

# INEQUALITY

## CONSEQUENCES FOR

### SOCIETY, POLITICS AND PEOPLE



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**5-6 MARCH 2014**  
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WITH **JOSEPH STIGLITZ**

FULL PROGRAMME AT  
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# PROGRESSIVE ECONOMY FORUM 2014

The world, and Europe in particular, is still struggling to come to terms with the crisis, more than five years after the Lehmans collapse. Beyond the dysfunctional behaviour of large parts of the financial sector, the crisis is rooted in rising inequality, now exacerbated by policies of severe austerity. That is why **inequality** has been chosen as the leading theme of this Progressive Economy Forum.

The aim of this annual Forum is to stimulate and reinforce progressive ideas across the academic, political and wider communities, and to galvanise corresponding policy actions in the economic and social fields.

Misguided policy responses to the crisis have made Europe and the world less cohesive, less fair and more unstable. Progressives working in different environments need to come together to share their knowledge and to win the battle of ideas.

**Do not miss this major opportunity to be part of this ground-breaking undertaking and to join the debates with many of the most important progressive academics and policy-makers of our time.**



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# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

## Wednesday 5th March

14.30	Opening plenary session Fitoussi/Galbraith/Pickett/Swoboda Inequality
16.30	Progressive thinking in the making Parallel academic sessions (4) - Round I (Call for papers)
18.00	
19.30	Evening debate Creating more and better jobs in a competitive economy

## Thursday 6th March

08.30	Progressive thinking in the making Parallel academic sessions (4) - Round II (Call for papers)
10.00	Progressive vision: Martin Schulz (includes a Q&A session)
11.00	Progressive vision: Joseph Stiglitz (includes a Q&A session)
12.00	Buffet lunch for participants Meeting of the Scientific Board (closed)
14.30	Second plenary session From crisis to well-being for all Asmussen/Bofinger/Stiglitz/Urpilainen
16.15	Call for Papers: results
16.30	Professor Jean-Paul Fitoussi
	Policy roundtables Social + Europe = Future Re-inventing cohesion Debt restructuring?
18.00	
19.30	Evening debate Inequality The challenge of the century Progressive Economy Journal «live»

# WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

14.30-16.30  
Room JAN4Q2

## OPENING PLENARY SESSION

**Is inequality a major challenge and why?  
How should it be addressed?**



**Hannes Swoboda**

President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament



**Jean-Paul Fitoussi**  
LUISS University, Rome



**James K. Galbraith**  
University of Texas, USA



**Kate Pickett**  
University of York

This session is co-chaired by:

**Udo Bullmann**, MEP, Germany, Head of the SPD Delegation in the S&D Group, and

**Alessia Mosca**, MP, Italy, Coordinator on the European Union Policies Committee in the Italian Parliament for the Democratic Party

Policy recommendations emerging from this session will be provided by Professor **Jérôme Creel**, OFCE

**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014**

**PROGRESSIVE THINKING IN THE MAKING**

16.30-18.00

**Four parallel academic sessions (call for papers) - Part I**

**ALTERNATIVES TO AUSTERITY – Chaired by Scientific Board member Stephany Griffith-Jones (Room: ASP 5G-1)**

Employment led-recovery for Europe: an alternative to austerity, Giovanni Cozzi, Terry McKinley, Jo Michell  
Alternative Banking and Recovery from Crisis, Kurt Mettenheim and Olivier Butzbach  
Could an investment plan work?, Martin Myant  
Capital Income Shares and Income Inequality in the European Union, Kai Daniel Schmid and Eva Schlenker  
Debt Redemption Fund: Conditio Sine Qua Non? Government Bonds in the Euro Area Crisis, Silke Tober

**INEQUALITY AND THE CRISIS – Chaired by Scientific Board members Kate Pickett & Frank Vandenbroucke (Room: ASP 3G-3)**

Income Distribution and Household Savings, Peter Bofinger and Philipp Scheuermeyer  
The 2008 financial crisis and inequality in Europe: impacts through market and redistribution, Hulya Dagdeviren  
Wage inequality and the growing influence of 'minimum wage contours': Exploring gender and sector patterns during the crisis in Europe, Damian Grimshaw  
Income Inequality, Household Debt & Financial Fragility: A Cross-Country Analysis, Claire Lebarz  
The effect of minimum wages in a strongly coordinated bargaining system, Sem Vandekerckhove, Guy Van Gyes, Maarten Goos

