Professor of Economics and Director of the Institute of Public Economics at the University of Münster
- **Paul Tang**, Member of the European Parliament (MEP, S&D) for the Netherlands
- **Sarah Ryglewski**, Member of the German Bundestag (MP, SPD), Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF) in Germany, Berlin
- **Sarah Godar**, Member of the Tax Justice Network Germany

## 4. European innovation, technology and industrial policy

- **Jens Südekum**, Professor of International Economics at the Duesseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE) at Heinrich-Heine-University Duesseldorf
- **Wolfgang Lemb**, Executive Board Member of the IG Metall Trade Union in Germany, Vice President of industriAll European Trade Union
- **Kurt Vandenberghe**, Director for Policy Development and Coordination at the European Commission's DG Research and Innovation
- **Carlota Perez**, Honorary Professor at the Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (IIPP) at University College London

## 5. Trade unions and co-determination/participation in Europe

- **Norbert Kluge**, Director of the Institute of Codetermination and Corporate Governance (IMU) at the Hans-Boeckler-Foundation, Duesseldorf
- **Isabelle Schömann**, ETUC Confederal Secretary, Brussels as well as Senior Researcher at the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI)
- **Cancel Kiziltepe**, Member of the German Bundestag (MP, SPD)
- **Hermann Soggeberg**, Chair of the European Works Council Unilever Deutschland GmbH and Senior Representative of Unilever's German Workforce

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 **Five parallel panel workshops on important European policy topics**

**6. Social Europe**

- **Oliver Röpke**, President of the Workers' Group at the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- **Bettina Kohlrausch**, Research Director of the Institute of Economic and Social Research (WSI) at the Hans-Boeckler-Foundation as well as Professor for Educational Research at Paderborn University
- **Rolf Schmachtenberg**, Permanent State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS) in Germany, Berlin
- **Gaby Bischoff**, Member of the European Parliament (MEP, S&D) for Germany

**7. Monetary policy in Europe (*in German only*)**

- **Silke Tober**, Senior Researcher at the Macroeconomic Policy Institute (IMK) at Hans-Boeckler-Foundation, Duesseldorf
- **Marcel Fratzscher**, President of the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Berlin as well as Professor of Macroeconomics at Humboldt University Berlin
- **Isabel Schnabel**, Member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank (ECB), Frankfurt a.M.
- **Guntram Wolf**, Director of Bruegel, Brussels

**8. European trade policy**

- **Sabine Stephan**, Senior Researcher at the Macroeconomic Policy Institute (IMK) at Hans-Boeckler-Foundation, Düsseldorf
- **Bernd Lange**, Member of the European Parliament (MEP, S&D) for Germany
- **Rosa Crawford**, Policy Officer at Trades Union Congress (TUC), London
- **Eveline Herfkens**, Former Minister for Development Cooperation of the Netherlands

**9. Digitalization, monopolization and competition policy in Europe**

- **Justin Nogarede**, Digital Policy Adviser, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), Brussels
- **Irene Tinagli**, Member of the European Parliament (MEP, S&D) for Italy
- **Paul Nemitz**, Principal Advisor in the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers of the European Commission, Brussels
- **Heike Schweitzer**, Professor of Civil Law, German and European Economic and Competition Law and Economics at Humboldt University Berlin

**10. New EU-MFF and EU-Integration/EU policy and budget priorities**

- **László Andor**, Secretary-General of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), Brussels as well as Professor of Economic Policy at the Corvinus University of Budapest
- **Eulalia Rubio**, Senior Research Fellow, economic and social affairs, EU budget at Jacques Delors Institute
- **Margarida Marques**, Member of the European Parliament (MEP, S&D) for Portugal
- **Cinzia Del Rio**, Director of the International Department of UIL (Italian Labour Union), Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Plenary panel discussion with keynote speeches on “Social Europe”**

Keynote speeches:

- **Nicolas Schmit**, EU Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights
- **Anton Hemerijck**, Professor of Political Science and Sociology at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence

The keynote speakers engage in a discussion with:

- **Hubertus Heil**, Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs in Germany, Berlin
- **László Andor**, Secretary-General of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS), Brussels and former European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.
- **Reiner Hoffmann**, Chairman of the German Trade Union Confederation (DGB) in Germany
- **Jana Maláčová**, Minister for Labour and Social Affairs in the Czech Republic

17:45 **Wrap up**

18:00 End of conference / Reception