

**Global Economic Governance:
Systemic Challenges, Institutional Responses, and the Role of the New Actors**
Brussels (*European Commission, Berlaymont Building, Hallstein Room*)
17 February 2009

- 9:30 Registration
- 10:00 **Opening remarks**
Janez Potočnik (*European Commissioner for Science and Research*)
- 10:30 – 12:00 **The Global Financial System**
Chair: Jean-Michel Baer (European Commission)
- Speakers:*
Xavier Freixas (*Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CEPR*)
Richard Portes (*London Business School and CEPR*)
- Discussants:*
William R. White (*formerly Bank for International Settlements*)
Leszek Balcerowicz (*Warsaw School of Economics*)
- 12.00 – 13.30 **The Global Trading System**
Chair: David Vines (Oxford University and CEPR)
- Speakers:*
Simon Evenett (*Universität St Gallen and CEPR*)
Suman K. Bery (*National Council of Applied Economic Research, Delhi*)
- Discussants:*
Alberto Trejos (*INCAE Business School*)
Karolina Ekholm (*Stockholm University*)
- 13:30 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:00 **Macroeconomic Imbalances**
Chair: Richard Portes (London Business School and CEPR)

Speakers:

Philip R. Lane (*Trinity College, Dublin and Institute for International Integration Studies and CEPR*)

Stefan Gerlach (*Goethe University of Frankfurt and CEPR*)

Beatrice Weder di Mauro (*Johannes-Gutenberg-University of Mainz and CEPR*)

Discussants:

Rakesh Mohan (*Reserve Bank of India*)

Pablo E Guidotti (*Universidad Torcuato Di Tella*)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30 **Closing Panel**

Chair: Vitor Gaspar (*Bureau of European Policy Advisors, European Commission*)

Panelists:

Marco Buti (*European Commission*)

Vladimir Dlouhy (*Goldman Sachs*)

Kevin H O'Rourke (*Trinity College, Dublin and CEPR*)

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