



Call for Papers

Euro At 20: Past, Present and Future

Mendel University, Brno, Czech Republic
May 16 – 17, 2019



In January 2019, the common European currency Euro enters into the third decade of its existence. On the one hand, its survival and a relative success may be surprising for some its opponents. On the other hand, the Euro's robust vitality despite the difficult conditions since the finance crisis marks the complex but successful journey of European integration into the globalized world economy of 21st century.

In Europe the economic recession morphed into political stability problems and challenges to both the European project and the European idea itself. Despite earlier fears of its possible breakdown, the Euro area has remained stable while the European Union as whole has to face the challenge of Brexit. To preserve the achievement of the last 60 years, Europe has to reinvent itself and to face squarely both the past achievements and the challenges of the future. Finally, globalization continues to play a detrimental role despite recent changes in the weight between developed and emerging economies, which will increase the dynamics and unpredictability of the external environment.

The revival of economic growth is increasingly perceived as the necessary precondition for the "European" future – from the economic, political and social perspective. There is a broad consensus that dynamic structural reforms and the restoration of competitiveness on the scale of the global economy are the essential key answers to the current European challenges. However, there are no answers yet to many deeper questions: What do mean the structural reforms in particular? What is the role of capital flows? And what does the improvement in global competitiveness include? And, indeed, how to integrate the resurgent national opposition to paneuropean concepts?

A thorough discussion of these issues is urgently needed, exploring their various meanings, what it may include, what structural arrangements are economically feasible, possible governance structures and, the likely

robustness of various arrangements in the dynamic globalized economy of the 21st century. And last but not least, what political arrangements are compatible with the different models of economic recovery and sustainable economic growth.

These issues will be addressed at the next annual conference of the Mendel University in Brno, Czech Republic on May 16-17, 2019. Especially (but not exclusively) the following issues will be discussed:

- 1) Eurozone's Stabilization: Is It Sustainable without Structural Reforms?
- 2) Structural Reforms and Eurozone's "Unions": Fiscal, Banking, Political Perspectives?
- 3) Competitiveness Transformation as the Key to the Eurozone's (And EU's) Future?
- 4) Capital Markets Union
- 5) Restoration of Capital Flows as the Key to Sustainable Recovery?
- 6) North vs. South. Economic, Political and Social Phenomena
- 7) "Political Union" and Financial Transfers
- 8) Demographics – The Key to the EU future?

The Format of the Conference:

The language of the conference is English. All submissions will be reviewed by independent experts in their fields. Selected papers will be presented in 7 to 8 sessions. Each presentation will be discussed. Selected papers and discussion contributions will be published in the form of a conference volume (book).

The conference will take place on the premises of the Mendel University in Brno, Czech Republic. For the contributing participants, rooms will be reserved in Brno hotels. Registration costs (**which do not include travel and lodging**) are estimated today at Euro 190.

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Important dates:

Deadline for submitting abstracts (350 – 500 words) March 30th, 2019

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