

The New ECB in Comparative Perspectives

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Sala del Consiglio, Villa Salviati

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Western democracies have been affected differently by the global financial crisis. Political and institutional responses have also varied greatly, including those of central banks whose policies have been more or less aggressive and proactive. This is partly due to different central bank views of the evolution of the economy. It is however importantly also a consequence of institutional and legal aspects of central bank mandates, of the way they are constitutionally embedded, and of the institutional flexibility in responding to new, extreme, circumstances, such as financial and sovereign debt crises. This workshop aims at analyzing the current era of central banking from both a legal/institutional perspective and a comparative perspective.

The conference is held under Chatham House rules.

Draft Programme

19 September 2017

9.30 – 10.00 *Registration/Coffee (Cortile/Sala della Vite)*

10:00 – 11.00 **Keynote Speech: Chiara Zilioli (ECB)**
 Title TBC

11.00 – 11.15 *Coffee Break*

11.15 – 12.45 **Session 1: Central Banks and Governments: Institutional Settings and Independence**

Chair: Fabian Amtenbrink

Deborah Mabbett (Birkbeck, University of London) & Waltraud Schelkle (LSE)

Independent or Lonely? Central Banking After the Crisis

Alexander Thiele (University of Göttingen)

The Independence of the ECB: Justification, Limitations and Possible Threats

Christy-Ann Petit (EUI)

Extension of Central Bank Mandates: Calibrating Central Banking Objectives and Instruments within Unitary and Federal Constitutional Settings

12.45 – 14.15 *Lunch (Cortile/Sala della Vite - by invitation only)*

14.15 – 15.30 **Session 2: Central Banks and Financial Stability**

Chair: René Smits

Gianni Lo Schiavo (ECB) & Federico Della Negra (EUI)

The ECB and Its Emerging Objective of Financial Stability in Comparative Perspective: Legal Evidence From Monetary Policy and Banking Supervision

Agnieszka Smolenska & Thomas Beukers (EUI)

Central Banks and Financial Stability in Comparative Perspective

15.30 – 15.45 *Coffee Break (Cortile/Sala della Vite)*

15.45 – 17.30 **Session 3: Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM)**

Chair: Giorgio Monti

Daniel Gluch & René Smits (ECB)

The Eurosystem and the Single Supervisory Mechanism as Decentralized Institutional Frameworks – Observations in Light of the L-Bank Judgement

Matthias Goldmann (Goethe University Frankfurt)

United in Diversity? The Relationship between Monetary Policy and Banking Supervision in the Banking Union

Fabian Amtenbrink & Menelaos Markakis (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Towards a Meaningful Prudential Supervision Dialogue in the Euro Area? A Qualitative and Quantitative Study of the Interaction between the European Parliament and the ECB in the SSM

20.00 *Dinner (Venue tbc, by invitation only)*

20 September

9.15 – 10.15

Keynote Speech: Ricardo Reis (LSE)
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10.15 – 10.45

Coffee Break (Cortile/Sala della Vite)

10.45 – 12.15

Session 4: Central Banks and New Monetary Policy

Chair: Thomas Beukers

Napoleon Xanthoulis (King's College London)

ECB as Lender of Last Resort. The Evolution of ELA and the Quest for a New Function in the SSM Era: Legal Basis, Institutional Cooperation, Risk Allocation and Judicial Review

Klaus Tuori (University of Helsinki)

The Eurosystem Quantitative Easing Programme – A Comparative Economic-Constitutional Assessment

Ad Van Riet (ECB)

Monetary Policy Stretched to the Limit: How Could Governments Support the European Central Bank?

12.15 – 12.30

Conclusions