

Structural Reforms without Prejudice

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Programme

Session format: 45 minutes per paper, with 30 minutes presentation by the author, 15 minutes for the discussant.

09.00-09.45: **The Euro and Structural Reforms**
Alberto Alesina (Harvard University and CEPR)
Silvia Ardagna (Harvard University)
* Vincenzo Galasso (IGIER, Università Bocconi, Milan and CEPR)

Discussant: Antonio Spilimbergo (International Monetary Fund and CEPR)

09.45-10.30: **Who Benefits from Capital Account Liberalization? Evidence from Firm-Level Credit Ratings Data**
Alessandro Prati (International Monetary Fund)
* Martin Schindler (International Monetary Fund)
Patricio Valenzuela (European University Institute)

Discussant: Riccardo Rovelli (University of Bologna)

10.30-11.00: **Coffee break**

11.00-11.45: **A Tale of Two Reversals: An Analysis of the Relationship between Financial Reform and Political Liberalization**
Nauro F. Campos (Brunel University, CEPR, IZA and WDI)
* Fabrizio Coricelli (University of Paris 1, University of Siena and CEPR)

Discussant: Enrica Detragiache (International Monetary Fund)

11.45-12.30: **Where Does Regulation Hurt? Evidence from New Businesses Across Countries**
* Silvia Ardagna (Harvard University)
Annamaria Lusardi (Dartmouth College)

Discussant: Giuseppe Bertola (Università degli studi di Torino and CEPR)

12.30-14.00: **Lunch**

14.00-14.45: **Regulation, Allocative Efficiency and Productivity in OECD Countries - Industry and Firm-Level Evidence**
Jens Arnold (OECD)
* Stefano Scarpetta (OECD and World Bank)
Giuseppe Nicoletti (OECD)

Discussant: Filippo Taddei (Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin)

14.45-15.30: Reforms, Finance, and Current Accounts
*Giuseppe Bertola (University of Turin and CEPR)
Anna Lo Prete (University of Turin)

Discussant: Francesco Caselli (London School of Economics and CEPR)

15.30-16.00: **Coffee break**

16.00-16.45: **Dynamics in Chilean Unemployment**
Gonzalo Reyes Hartley (Superintendencia de Pensiones, Santiago, Chile)
*Jan C van Ours (CentER, Tilburg University and CEPR)
Milan Vodopivec (World Bank)

Discussant: Fabiano Schivardi (University of Cagliari, EIEF and CEPR)

16.45-17.30: **Transition Fatigue? Cross-Country Evidence from Micro Data**
*Riccardo Rovelli (University of Bologna)
Anzelika Zaiceva (IZA, University of Bologna and DARRT)

Discussant: Tito Boeri (IGIER-Università Bocconi, Milan and Fondazione Rodolfo De Benedetti, Milan and CEPR)

17.30 – 19.00: **Final Panel - Structural Reforms during Downturns**
Enrica Detragiache (International Monetary Fund)
Gert Jan Koopman (Director Economic Service and Structural Reforms, European Commission)
Jean Pisani-Ferry (Director Bruegel)
Domenico Siniscalco (Vice Chairman Morgan Stanley Europe)

Moderator: Wolfgang Munchau (Financial Times)

20:15: **Dinner**
El Brellin Restaurant

* Indicates the presenter

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