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Facing the Economic Crisis: Nine questions on the EU

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The aim of this workshop is to offer a multidisciplinary reflection upon the current crises faced by the EU.

We use “crises” instead of “crisis” because it is evident that the EU is experiencing a legitimacy crisis which goes beyond the more general economic and financial difficulties affecting the global system.

In order to favour a rigorous debate on some issues that we consider fundamental, the works of this workshop will be divided into three panels.

Panellists (three for each panel) are asked to deal with some key (common) questions which will introduce the debate.

Given the highly interdisciplinary content of the subject of this workshop, it was thought worthwhile to extend the invitation to scholars with different backgrounds who could confront with such complex issues from different angles.

First panel (9.30-11.00):

The Euro crisis: Challenges and Solutions

Chair

Allan Tatham

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- **Roberto Castaldi**
Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa and Centre for Studies on Federalism, Turin
- **Mario Kölling**
CEPC
- **Giuseppe Martinico**
CEPC

Questions:

- Many thought that the Lisbon treaty would be the last one for a long time. Now, instead, it seems old and unable to face the challenges of the crisis. What are the competences, powers and institutional mechanisms that the EU still needs?
- The relevance of the euro and the different level of integration between the Eurozone countries and the other EU members seemingly point at the need for a multi-speed or multi-tiered EU. What kind of institutional arrangements can be put in place? Can asymmetry represent a solution for the EU?
- The EU is struggling with its own constitutional limits, putting pressure on national institutions and actors (see the Greek and Italian cases that are emblematic from this point of view): does this increase or decrease EU'S legitimacy?

Second Panel (11.30-13:00)

The impact of the Euro-Crisis on the National Level

Chair

Javier Porras Belarra

CEU San Pablo

- **Irene Correias**
CEU San Pablo
- **Sonia Piedrafita**
CEPC
- **Allan Tatham**
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Questions:

Against this background, what role can be played:

- By national Parliaments?
- By national Governments?
- By national Courts?

Third Panel: 15:00 – 16:30

EU in World Politics

Chair

Giuseppe Martinico

CEPC, Madrid

- **Hélder Ferreira do Vale**
CEPC, Madrid
- **Justo Corti Varela**
CEU San Pablo, Madrid
- **Javier Porrás Belarra**
CEU San Pablo, Madrid

Questions:

- What can be the consequences of this financial crisis for the role of the EU in world politics?
- What is the appropriate role of the EU in international organizations?
- Will this crisis change the EU strategies regarding the relations with China, India and Latin America?

Final Remarks 16:30 17:00

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