



Call for Papers Young Economists Conference 12th - 13th October 2017

European integration at a crossroads

The crisis of the EU has deepened during the last years: Growing inequality, economic insecurity, low investment, high unemployment, stagnating or even declining wages, pressure on public services and continuing divergence rather than convergence between the member states led to fundamental criticism of the EU. The British referendum on EU membership in June 2016 is the most visible symptom of the EU integration crisis and marks a further step towards a crossroads.

Different scenarios for how the Union could evolve reach from concepts of an even deeper political and economic integration, towards continuing disintegration, and at the most extreme to the dissolution of the European Union and the return to national states. But what are realistic scenarios for the future of the Union and how would they alter existing institutions and rules? Which impact would they have on European citizens? Which economic policies could counter actual trends and what would be the adequate level of governance? These and other related questions are highly relevant for the near and more distant future, and progressive answers are needed.

For this reason the **Chamber of Labour Vienna** and the **Society for Pluralism in Economics Vienna** host a conference from the 12th to the 13th of October 2017, for which researchers at the beginning of their career (Master, pre- or post-doc) and are invited to attend. We specially encourage female researchers to participate in the conference. This year's keynote speakers are:

Eckhard Hein, Professor of Economics, in particular European Economic Policies, at the Berlin School of Economics and Law, is an expert on post-Keynesian Economics with a focus on distribution, growth, and macroeconomic policy regimes.

Dorothee Bohle is Professor of Social and Political Change at the European University Institute (EUI) with research interest in Comparative Political Economy with a regional expertise on Central and Eastern European economies.

The **deadline for abstracts** (max. 1 page) is the **31st of May, 2017**. The workshop language is English. Participants will be notified of acceptance by mid of June. The deadline for the (working) papers is the 12th of September. The conference is free of charge. Presenting participants will be reimbursed for train travel cost within Austria, and may apply for hotel subsidies. An outstanding contribution by presenters in the young economist sessions will be awarded the **Eduard März Prize** of €1,000.

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