

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Forum for Macroeconomics and Macroeconomic Policies (FMM) holds its
23rd annual conference

THE EURO AT 20 – MACROECONOMIC CHALLENGES

24-26 October 2019, Berlin

featuring **introductory lectures** on pluralist economics for graduate students on **24 October 2019**.

2019 marks the 20th anniversary of the introduction of the Euro, replacing 11 national currencies. The two decades have been characterised by geographical extension to nowadays 19 countries, a modest increase in the Euro's international role, but also by the build-up of unsustainable imbalances, and a long and deep economic and political crisis specific to many countries sharing the common currency. In response, substantial reforms have been undertaken without, though, resolving a number of key economic governance weaknesses. Since even before its birth the euro has been a subject of controversial debate amongst economists of all schools. That debate has only intensified since the crisis. Now emerging into "adulthood", serious questions remain. Is the common currency sustainable in something like its present form? What economic policies are feasible within the current framework? What crucial reforms need to be pushed through? Can a path back to national currencies be trodden while avoiding a major crisis?

Speakers in **plenary sessions**: Jörg Bibow (Skidmore College, USA / FMM), Paul De Grauwe (London School of Economics, GB), Agnès Bénassy-Quéré (Paris School of Economics, France), Gennaro Zezza (University of Cassino, Italy / FMM), Peter Bofinger (University of Würzburg, Germany / FMM), Daniela Gabor (University of the West of England, GB), Robert Skidelsky (Warwick University, GB), Vitor Constancio (University of Lisbon, Portugal), Ann Pettifor (Policy Research in Macroeconomics (PRIME), UK).

There will be a day of introductory lectures for graduate students on 24th October prior to the opening panel, featuring the following topics in heterodox economics:

- **Marc Lavoie** (University of Paris 13, France): *History and fundamentals of Post-Keynesian Macroeconomics*.
- **Steven Fazzari** (Washington University in St. Louis, USA): *Income distribution and aggregate demand*.
- **Daniela Gabor** (University of the West of England, GB): *Shadow banking and financial market regulation*

The conference language is English.

Organising committee of the conference:

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