



“Pilgrims to the Euro Zone”: Romania and other new EU members ante portas

Preliminary Program

Thursday, 3 September 20:00 Welcome meeting (venue still to be announced)

Friday, 4 September 1st Session: 9:30 – 12:45

Venue: University Aula, Iuliu Maniu Street, no. 41A

*9:30 Zuzana Brixiova, Margaret Morgan, and Andreas Wörgötter (OECD, Economics Department, Paris): *Estonia and its participation in the Euro Area: What does the optimal currency area approach tell us?**

*10:15 Alfred Sitz (University of Economics and B.A., Vienna): *Would Romania's Accession to EMU Affect its Absorption Efficiency of Economic Shocks?* 11:00*

Coffee break: 11:00 – 11:15

*11:15 Heike Minnich (University of Kassel): *The European Currency Union – A place to be?**

*12:00 Péter Halmai and Viktória Vásáry (Szent István University, Budapest/Gödöllő): *Nominal and real convergence in the new Member States (Longer-term perspectives)**

Lunch Break 13:00 - 14:15 Restaurant City Center (near the University Aula)

Friday, 4 September 2nd Session: 14:15 – 18:30

Venue: University Aula, Iuliu Maniu Street, no. 41 A

*14:15 Toralf Pusch (Halle Institute for Economic Research, Halle): *How to revive the European Macroeconomic Dialogue for a better policy mix in the Euro zone?**

*15:00 Oscar Bajo-Rubio and Carmen Díaz-Roldán (Department of Economics, Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha): *Monetary And Fiscal Policies In The Transition To Emu: The Spanish Experience**

Coffee break: 15:45 – 16:15

*16:15 Silvia Trifonova (University of National and World Economy, Sofia): *Adoption of the Euro in Bulgaria by a Currency Board Arrangement**

*17:00 Nicolae Barsan-Pipu (Christian University “Dimitrie Cantemir” Brasov) and Ileana Tache (Transylvania University of Brasov): *How Far (or Close) Romania’s European Monetary Integration?**

*17:45: Valentin Cojanu (Bucharest Academy of Economics Studies): *Contexts of development: South-East Europe and the case of optimum competitive areas**

Friday, 4 September 19:30 Reception on Friday evening (University Aula)

Meet the Mayor of Brasov City, the Rector of Transylvania University and the Decan of the Faculty of Economic Sciences!

Saturday, 5 September 3rd Session: 9:00 – 14:00

Venue: University Aula, Iuliu Maniu Street, no. 41A

*9:00 Reiner Martin and Claudia Zauchinger (Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Vienna, and European Central Bank, Frankfurt/Main): *Boom and Bust in the Baltic Countries: What Lessons for the ‘Pilgrimage’ to the euro area?**

9:45 Thomas Scheiber and Helmut Stix (Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Vienna): *Euroization in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe – New Evidence on Its Extent and Its Causes*

Coffee break: 10:30 – 11:00

11:00 Monica Raileanu Szeles and Nicu Marinescu (Transilvania University of Brasov): *Tackling the challenges faced by Romania in the process of real convergence*

11: Maria Luigia Segnana and Alex Bernard (University of Trento): *International sourcing. Country and firm level analyses. The case of EMU and non EMU countries*

Excursion to the Bran region, visit of Dracula's castle

Departure by Bus: 14:00

Dinner at Cheile Gradistei

Dinner speech: David Kemme (University of Memphis): *Financial crisis issues*

Sunday, 6 September 8:30: Farewell breakfast