**REFORMING EUROPEAN ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE – Chaired by Scientific Board member Louka Katseli (Room: ASP 3H-1)**

Incredible projections and unreliable budgetary plans. Is this the path set for the fiscal policy in the EU member states?, Matteo Barberi  
European unemployment benefit expenditure solidarity, Alain de Crombrughe  
Can euro area governance be improved?, Catherine Mathieu and Henri Sterdyniak  
An Optimum Currency Crisis, Paolo Pasimeni  
New gender equality challenges in the context of new economic governance mechanisms in the European Union, Christa Schlager and Elisabeth Klatzer

**RETHINKING ECONOMIC POLICY – Chaired by Scientific Board members James Galbraith & Jill Rubery (Room: ASP 3G-2)**

The Promise of Land Value Taxation. Sustainable Growth, Justice and a Blueprint for Switzerland, Andres Batista  
Economic policy for closing the development gap between the West and East: the case of Hungary, Magdolna Csath  
Social Democracy and Distributive Conflict in the UK, 1950-2010, Carlo Fiorio, Simon Mohun and Roberto Veneziani  
Monetary policy in the liquidity trap and after: A reassessment of quantitative easing and critique of the Federal Reserve's proposed exit strategy, Thomas Palley  
A progressive approach to the measurement of regional performance in the European Union, Ángeles Sánchez-Domínguez and María J. Ruiz-Martos

# WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

19.30-22.00

## EVENING DEBATE

### CREATING MORE AND BETTER JOBS IN A COMPETITIVE ECONOMY



**Gerhard Huemer**, Director for Economic and Fiscal Policy, UEAPME



**Patrick Itschert**, Deputy Secretary General, ETUC



**Edouard Martin**, Former Trade Union Representative, CFDT, France



**Jill Rubery**, Professor of Comparative Employment Systems, Manchester University



**Hannes Swoboda**, MEP, President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament



**Emilie Turunen**, MEP, S&D Group Rapporteur on the «Jobs Initiative»

This evening debate is moderated by **Jacki Davis** (including French/English interpretation)  
Policy recommendations emerging from this session will be provided by **Lars Andersen**, Director of ECLM



# THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

## PROGRESSIVE THINKING IN THE MAKING

08.30-10.00

### Four parallel academic sessions (call for papers) - Part II

#### **ALTERNATIVES TO AUSTERITY – Chaired by Scientific Board member Stephany Griffith-Jones (Room: ASP 5G-1)**

What is beyond the austerity, Davide Bazzana

A step too far? The European Financial Transactions Tax on shadow banking, Daniela Gabor

An Alternative to Austerity in Spain, M. Lambert and M. Lumberas

Resolving Unemployment, Frank Roels

#### **INEQUALITY AND THE CRISIS – Chaired by Scientific Board members Kate Pickett & Frank Vandebroucke (Room: ASP 3G-3)**

Optimal Fiscal Policy Design in the Eurozone and Private Sectors' Hoarding, Alessia De Stefani

Wage gaps and human capital: looking for an explanation, Maurizio Franzini, Michele Raitano

The role of income inequality and wealth concentration in the recent crisis, Thomas Goda, Özlem Onaran, and Engelbert Stockhammer

The Political Economy of Early and College Education – Can Voting Bend the Great Gatsby Curve?, Christopher Rauh

#### **REFORMING EUROPEAN ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE – Chaired by Scientific Board member Louka Katseli (Room: ASP 3H-1)**

If you want me to stay, pay, Peter Claeys, Federico Martire

From Free to Civilized Markets: First Steps Towards Eutopia, Jakob Kapeller, Bernhard Schütz and Dennis Tamesberger

The European Economic Governance: Problems and Proposals, Matteo Laruffa

Testing subsidiarity in EU governance reforms, Renaud Thillaye

Governance reform and institutional quality, Francesc Trillas

#### **RETHINKING ECONOMIC POLICY – Chaired by Scientific Board members James Galbraith & Jill Rubery (Room: ASP 3G-2)**

Sustainability, social inclusion and the quality of life: Comparatively analysing potentials for prosperity without growth, Martin Fritz & Max Koch

Does fairness matter for the success of fiscal consolidation?, Georgia Kaplanoglou, Vassilis T. Rapanos and Ioanna C. Bardakas

Capital Account Mismanagement, Deleveraging and Unstable Economy in the European Union Periphery Countries: The Case of Croatia and Slovenia, D. Radošević

Towards a Caring Economic Approach, Thera Van Osch

# THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

10.00-12.00  
Room: JAN4Q2

## PROGRESSIVE VISIONS

10.00-11.00



### Martin Schulz

President of the European Parliament  
Candidate-designate for Commission President, PES

11.00-12.00



### Joseph E. Stiglitz

2001 Nobel Prize Winner in Economic Sciences  
University Professor & Co-chair of the Initiative for  
Policy Dialogue at Columbia University, New York

Each of the two progressive vision sessions will include a Q&A session with the audience and via Twitter.  
The sessions will be moderated by **Jacki Davis**.



