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Invitation to the Conference

# 20 Years German Unification – From Transition to European Integration

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
„Löwengebäude“ (Auditorium) and Audimax  
of the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg  
Universitätsplatz, 06108 Halle (Saale), Germany

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## Invitation to the Conference 20 Years German Unification – From Transition to European Integration

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20 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the German unification, the East German achievements as well as future prospects are quite controversially evaluated. Therefore, the Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH), in co-operation with the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU), and the Collaborative Research Centre 580 “Social Developments in Post-socialistic Societies. Discontinuity, Tradition, Structural Formation” (SFB 580), take the opportunity to enhance the discussion on economic and social changes in post-transition countries at a scientific conference.

The participants are going to critically examine various aspects of development in East Germany as well as in Central and Eastern European Countries. This includes the transition process from centrally planned to free market economies, insights from privatisation as well as changes in the economic, monetary and social areas.

Lessons shall be learned from a retrospective view, and future perspectives shall be pointed out for East Germany as well as Central and Eastern Europe. The two-day conference aims to convene distinguished representatives from the policy arena and the scientific community in order to address past, current, and future challenges in presentations and discussions.

The IWH, the MLU and the SFB 580 cordially invite you to this conference.

The conference languages will be German and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

## 20 Years German Unification – From Transition to European Integration

- 9:00**                    **Registration**  
                              **Foyer of the Audimax-Building**
- Opening in the Auditorium at „Löwengebäude“**
- 10:30**                    **Official Opening of the Conference**  
                              **Prof Dr Dr h. c. Ulrich Blum**  
                              President of the Halle Institute for Economic  
                              Research
- 10:45**                    **Welcome Addresses**
- Prof Dr Dr h. c. Wulf Diepenbrock**  
                              President of the Martin Luther University  
                              Halle-Wittenberg
- Dr Reiner Haseloff**  
                              Minister of Economic Affairs and  
                              Employment of Saxony-Anhalt
- 11:15**                    **Opening Speech**  
                              **Prof Dr Dr h. c. mult. Kurt Biedenkopf**  
                              Prime Minister of the Free State of Saxony ret.
- 11:45**                    **Keynote**  
                              **Trial and Error during German Unification**  
                              **Prof Dr Dr h. c. Richard Schröder**  
                              Humboldt-University Berlin
- 12:30**                    Lunch Break

The sessions of the conference are concentrated on three main topics:

- I.    **Macroeconomic Developments**
- II.   **Sectoral and Regional Developments**
- III. **Labour Market, Transfers and Social Values**

The three main topics will be covered in parallel sessions in the Audimax-Building.

13:30            Parallel Sessions

I.1 German and European Monetary Union

*Chair:*            *Prof Dr Uwe Vollmer*  
University of Leipzig

**Queensway versus  
Endogenous Evolution**  
*Dr Jens Hölscher*  
University of Brighton

**Contributions of the German Monetary  
Union to the European Integration Process**  
*PD Dr. Diemo Dietrich*  
Halle Institute for Economic Research  
*Prof. Dr. Martin Klein*  
Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg

**The Gradual Way to European Monetary  
Union**  
*Prof Lucjan T. Orlowski*  
John F. Welch College of Business at Sacred  
Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut

15:30            Break

13:30            **Parallel Sessions**

## II.1 Productivity Gap and its Determinants

**Chair:**            *Prof Dr Michael Fritsch*  
SFB 580/Friedrich Schiller University Jena

**Productivity Development in East Germany  
as well as Central and Eastern Europe**  
*Prof Dr. Karl-Heinz Paqué*  
Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg

**Productivity Development in the East German  
Business Sector and the Genesis of Enterprises**  
*Prof. Dr. Lutz Bellmann*  
Institute for Employment Research (IAB),  
Nürnberg/Friedrich Alexander University  
Erlangen-Nürnberg

**Enterprises, Demographic Change,  
and Availability of Skilled Personnel**  
*Prof Dr. Michael Behr*  
SFB 580/Friedrich Schiller University Jena

