



Call for Papers

Imperative of Economic Growth in the Eurozone: Competitiveness, Capital Flows and Structural Reforms



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November 26 – 27, 2015

European economic recovery appears to be taking hold. So is European crisis over? The acute phase of the crisis passed, however the medium and the long term issues still remain to be answered. The current fiscal stabilization has been achieved, restoring the stability of the Euro. The policies of the “internal devaluations” are working, albeit slowly, to restore the competitiveness of countries most affected by the crisis. However, the growth remains at best sluggish. The medium and long term outlooks remain highly uncertain, fomenting the social tensions and endangering the political stability.

The restoration of economic dynamism is increasingly perceived as the answer for the “European” future – economically, politically and socially. There is a broad consensus that dynamic structural reforms and the restoration of competitiveness on the scale of the global economy are the key answers to current European challenges. However, there are no answers yet to deeper questions: What do mean the structural reforms in particular? What is the role of capital flows? And what constitutes the improvement in global competitiveness?

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 November 26 – 27, 2015. 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?
- 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)	October 15th, 2015
Notice of Acceptance	October 23rd, 2015
Submission of the full paper:	November 1st, 2015

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