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At the end of this session, Professor Jean-Paul Fitoussi will announce the winners of the Call for Papers selected by the Scientific Board

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## SECOND PLENARY SESSION

### From crisis to well-being for all



**Jörg Asmussen**, Secretary of State for Employment and Social Affairs, Germany, and former member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank



**Peter Bofinger**, Professor of Economics, University of Würzburg  
Member of the German Government's Council of Economic Advisers



**Joseph E. Stiglitz**, Nobel Prize winner in economic sciences (2001), University Professor and Co-chair of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia University, New York



**Jutta Urpilainen**, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Finland, and coordinating Minister of the Network of Finance Ministers for the Party of European Socialists (PES)

This session is moderated by **Jacki Davis**

Policy recommendations emerging from this session will be provided by Professor **Xavier Timbeau**, OFCE

# THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

16.30-18.00

## POLICY ROUNDTABLES (parallel sessions)

Room: JAN4Q2

### SOCIAL + EUROPE = FUTURE

**Pervenche Berès**, MEP, France  
**Carsten Sieling**, MP, Germany

**Laszlo Andor**  
European Commissioner

**Patrick Itschert**  
Deputy Secretary General, ETUC

**Frank Vandenbroucke**  
Professor, KUL Leuven, former Minister

**FAFO Institute**, Norway  
European Just Jobs Index (presentation)

Rapporteur: **Andrew Watt**, IMK

Room: ASP3G3

### RE-INVENTING COHESION

**Elisa Ferreira**, MEP, Portugal  
**Pilar Lucio**, MP, Spain

**Stefano Fassina**, MP, Italy

**Gustav Horn**  
Director, IMK, Germany

**Louka Katseli**  
Professor, Athens University, Greece

**András Inotai**, Visiting Professor,  
College of Bruges

**András Vértés**  
Chairman, GKI Institute, Hungary

Rapporteur: **Danielle Schweisguth**,  
OFCE

Room: ASP3G2

### DEBT RESTRUCTURING ?

**Anni Podimata**, MEP, Greece  
**Eduardo Cabrita**, MP, Portugal

**Stephany Griffith-Jones**  
Financial Markets Programme Director  
IPD, Columbia University

**Pedro Saura**, MP, Spain

**Paolo Guerrieri**, Senator, Italy

**Jacques Delpla**  
Adjunct Professor, Toulouse School of  
Economics

Rapporteur: **Christophe Blot**, OFCE

For the FAFO Institute presentation on the Just Jobs

Index for Europe will be participating:

**Tewodro Aragie Kebede**, FAFO, JJI Project Leader

**Sabina Dewan**, CAP, President Just Jobs Network

**Jon Pedersen**, FAFO, Managing Director

## THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

19.30-22.00

### EVENING DEBATE: JOURNAL «LIVE» Inequality: the challenge of the century



The second edition of the Journal for a Progressive Economy (publication due 24 February 2014), co-edited by two internationally renowned experts on inequality, Kate Pickett and Gosta Esping-Andersen, gives insight into a variety of approaches that are necessary to understand inequality as a phenomenon and to address it as a complex policy challenge, through the contributions of a range of leading experts.

This lively and informal evening debate is a unique occasion to discuss this cutting-edge research on inequality and, at the same time, to confront this research with implications for progressive policy.



**Pervenche Berès**, MEP, France, Chairwoman of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs in the European Parliament

**Jim Clarken**, Chief Executive, OXFAM Ireland



**Gosta Esping-Andersen**, Professor of Sociology, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain

**Kate Pickett**, Professor of Epidemiology, University of York, UK



**Nicolas Schmit**, Minister for Labour, Luxembourg, and coordinating Minister for the Network of Employment and Social Affairs Ministers of the Party of European Socialists

The debate is moderated by **Jacki Davis**.



Policy recommendations emerging from this debate will be provided by Professor **Kate Pickett**