SPERI Annual Conference Programme

Austerity vs Growth: The Future of European Political Economy

Monday 1 July 2013

13:00 - 14:30 Registration & arrival refreshments

14:30 - 16:00 Opening plenary: Peter Katzenstein (Cornell University):
The European Predicament: Global and Local Dimensions

16.00 – 16.30 Afternoon tea

16.30 – 18.00 Parallel session 1:

Fiscal rules, corporate balances and strategies for getting out of recession
Presented by Dan Corry (New Philanthropy Capital), Stuart Holland (Universidade de Coimbra & former MP) & Peter Kenway (New Policy Institute)

Responses to the financial crisis I

David Howarth (University of Luxembourg): The dangerously shallow pockets of the Euro area’s pooled funds: from the Werner Committee to the European Support Mechanism

Thomas Warren (University of Plymouth): Legitimising discourses and the Reform Prospects for Fiscal Governance in Europe

Laura Gomez Urquijo (Universidad de Deusto): Social considerations on growth and internal market in the aftermath of the crisis: European Commission Initiatives

Democracy in crisis

Alexandros Kyriakidis (University of Sheffield): Democracy and €zone: A Growing Drift Post-Crisis
Andrew Glencross (University of Aberdeen): Democracy and European Integration in the Shadow of the Debt Crisis: the ECB, Elites, and Voters


18:30 – 20.00 Self-service hot supper

Tuesday 2 July 2013

08:30 - 09:30 Registration of day delegates & arrival refreshments

09:30 – 11:00 Plenary: Iain Begg (LSE) & Vivien Schmidt (Boston University): The Future of the Eurozone

11:00 - 11:30 Morning coffee & refreshments

11:30 – 13:00 Parallel session 2:

Responses to the financial crisis II

Ad van Riet (European Central Bank): Financial repression to ease fiscal stress: turning back the clock in the euro area?

Carlo d’Ippoliti (University of Rome) & Benjamin Wilhelm (University of Erfurt): Politicisation, Technocracy, and European Integration: The Political Economy of Eurobonds

Dermot McCann (London Metropolitan University): Economic Democracy: A Feasible Strategy for Political Economic Reform in Europe?
The crisis in Southern Europe

Adonis Pagasiou (European University Cyprus): The Cypriot economic collapse: More than a conventional South European failure

Bettina Fincke (Bielefeld University): Sustainable debt policies despite the crisis? Empirical evidence for Iberian economies

Vytautas Kuokstis (Vilnius University): National responses to the financial and economic crisis: how relevant is the experience of the Baltic States to Southern EU members?

Will Bartlett (LSE) & Ivana Prica (University of Belgrade): The Deepening Crisis in the European Super-Periphery

Varieties of capitalism in crisis

Andrew Tylecote (University of Sheffield): Incompatible Varieties of Capitalism and the Challenge to the Single European Market

Faraz Vahid Shahidi (University of Oxford): Trajectories of Recommodification in Contemporary Welfare Capitalism

Eleni Panagiotarea (Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy): Stuck with Austerity? Time to bring politics and national varieties of capitalism back in

Jason Heyes (University of Sheffield) & Paul Lewis (University of Birmingham): Varieties of Capitalism, European Employment Regimes and Employment Relations in the Aftermath of the Great Recession

Trade and Competitiveness

Matt Bishop (University of the West Indies): Constructing Overseas Europe: the 'Ultra-Peripheral' Territories and the Eurozone Crisis


Thomas Schäubli & Christoph Elhardt (ETH Zürich): Models of competitiveness, European monetary integration and the Euro crisis
13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15.30 Parallel session 3:

Was the euro a mistake and does it have a future?

Panel proposed by the Institute of Economic Affairs, and chaired by Ad Van Riet (European Central Bank). The panellists are: Steve Davies (Institute of Economic Affairs), Dan Atkinson (Daily Mail), Pedro Schwartz (Universidad CEU San Pablo, Spain) & Raoul Ruperal (Open Europe)

(Neo)-Liberalising Dispositions

Bjorn Hacker (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung): The End of the European Social Model as we have envisioned it? Political Economy Principles in Europe may be changed by the Economic Crisis Governance

Engelbert Stockhammer (Kingston University): The Euro Crisis and contradictions of Neoliberalism in Europe

Magnus Ryner (King's College London): Europe's Ordo-Liberal Moment

David Lewis Baker (University of Warwick) & Pauline Schnapper (Université Paris): Frozen Europe: Regulatory Responses to the Eurozone Crisis – Timely and Measured, or Timid Inadequate?

