



List of Speakers

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The socio-economic agenda after coronavirus



Paolo Gentiloni is Commissioner for the Economy of the EU, entrusted with the Directorate Generals for *Economic and Financial Affairs* as well as *Taxation and Customs Union*, in the von der Leyen Commission from 2019–2024. In Italy, he served as Minister of Communications from 2006–2008, as Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2014–2016, and as the 57th Prime Minister from 2016–2018. He started his political career as the Spokesperson for the Mayor and Commissioner in the City of Rome, and later as a Member of Parliament.

In March 2019, he became President of the Democratic Party, of which he was in founding member in 2007. Before entering politics, Gentiloni worked as a professional journalist. He holds a degree in Political Sciences from Sapienza University in Rom and is fluent in Italian, English, French and German.



Maria Demertzis is Deputy Director at Bruegel. She has previously worked at the European Commission and the research department of the Dutch Central Bank. She has also held academic positions at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in the USA and the University of Strathclyde in the UK, from where she holds a PhD in economics. She has published extensively in international academic journals and contributed regular policy inputs to both the European Commission's and the Dutch Central Bank's policy outlets.

Transition challenges in going grey, green and digital



Angela Köppl is Senior Economist at WIFO and has been working in the Research Group «Environment, Agriculture and Energy» of WIFO since 1992. She received her doctorate in Economics from the University of Vienna in 1991. From 1987 to 1992 she worked in the Department of Economics at the Institute for Advanced Studies. In 2002 she spent a research stay at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge. She is Vice President of the Austrian Chapter of the Club of Rome; and she contributed significantly to the establishment the Climate Change Center Austria. Key areas of her research are questions of climate change and the restructuring of the energy system, economic instruments of climate policy, such as eco-taxes and emissions trading, as well as Austrian and EU energy and climate policy.



Margit Schratzenstaller is an economist at the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO). She is a member of the Austrian Fiscal Council and lecturer at the University of Vienna. Her areas of expertise include (European) tax and budget policy, EU budget, tax competition and harmonisation, fiscal federalism as well as family policy and gender budgeting. She was a partner in the H2020 EU project Fair Tax (2015/2019) and she has prepared studies for the European Parliament and the European Commission as well as national clients. The prizes she has been awarded include Women's Prize of the City of Vienna (2009), the Progressive Economy Prize of the European Parliament (2016), the VCÖ Mobility Prize (2017) and the Kurt-Rothschild Prize (2018). She holds a PhD from Gießen University and studied economics at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.



Jens Suedekum is Professor of International Economics at the Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics at Heinrich-Heine-University. He is a specialist on global trade, digitalization and labour markets, and published widely in leading academic peer-reviewed journals. He is among the most influential economists in the German-speaking world. His work has been covered in outlets such as *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Financial Times*, *The Economist*, *ZEIT*, *BILD*, etc. Moreover, he has been an advisor to the WTO, the IMF, the European Commission, the German Federal Government, Bundesbank, and various political parties and public interest groups. Suedekum is a research fellow at the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) in London and editor of the *Journal of Regional Science*. He holds a PhD from Georg-August-University Göttingen and studied economics at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

United in diversity? Convergence patterns in Europe reconsidered



Debora Revoltella is the director of the Economics Department of the European Investment Bank, and has held this position since April 2011. The department provides impact-driven economic analysis to support operations, the global positioning as well as the policy and strategy definition of the bank. Debora holds a degree in economics and a masters in economics from Bocconi University as well as a PhD in economics from the University of Ancona in Italy. After the experience as an adjunct professor in macroeconomics at Bocconi University, Debora joined the research department of Banca Commerciale Italiana, a leading Italian Bank. In 2001, she joined UniCredit as the chief economist for Central and Eastern Europe. During these years, the department developed into a leading research centre for the region. Debora is a

member of the Steering Committees of the Vienna Initiative and the CompNet, and a member of the Boards of the Joint Vienna Initiative, the SUERF and the Euro 50 Group.



Roberto Camagni is Emeritus Professor of Regional and Urban Economics at Politecnico di Milano. He is the former President of the European Regional Science Association-ERSA and he has published a textbook of Urban Economics in Italian, French and Spanish. He served as the Head of the Department for Urban Affairs at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers in Rome, under the Prodi Government, 1997-98, and was Vice-president of the Group on Urban Affairs of the OECD in Paris in 1998. He has worked for the European Commission, the OECD, the French DATAR, the Italian Ministries of Public Works and of European Affairs, the ESPON project in the fields of innovation diffusion, strategic planning, regional forecasting modelling, territorial impact assessment. In 2017 he was elected Fellow of the Regional Science Association

International. In 2010 he was awarded the ERSA/EIB Prize and in 2008 the Prize of the Fondazione Confalonieri in Milan for his studies in urban sustainable development.



