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## Call for Paper

### “The Political Role of the European Central Bank in European Union Governance”

Conference at University of Duisburg-Essen (Germany), 5-6 April, 2017

#### Deadline for submission of paper proposals: October 31, 2016

Conference conveners Michael Kaeding and Sebastian Heidebrecht cordially invite you to submit proposal abstracts focusing on aspects related to “The Political Role of the European Central Bank in European Union Governance”. Selected papers will be published in a conference transcript (edited volume). Additionally, a selection of papers will be considered for a special issue in one of the leading EU journals.

#### Aim of the conference

Beyond *core* functions of central banking, the European Central Bank (ECB) plays an increasing role in the emerging new European economic governance framework and in creating and maintaining the European financial infrastructure. Further, the central bank’s relations with European and international institutions and EU member states change and are expanding. Also, in the years since the financial crisis the social and institutional embeddedness of the central bank, as well as the legal architecture and more generally the consequences of the institutional heterogeneity of the monetary union have changed significantly.

The conference aims at analyzing those and related recent developments by bringing together insights from different disciplines, such as political science, economics, law, history and sociology. It aims at

- examining the political role of the ECB in the European Union governance framework;
- developing the outlines of an innovative research agenda; stimulating contacts by bringing together junior and senior international and interdisciplinary researchers working on the ECB, the European Monetary Union, as well as practitioners, politicians and the civil society;
- exploring the possibilities for closer cooperation in projects on practical aspects of the European integration process.

#### Key research interest

We invite all contributions which focus on (but may not be limited to) one or more of the following research dimensions and research questions:

- 1) **The ECB and European Union politics:** What is the role of the ECB as a European institution and how does its relation to other institutions and member states change over time? What are the new roles of the ECB in the emerging European economic governance structure and what does that imply for the mandate of the independent European central bank?



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- 2) **The ECB and the institutional and legal architecture of the E(M)U:** What are the legal challenges of institutional changes, the assignment and conduct of new (e.g. supervisory) roles and the conduct of (unconventional) monetary policy of the ECB? What can we learn for the European jurisdiction? How does the institutional heterogeneity of the monetary union and its member states evolve in relation to the single monetary policy of the ECB?
- 3) **Politics of instruments, decisions and decision making of European monetary policy:** What can we learn of the crisis experiences of the ECB and what lessons should be learned for the road ahead? What effects do have (unconventional) monetary policy instruments on the EMU member states and its societies, e.g. in terms of inequalities? What effect do have political processes at the inter-, supra- and the national level on monetary policy making at the ECB – and vice versa?
- 4) **The ECB and the public sphere - social embeddedness, markets, knowledge and media:** What is the role of the public for European central banking, e.g. with regard to the signaling of monetary policy as well the central bank's and monetary policy's embeddedness in European societies? What roles play culture and knowledge for monetary policy making and its effective transmission in different contexts? What is the role of the European media and ECB's information and forecast management?

#### Conference documentation and arrangement

All selected contributors are requested to give a short presentation of their paper. In principle, all accepted papers are scheduled to be published in a conference transcript (if not otherwise favored by respective contributors). Additionally, it is envisaged to ask selected authors to participate in an EU journal special issue.

The conference will start on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 12h and close on 6<sup>th</sup> April at 16h. The organizers will be able to organize accommodation for 1 night. We would kindly ask you to make your own travel arrangements. We will reimburse up to a maximum of €150 on presentation of original train tickets and boarding passes for all selected contributors.

#### Requirements for submissions

Each proposal abstract should contain no more than 500 words. For accepted proposals key dates and deadlines are the following:

October 31, 2016	Submission of proposal abstracts
November 15, 2016	Notification of acceptance for conference
March 24, 2017	Submission of full papers for the conference
April 5-6, 2017	Conference at the University of DUE
April 30, 2017	Submission of final paper to be published in the conference transcript

#### Contact

Please use the attached registration form for your submission. Inquiries and proposals should be sent via email to:

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“The Political Role of the ECB”  
Conference  
Wednesday 5 – Thursday 6 April  
2017  
University of Duisburg-Essen  
Duisburg Campus

**Registration/Application form for Participants**

First name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tel. no: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Contribution**

- I would like to publish my contribution in a conference transcript (edited volume)
- I would like to participate (additionally) in a special issue in one of the leading EU journals

**Arrival, Departure, and Attending the Conference**

- I will attend the conference on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (12:00) at University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg Campus \*
- I will attend the conference on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (until 16:00) at University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg Campus
- I will participate in dinner on 5<sup>th</sup> April (19:00) near University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg Campus
- I will attend the conference lunch on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April (13:00) at University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg Campus

**Accommodation**

I will require accommodation for the night of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

B&B Hotel Duisburg  
 Zum Portsmouthplatz 20, 47051 Duisburg  
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Organizers will support one night including breakfast

\* Meeting times are subject to change in which case participants will be advised accordingly.



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### Travel information

#### Please note:

The conveners will take care of the necessary hotel booking and will cover up the night of 5<sup>th</sup> April (including breakfast).

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**Please return this form together with your paper proposal by email by 31<sup>th</sup> October 2016 to:**

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