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# 10 Years of the Euro

## Adjustment in Capital and Labour Markets

Universidade do Minho | Braga | Portugal 7 - 8 May 2009

### Invited Speakers

Frank Smets | European Central Bank  
John Driffill | Birkbeck College | University of London  
Jorge Braga de Macedo | Universidade Nova de Lisboa  
Harry Flam | Institute for International Economic Studies | Stockholm University  
Christopher Meissner | University of California | Davis

### Closing Session

Portuguese Minister of Finance | Fernando Teixeira dos Santos

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

7<sup>TH</sup> may

13h 00m: Registration

14h 00m: Opening Session

**Room:** B1

**Jorge Braga de Macedo** (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)  
“The Treasury and the Bank 20 Years After”

15h 00m: Parallel Sessions 1

**Session C1**

**Chair:** Francesco Franco (Universidade Nova de Lisboa)

**Room:** 2104

[C1.1] Lorenzo Pozzi (Tinbergen Institute): “Have Euro Area Government Bond Risk Premia Converged to Their Common State?”, co-written with Guido Wolswijk (European Central Bank)

[C1.2] Gabriel Fagan (European Central Bank): “Macroeconomic Adjustment to Monetary Union”, co-written with Vítor Gaspar (Bureau of Economic Policy Advisers)

[C1.3] Miguel St. Aubyn (ISEG, UTL): “Adjusting to the Euro: the Contrast Between Portugal and Spain”, co-written with Vítor Gaspar (Bureau of European Policy Advisers)

**Session L1**

**Chair:** Pedro Lains (ICS, Universidade de Lisboa)

**Room:** 2102

[L1.1] Luís Aguiar-Conraria (U Minho): “Business Cycles Synchronization Across the Euro Area”, co-written with Maria Joana Soares (U Minho)

[L1.2] Andreas Sachs (ZEW): “Labour Market Institutions and Structural Reforms: A Source for Business Cycle Synchronization?”, co-written with Frauke Schleer (U Gießen)

[L1.3] Martin Seneca (Central Bank of Iceland): “Monetary Policy and Welfare in a Monetary Union with Labour Market Heterogeneity”

17h 00m: Coffee Break

17h 30m: Plenary Lecture

**Room:** B1

**Frank Smets** (European Central Bank)

“Wage and Labour Cost Dynamics in the European Union - Findings from the Wage Dynamics Network”

20h 00m: Conference Dinner

8<sup>TH</sup> may

9h 00m: Parallel Sessions 2

**Session C2**

**Chair:** Manuel Martins (Universidade do Porto)

**Room:** 2104

[C2.1] Birgit Schmitz (IWI Institute for International Economics, U Bonn): “Current Account Imbalances and Financial Integration in the Euro Area”, co-written with Alan Ahearne (U Brussels and U Galway) and Jurgen von Hagen (U Bonn, Indiana U, and CEPR)

[C2.2] Ricardo Sousa (U Minho): “Wealth, Money Demand and Policy Rule: Evidence From the Euro Area”

[C2.3] Andrzej Torój (Ministry of Finance, Poland, and Warsaw School of Economics): “Macroeconomic Adjustment and Heterogeneity in the Euro Area”

**Session L2**

**Chair:** José Varejão (Universidade do Porto)

**Room:** 2103

[L2.1] Francesco Furlanetto (Norges Bank): “The Unemployment Correlation Puzzle”, co-written with Tommy Sveen (Norges Bank)

[L2.2] Helena Marques (U Manchester): “Migration Creation and Diversion in the European Union: is Central and Eastern Europe a ‘Natural’ Member of the Single Market for Labour?”

[L2.3] Ine Van Robays (U Gent): “Oil and the Euro Area Economy”, co-written with Gert Peersman (U Gent)

10h 30m: Coffee Break

11h 00m: Parallel Sessions 3

**Session C3**

**Chair:** Pedro Bação (Universidade de Coimbra)

**Room:** 2104

[C3.1] Séverine Menguy (U Paris X - Nanterre): “Heterogeneity in Inflation Persistence and Monetary Policy in a Monetary Union”

[C3.2] Pietro Cova (Bank of Italy): “Demand Shocks and Equilibrium Relative Prices in the Euro Area”

[C3.3] Christoph Fischer (Deutsche Bundesbank): “Price Convergence in the EMU? Evidence From Micro Data”

**Session L3**

**Chair:** Ana Rute Cardoso (Institute for Economic Analysis, Barcelona)

**Room:** 2103

[L3.1] Erwan Gautier (Banque de France): “Institutional Features of Wage Bargaining in 23 European Countries, the US and Japan”, co-written with P Du Caju (National Bank van Belgie), D Momferatou (European Central Bank) and M Ward-Warmedinger (European Central Bank)

[L3.2] Roberta Zizza (Bank of Italy): “The Euro and Firm Restructuring”, co-written M. Bugamelli (Bank of Italy) and Fabiano Schivardi (U Cagliari)

[L3.3] Miguel Portela (U Minho): “Employment and exchange rates: the role of openness and technology”, co-written with F. Alexandre (U Minho), P. Bação (U Coimbra) and J. Cerejeira (U Minho)

12h 30m: Lunch

14h 00m: Plenary Session

**Room:** B1

Michael Ehrmann (European Central Bank): “Convergence and Anchoring of Yield Curves in the Euro Area”, co-written with M. Fratzscher (European Central Bank), R. Gürkaynat (Bilkent U and CEPR), E. Swanson (FRB San Francisco)

Vincenzo Galasso (U Bocconi): “The Euro and Structural Reforms”, co-written with A. Alesina (Harvard U) and S. Ardagna (Harvard U)

Julian Messina (U Girona): “The Effects of Employment Protection and Financial Market Imperfections on Investment: Evidence From a Firm-Level Panel of EU Countries”, co-written with F. Cingano (Banca d’Italia), M. Leonardi (U Milano) and G. Pica (U Salerno)

15h 45m: Coffee Break

16h 00m: Plenary Session

**Room:** B1

**“Adjustment in Capital and Labour Markets Under the Euro: Views From Outside”**

John Driffill (Birkbeck College, U London)

Harry Flam (Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University)

Christopher Meissner (U California, Davis)

18h 00m: Closing Session

**Room:** B1

Portuguese Minister of Finance, **Fernando Teixeira dos Santos**  
“Euro@10: lessons from the Portuguese experience”