



Call for Papers

Public Finance and Income Distribution in Europe

4th SEEK Conference, Mannheim, May 15-16, 2014

The Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) is pleased to announce the annual conference of its research programme “Strengthening Efficiency and Competitiveness in the European Knowledge Economies” (SEEK). Entitled “Public Finance and Income Distribution in Europe”, the conference will focus on fiscal policy and public debt, income and wealth inequality in Europe, and prospects for a European fiscal union – topics at the heart of the current academic and policy debates. Recommendations to tackle these challenges range from improved fiscal policy rules and crisis resolution mechanisms, to joint liability for government debt or full fiscal and economic union including a fiscal capacity at the European level. At the same time it is important to analyse the implications on welfare and income distribution of these proposed policy measures.

For the scientific sessions of our conference, we seek high-quality academic papers in areas such as:

• EU debt crisis • Fiscal policy in the EU • Prospects of an EU fiscal union • Income and wealth inequality • Redistributive preferences • Optimal redistributive taxation • Financial sector taxation • Wealth and inheritance taxation • Fiscal competition and the (erosion of the) welfare state

Policy keynote speakers

Hans Eichel, former German Finance Minister (1999-2005), and
Vítor Gaspar, former Portuguese Finance Minister (2011-2013)

Scientific keynote speakers

Hans Peter Gruner (University of Mannheim) and Thomas Piketty (Paris School of Economics)

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Local organisers

Clemens Fuest, Friedrich Heinemann and Andreas Peichl (ZEW Mannheim)

Paper submission

You may submit a full paper (including an abstract of 100-200 words) or an extended abstract of 500-600 words via e-mail to: seek@zew.de (subject “Submission 2014 SEEK conference”).

Deadline for paper submission

February 16, 2014

Further information

Accommodation and travel costs will be covered for participants who present a paper.

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