

Europe at a Turning Point
Europe on the Road to Serfdom?

A press conference will take place at 10am, (lecture hall S1)

Venue: Institute of Economic Sciences
Z. Jovina 12
Belgrade, A1 theatre
Registration: 10:00h

11:00 – 11:15 Welcome and Introduction

Prof. Dr. Dejan Erić, (Director, IES)
Dr. Barbara Kolm, (Director, Austrian Economics Center)
Carlo Driussi, (Head of HR, Unicredit Bank)
Antonio Marchitelli (Head of Retail, AXA Insurance)

Panel 1: Individualism vs. Collectivism: How much government can we afford?

Time: 11:15 – 12:30
Chair: Aleksandar Kokotović (LIBEK)
Key note: Dr. Barbara Kolm (Director, Austrian Economics Center)
Podium: Dr. Siniša Zarić, (Professor, University of Belgrade),
Tanja Stumberger (Atlas)
Q&A

Break 12:30 – 13:00

Panel 2: Harmonization vs. Competition: What brings us back on track on the road to growth?

Time: 13:00 – 14:15
Chair: Dragan Filimonović (IES)
Key note: Razeen Sally (European Centre For International Political Economy)
Podium: Dr. Zoran Grubišić (Associate Professor, BBA, Union University),
Edward Stringham (Professor, Fayetteville State University)
Q&A

Break 14:15 – 14:45

Panel 3: Euro vs. Sound money: How will Europe's currency look like in the future?

Time: 14:45 – 16:00
Chair: Snežana Krivokapić (Ringier Axel Springer)
Key note: T Dr. Erich Weede (Professor, University of Bonn)
Podium: Dr. Marko Malović, (Associate Professor, IES)
Dr. Barbara Kolm (Director, Austrian Economics Center)
Q&A

16:00 – 16:30 Evaluation and conclusions



PANEL OVERVIEW
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Panel 1: Individualism vs. Collectivism: How much government can we afford?

We are in the middle of a public debt crisis of historical proportion and for most politicians the solution is more of the same – which means for them: more government intervention and government spending. However the most important question is often avoided: What are the reasons for the crisis - free markets or government intervention? Are our current (welfare) systems the cure or the cause for the crisis? Should governments take care of us or should we finally start taking care of ourselves? Is a paradigm shift realistic? The reasons for the current crisis and it's implications for the next generation in the light of recent European policies will be discussed.

Panel 2: Harmonization vs. Competition: What brings us back on track on the road to growth?

As a result of the current public debt crisis, especially in Europe, many politicians and so-called experts view further harmonization on a European level as solution for the skyrocketing public debts. However, isn't diversity one of the key preconditions for our prosperity? What would be the consequences of a European Central Government? Apart from the recently discussed EU policies and their consequences, new and innovative solutions for the crisis will be discussed

Panel 3: Euro vs. Sound money: How will Europe's currency look like in the future?

Will the Euro survive? Is it a precondition for a European identity and means of organizing a common market – or simply an instrument of exchange? Is the Euro an engine for integration or is it a potential cause for further conflicts and therefore dividing the European Union? Are there alternatives to the Euro and if so, what are the preconditions to avoid recent impairments? This panel will focus on any alternatives to fractional reserve, e.g. a necessity to return to gold standard and on the issue of currencies.