

Symposium on Financial Stability and the Role of Central Banks

27 – 28 February 2014,
Frankfurt am Main

Programme

Thursday, 27 February

Day 1: **The Role of Central Banks in Securing Financial Stability**

2.00 pm **Welcome address:**
Jens Weidmann (President, Deutsche Bundesbank)

2.30 – 4.00 pm

*Session: Monetary policy and financial stability
– the end of benign neglect?*

Three different presentations shedding light on the interaction of monetary policy and financial stability. Has monetary policy contributed to excessively optimistic risk assessments, the compression of risk premia, global imbalances and the expansion of leverage? Should additional (macro-prudential, regulatory) measures be added to the monetary policy toolkit to ensure financial stability?

Participants: **Franklin Allen** (Wharton), **Claudio Borio** (BIS), **Markus Brunnermeier** (Princeton)

Chair: **Volker Wieland** (Frankfurt)

4.00 – 4.30 pm Break

4.30 – 6.00 pm

Panel 1: A broader role for central banks following the crisis – imperial overstretch or a better paradigm?

What macro-prudential and regulatory measures are needed to safeguard financial stability? Can this task be assigned to a central bank without compromising its mandate to ensure price stability? What might the other challenges be? How should the financial system be regulated and supervised (eg domestic vs supranational level)?

Participants: **Viral Acharya** (NYU Stern), **Olivier Blanchard** (IMF), **Richard Fisher** (Federal Reserve), **Otmar Issing** (CFS), **Klaas Knot** (DNB)

Chair: **Mark Schieritz** (Die Zeit)

7.30 pm **Reception and dinner:**
Speaker: **Mario Draghi** (ECB)

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Friday, 28 February

Day 2: Taking Stock of Regulatory Reform

10.00 – 11.30 am

Panel 2: Pittsburgh and beyond: are banking activities safer than before?

This panel will debate the current state of banking regulation:
Are banks well prepared for the new regulatory landscape?
How have banks adjusted their business models?
Is there sufficient focus on regulatory arbitrage?

Participants: **Jürgen Fitschen** (Deutsche Bank),
Martin Hellwig (MPI for Collective Goods),
Sabine Lautenschläger (ECB), **Gerhard Schick**
(Member of German Parliament), **Michael Sommer** (DGB)

Chair: **Mark Schieritz** (Die Zeit)

11.45 – 12.30 pm Keynote speech:
Wolfgang Schäuble (Federal Minister of Finance)

12.30 – 2.00 pm Light lunch

2.00 – 2.30 pm Keynote speech:
Claudia Buch (Council of Economic Experts and
Halle Institute for Economic Research)

2.30 – 4.00 pm

Panel 3: Extending the reach of regulation beyond banks – what should we be aiming for?

Does the current regulatory framework adequately cover the entire
financial system? What potential risks may stem from other financial
intermediaries, including various forms of investment banks and
insurers? How should the shadow banking system be incorporated
into the regulatory framework?

Participants: **Nikolaus von Bomhard** (Munich Re),
Claudia Buch (Council of Economic Experts and Halle Institute for
Economic Research), **Mark Carney** (Bank of England),
Andreas Dombret (Deutsche Bundesbank),
Elke König (BaFin/Federal Financial Supervisory Authority)

Chair: **Mark Schieritz** (Die Zeit)

4.00 – 4.30 pm **Concluding remarks**