

The Role of Economic Experts in Crisis-Prone Societies

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Programme

Day 1 - 6 October

Aula Magna

9:00 am: Welcome and Introduction

Session 1: Economic experts and professionals I

10:00 Matthias Aistleitner, Stephan Pühringer (University of Linz): Paradigms, Networks and Politics: power structures in economics and their impact on macroeconomic policies

10:30 Jens Maesse (University of Giessen) and Thierry Rossier (London School of Economics): *From Order to Chaos. How the Brexit economic expert discourse articulates structural dissolution in times of covid crisis*

11:00 Catherine Walsh (Cardiff University): *Judgement without Expertise: fiscal experts in the British press, 2010-2016*

11:30 Christian Schmidt-Wellenburg (University of Potsdam): *French Economists' Discourses on the European Crisis*

12:00 LI, Jing (Zhejiang University): *Taming a Profession: economists and state during China's economic reform, 1978-2012v- [Online](#)*

12:30 Lunch

Session 2: Economic experts and professionals II

2:30 Antoine de Cabanes, (ISPOLE, UC Louvain): *The Role of Expert Inputs in the Parliamentary Oversight of the ECB*

3:00 Silke Ötsch (Göttingen University) *Passing the Hot Potatoe: tax professionals' knowledge in the Case of Germany*

3:30: Coffee

4:30 Gerardo C. Nicoletta (Charles University, Prague): *Back to the Village: economist's discursive practices in post-crisis southern Europe*

5:00 Davide Caselli (University of Turin): *Economic Expertise and the Restructuring of Italian Welfare State*

Day 2 - 7 October 2021

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Session 3: Economic Policies I

10:00 Max Nagel (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa): *What is the role of economists in shaping public policies? Political empowerment to manage liberalized financial systems in Asia and Latin America*

10:30 Laura Giovinazzi (University of Naples L Orientale) *The OECD and the rise of university managers*

11:00 Danielle Guizzo (UWE Bristol) & Carolina Alves (Joan Robinson Research Fellow Girton College, Cambridge): *Fighting Against the "Giant Parsimony": Barbara Wootton and the crisis of the welfare state*

11:30 Johanna Gautier Morin (European University Institute), Thierry Rossier (London School of Economics) and Elisa Klüger (Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning-CEBRAP): "The First Graduate School of Latin American Economic Studies (ESCOLATINA) between "Autochthonous" and International Logics (1956-1964)".

12:00 Michele Scotto di Carlo (Independent scholar): *Which economics? The institutionalization of social sciences and organizational languages in Italy*

12:30 Lunch

Session 4: Economic Policies II

2:30 Matthias Thiemman (Sciences Po, Paris): *Boundary Conditions: the importance of role hybridity in economic expert knowledge production after the financial crisis of 2007/08 - - Online*

3:00 Stephen Gaffney (NUI Galway): The "Scarring Effect": a genealogical critique of how youth unemployment is constituted as a problem in economic knowledge and social policy

3:30 Coffee

4:00 Ellen Russell (Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford Ontario, Canada): *Resistance to Pluralism Among the Economic Experts: Keynesian expectations, epistemic authority and the "placebo effect" -Online*

4:30 Liv Sunnercrantz (University of Stavanger): *A Rhetorical Performative Analysis of Economic Experts in the Swedish 1990s Crisis*

Day 3 - 8 October 2021

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Session 5: Analysing Neoliberalism and Austerity I

10:00 Adriano Cozzolino (University of Campania "L. Vanvitelli"): *Technocrats and the (neoliberal) Transformations of the State: seizing the middle ground*

10:30 Diego Giannone (University of Campania "L. Vanvitelli"): *The EU as Competitiveness Maker: European discourses and practices of competitiveness in times of crisis of the state*

11:00 Sahil Jai Dutta (Goldsmiths University) & Ian Alexander Lovering (University of Sussex): *The Infrastructures of Austerity: management expertise and public finance*
-Online

11:30 Dieter Plehwe and Moritz Neujeffski (WZB, Berlin): *The Maintenance of Power: pro-austerity economists in German government advisory councils*

12:00 Elena Psyllakou (University of Athens): *Feeling in Crisis: the emotional and affective dimension of neoliberal economics in Greek crisis-prone society*

12:00 Lunch

Session 5: Analysing Neoliberalism and Austerity I

2:30 Simone Schmidt (Berlin): *Power and Interpretation of Power*

3: 00 Galvao Debelle dos Santos (University of Barcellona): *Conflicts Over the Exception in the Crisis Period*

3:30 Oreste Ventrone (University of Naples Federico II): *From Bad Cop to Good Cop: IMF economists in the EU crisis*

4:00 Coffee, Network Meeting and Conclusions