15:30            Break

13:30            Parallel Sessions

### III.1 Labour Market and Social Situation

**Chair:**            *Prof. Dr. Rudi Schmidt*  
SFB 580/Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena

**Interdependencies of Social Policy and  
Labour Market Structures**

*Prof Dr Dr h. c. Burkart Lutz*

Halle Centre for Social Research (ZSH),  
Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg

**The Elderly in East Germany:  
From the Winners of Unification  
to New Aging Poor?**

*Dr Herbert Buscher, Dr Ingmar Kumpmann*

Halle Institute for Economic Research,

*Michael Gühne*

Technische Universität Dresden

**New Challenges for Schools  
and Youth Welfare Services**

*Prof Dr Bruno Hildenbrand*

SFB 580/Friedrich Schiller University Jena

15:30            Break

16:00            **Parallel Sessions**

## I.2 The German Way of Transition

**Chair:**            *Prof Dr Ullrich Heilemann*  
University of Leipzig

**The 'Special Way' of Transition in Germany**  
*Prof Dr Hans-Jürgen Wagener*  
European University Viadrina,  
Frankfurt (Oder)

**The German Transition Process – Factors  
of Influence and Effects**  
*Dr Eckhard Wurzel*  
OECD, Economics Department, Paris

**Building one Economy out of two –  
Visions and Reality of the Economic  
Unification of Germany**  
*Prof Dr Udo Ludwig*  
Halle Institute for Economic Research/  
University of Leipzig

18:30            Break

19:00            **Evening Program**

16:00            Parallel Sessions

## II.2 Sectoral and Regional Structural Change

**Chair:**            *Dr Eric Dufeil*  
European Commission, Brussels

### **Determinants of Industrial Competitiveness in Europe**

*Prof Dr Karl Aiginger*  
Austrian Institute for Economic Research  
(WIFO), Wien

### **Determinants of the Success of Restructuring the East German Agricultural Sector**

*Prof Dr Alfons Balmann, Dr Franziska Schaff*  
Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development  
in Central and Eastern Europe (IAMO), Halle

### **Impact of the Integration on Regional Development in Germany and Europe**

*Prof Dr Johannes Bröcker*  
Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel

### **Changes of Regional Economic Development after German Unification**

*Dr Mirko Titze, Matthias Brachert,  
Dr Alexander Kubis*  
Halle Institute for Economic Research

18:30            Break

19:00            Evening Program

16:00            **Parallel Sessions**

## III.2 Governance and Economising Transfers

**Chair:**            *Dr Klaus Günter Deutsch*  
Deutsche Bank Research, Berlin

**Transfer Payments – Support and Hindrance  
for Economic Development in East Germany**  
*Dr habil. Ulrich Busch*  
The Centre for Technology and Society,  
Technische Universität Berlin

**Transfer Payments from West to East: Effects  
on Economic Development as well as Federal  
and Local Budget**  
*Prof Dr Thomas Lenk*  
University of Leipzig

**Implementing the European Structural Funds  
– Experiences from the Middle East European  
Countries**  
*Prof. John Bachtler*  
University of Strathclyde, European Policies  
Research Centre, Glasgow

18:30            Break

19:00            **Evening Program**



Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Continuation of Conference in the Audimax

09:00

Keynote

Good Institutions are not Enough:  
The Persistent Challenges  
of East German Development

*Professor Wendy Carlin*

University College London and CEPR

09:45

Break

10:00            Parallel Sessions

### I.3 State and Market in the Transition Process

**Chair:**            *Prof Dr Reinhold Sackmann*  
SFB 580/Martin Luther University  
Halle-Wittenberg

**Ways and Experiences of Governmental  
Organisations related to the Transition  
to Market Economy – Federal vs.  
Unitaristic System**

*Prof Dr Gyula Horvath*  
Centre for Regional Studies, Pécs

**Legal Aspects of the Renewal  
of Ownership Structure**

*Prof Dr Winfried Kluth*  
Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg

**Municipal Economic Activity in  
East Germany between State and Market**

*Dr Peter Haug*  
Halle Institute for Economic Research

12:00            Lunch Break

10:00            Parallel Sessions

## II.3 Urban Development and Renewal

**Chair:**            *Prof Dr Martin T. W. Rosenfeld*  
Halle Institute for Economic Research

**Local Administrative Structures  
in East Germany: Consequences  
for Urban Development**

*Prof Dr Heinrich Mäding*  
Academy for Spatial Research and Planning  
(ARL), Hannover