Robert Stehrer is Scientific Director at the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies. His expertise covers a broad area of economic research, ranging from issues of international integration, trade and technological development to labour markets and applied econometrics. His recent work has focused on the analysis and effects of internationalisation of production and value added trade on economic performance and labour markets. He has published in leading journals in these fields and has been working on numerous projects funded by European Research Framework Programmes. He studied economics at the Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria, and

sociology at the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) in Vienna and is lecturer of economics at the University of Vienna.

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Dani Rodrik is the Ford Foundation Professor of International Political Economy at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He rejoined the Kennedy School in July 2015 after two years at the Institute for Advanced Study as the Albert O. Hirschman Professor in the School of Social Science. He is a co-director of the Economics for Inclusive Prosperity (EfIP) network and President-Elect of the International Economic Association. He is affiliated with the National Bureau of Economic Research and the Centre for Economic Policy Research (London) among other research organizations.

Professor Rodrik's research focuses on globalization, economic growth and development, and political economy. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the inaugural Albert O. Hirschman Prize of the Social Science Research Council and the Princess of Asturias Award for Social Sciences. He was included in *Prospect Magazine's* World's Top 50 Thinkers list (2019) and in *Politico* magazine's 50 list (2017). His work has been profiled in *The Harvard Magazine*, *Finance & Development*, *Harvard Kennedy School Magazine*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, and *The New York Times*.

Professor Rodrik's newest book is *Straight Talk on Trade: Ideas for a Sane World Economy* (2017). The book was awarded the George S. Eccles Prize for Excellence in Economic Writing by the Columbia Business School in 2019. He is also the author of *Economics Rules: The Rights and Wrongs of the Dismal Science* (2015) and *The Globalization Paradox: Democracy and the Future of the World Economy* (2011). His articles have been published in the *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, and other academic journals.

His previous books include *One Economics, Many Recipes: Globalization, Institutions, and Economic Growth* (2007), *The New Global Economy and Developing Countries: Making Openness Work* (1999), and *Has Globalization Gone Too Far?* (1997). Professor Rodrik's monthly columns on global affairs are published by Project Syndicate.

Professor Rodrik holds a Ph.D. in economics and an MPA from Princeton University, and an A.B. from Harvard College.



Session Chairs



Maarten Verwey is the Director General of “Economics and Financial Affairs” (ECFIN) at the European Commission. Before that, he worked as Director-General in the Structural Reform Support Service, and he also held the function of Director-General in DG ECFIN. Mr. Verwey joined the Commission in 2011, coming from the Ministry of Finance in the Netherlands where he was Director of Foreign Financial Relations and Deputy Director of Economic and Financial Policy. He holds Masters’ Degrees in Economics from the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen and in Development Finance from the University of London.



Géraldine Mahieu is acting director of “Investment, Growth and Structural Reforms” in DG ECFIN. She leads the negotiations on the Recovery and Resilience Facility from the part of the Commission. Before taking up her current function, Geraldine was a head of unit in the Commission’ Structural Reform Support Service, notably dealing with technical support in the areas of labour market, health care, education and other social issues, was the European Commission’s deputy mission chief on the Cypriot adjustment program. She also previously held the position of Senior Economist in the International Monetary Fund and holds a PhD in Economics from the Catholic University of Louvain.



Pal Istvan Szekely is an economist by training with a PhD from the University of Cambridge. Currently, he is a Principal Advisor in the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs of the European Commission. Previously, he was Research Director and Country Director. Prior to joining the European Commission, he worked at the Corvinus University in Budapest, where he is currently an honorary Professor, the University of Bonn, the UN Secretariat in New York, the National Bank of Hungary, and the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC. He has a number of academic publications, including several books. His research focuses on macroeconomic and macrofinancial issues, and on the European integration.



Elena Flores was appointed Director for International economic and financial relations, global governance in DG ECFIN in 2015. Previously, she was Director, Policy Strategy and Coordination (from 2011), Economies of Member States II (from 2007) and head of the units “Public finance in the euro area and the EU” (from 2002) and “Monetary union: technical and financial market questions” (from 1997). From 1999-2002, Ms. Flores served as Advisor in Commissioner Solbes’ office, responsible for economic policies, employment, taxation and financial issues. Before joining DG ECFIN, Elena Flores worked in the Directorate General for Budget, in particular undertaking the financial reform of the European Community (1987-1990). Ms. Flores was an assistant professor at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) in the field of international economics. She has a Master’s degree from the UAB and a Master in European Economy from the College of Europe in Brugge, Belgium.