Convergence and/or divergence

Liliana Pop (Independent scholar): Country responses to the Euro: the sources of divergence

Marina Grusevaja & Toralf Pusch (Halle Institute for Economic Research): The impact of European institutional convergence on growth in Central- and Eastern European Countries

Beáta Farkas (University of Szeged): Changing development prospects for the Central and Eastern European EU member states
A crisis of neoliberalism?

Jorg Wiegratz (University of Leeds): From fake to civic capitalism? The neoliberalisation of moral economies and the crisis

Nikolaos Markoulakis (Nottingham Trent University): Alternative remedies to the Eurozone’s crisis: A Gramscian based political economic perspective of its character


15.30 – 16.00 Afternoon tea

16:00 – 17:30 Parallel session 4:

The crisis in the Eurozone I

John Singleton (Sheffield Hallam University): The Euro: An Economic Disaster Unfolds

Jonathan Perraton (University of Sheffield): Wages, Profits and the Euro-zone: The Corporate Side to European Imbalances

Finding a Balance

Simon Bulmer (University of Sheffield): Germany and the euro-zone crisis: between hegemony and domestic politics

Hans Kundnani (European Council on Foreign Relations): A German Europe in a post-Western world

Owen Parker (University of Sheffield) & Dan Wincott (Cardiff Law School): If the European Social Model didn’t exist would we have to invent it?

Infrastructure and investment

Colin Turner Austerity (Heriot Watt University): Growth and the European Infrastructure System
Simon Lee (University of Hull): Technocratic Pragmatism and The Developmental Market: The Use of Comparison of European Political Economies in Strategies for British Modernization

Jesper Jespersen (Roskilde University): Some arguments in favour of public investments: financed by euro-zone countries with a surplus on the balance of payments

Regionalism and inter-regionalism

Peter Claeys & Federico Martire (Universitat de Barcelona): If you want me to stay, pay: a model of assymetric federalism in centralised countries

Jorge Turmo, Angel Rogrigues & Oscar Vara (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid): Monitoring Euro-zone regional imbalances to overcome obstacles to growth

Tony Heron & Peg Murray-Evans (University of York): Europe and the Global South after the crisis: The demise of interregionalism

17:45 – 19.00 Pre-dinner talk: Stuart Holland (Universidade de Coimbra & former MP): Brief Encounters with Power: Some Recollections and Reminiscences

19.00 – 19.45 Bar open for cash sales

19:45 - 21:45 Conference Dinner

Wednesday 3 July 2013

08:30 - 09:15 Arrival Refreshments & registration of day delegates
9:15 – 10:45 Parallel session 5:

**The crisis in the Eurozone II**

Lucia Quaglia (University of York) & David Howarth (University of Luxembourg): The Comparative Political Economy of Basel III in Europe

Andrew Brown & David Spencer (University of Leeds): Variegated financialisation? A comparative analysis of the changing role of finance in economy and society

Julien Mercille (University College Dublin): The media and the question of sovereign debt default in the European economic crisis: the case of Ireland

**Neoliberalism is dead ....**

Kate Alexander (LSE): What can you do about an exogenous crisis? Rhetorical traps for Labour after the crash

Jonathan Hopkin (LSE): The Crisis and the Non-Death of Neoliberalism: An Electoral Politics Perspective

Liam Stanley (University of Birmingham): Us, them, and ‘taxpayers money’: Legitimacy, crisis, and the fiscal sociology of austerity

**Analysing policy responses to the growth crisis**

Daniela Caterina (University of Hamburg): First Attempts at Restoring Growth: A Cultural Political Economy Perspective on Italy’s Labour Market Reform 2012

Azzurra Rinaldi (University of Rome): Fiscal policies after the crisis: a cross-country study in the Euro Area

Magnus Feldmann (University of Bristol): Institutions, Ideas and Crisis Responses: Estonia and Slovenia in Comparative Perspectives

Roberto De Vogli (UC Davis & University College London): The Health Effects of the Great Recession: From Market Greed to Healthy De-Growth?
10:45 - 11:15 Mid-morning coffee & refreshments

11:15 – 12.45 Plenary policy roundtable discussion chaired by Andrew Gamble (University of Cambridge and Chair of SPERI International Advisory Board)

Gabriel Glocker (European Central Bank), Björn Hacker (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung), Stuart Holland (Universidade de Coimbra & former MP), David Marsh CBE (Chairman, OMFIF) & Fabian Zuleeg (European Policy Centre)

12:45 - 13:45 Lunch

13.45 Conference ends