**Between Gentrification und Downward Spiral –  
Socio-Spatial Changes and Persistencies  
in Neighbourhoods of Selected City Regions  
in Central and Eastern Europe**

*Dr Isolde Brade*  
Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography,  
Leipzig

**Public Support for Urban Development and  
Urban Planning: From the Solution  
to new Problems?**

*Claus Michelsen, Dominik Weiß*  
Halle Institute for Economic Research

12:00            Lunch Break

10:00            **Parallel Sessions**

### III.3 Transition and Changing Social Values

**Chair:**            *Dr Cornelia Lang*  
Halle Institute for Economic Research

**Success and Failure in Post Socialism –  
Results from Comparative  
Transition Research**

*Prof Dr Helmut Wiesenthal*  
Humboldt-Universitaet zu Berlin,  
Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Sozialforschung e. V.

**Changes of Societal Values  
in Unified Germany**

*Prof Dr Heiner Meulemann*  
University of Cologne

**Attitudes of the Elites in East Germany**

*Dr Jens Aderhold*  
SFB 580/Martin Luther University  
Halle-Wittenberg

12:00            Lunch Break

## Conference Closure in the Auditorium of the „Löwengebäude“

- 13:00            **The Image of East Germany in the Media**  
*Roland Schatz*  
Media-Tenor
- 13:30            **Panel Discussion**  
**Entrepreneurship in East Germany**  
*Chair: Elga Lehari-Reichling*  
Handelsblatt
- 15:00            **Closing Words**  
*Prof Dr Rudi Schmidt*  
SFB 580/Friedrich Schiller University Jena
- 15:15            **End of the Conference**

## General Information

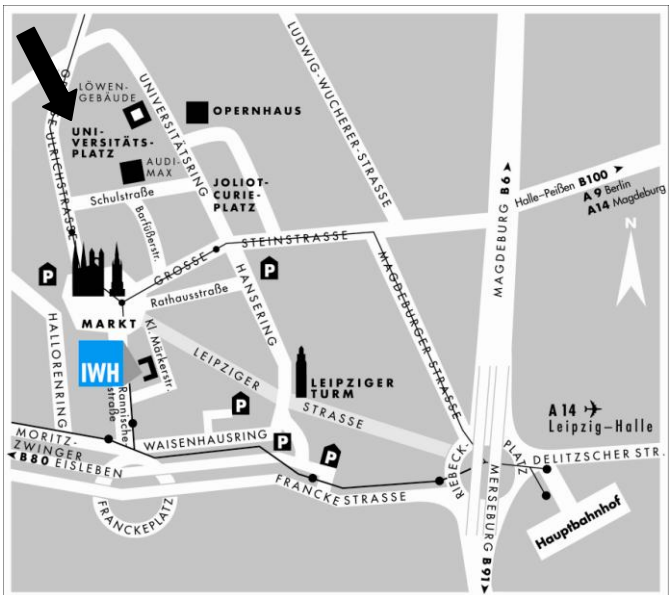
### Accommodation

Hotel reservations are possible for the 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2010. We recommend you to book in one of the following hotels:

- Ankerhof Hotel, Ankerstraße 2,  
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capacity: 40 single rooms for 64,50 Euro)
- Hotel Maritim, Riebeckplatz 4,  
Tel.: +49 (0) 345 5 10 10 (special rate  
capacity: 50 single rooms for 64,00 Euro)
- Dorint Hotel Charlottenhof, Dorotheenstraße 12,  
Tel.: +49 (0) 345 29 23-0 (special rate  
capacity: 20 single rooms for 68,00 / 79,00 Euro)
- Domero Rotes Ross, Leipziger Straße 76,  
Tel.: +49 (0) 345 2 33 43-0 (special rate  
capacity: 20 single rooms for 69,00 Euro)

Please name the keyword "IWH" when booking one of these hotels.

### Map



## Registration

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There will be no conference fee.

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## Organizers

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