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## PROGRAMME

## CONFERENCE

### **Analysing the European Investment Bank:**

### **Interdisciplinary approaches to understanding the past, present and future of the world's biggest lender.**

**Venue:** University of Luxembourg, Belval Campus,

11, Porte des Sciences, 4366 Esch sur Alzette, Luxembourg

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**Date:** July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### **10 July 2019**

09.15 - 09.45: Welcome and Introduction: David Howarth (University of Luxembourg), Herwig Hofmann (Robert Schuman Initiative for European Affairs of the University of Luxembourg) and Helen Kavvadia (University of Luxembourg).

### **09.45 - 11.00: Session 1**

Chair: Lucia Coppolaro (University of Padova)

1. Bernard Gordon (Sorbonne Université) – From the European Project to European Projects – Sixty years of French presence and influence at the European Investment Bank (1958-2018);

2. Ilaria Pasotti (Independent researcher and collaborator of Intesa Sanpaolo Group Historical Archives) and Barbara Costa (Head of Intesa Sanpaolo Group Historical Archives) – The European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Istituto Mobiliare Italiano (IMI): a neglected relationship in the EIB's activity in Italy (1968-1978);

3. Donatella Strangio (Universita Roma La Sapienza) – Developing the Mediterranean Europe: The EIB and the financing of Italy and Greece (1960s-1970s);

Discussant: Eric Bussière (Sorbonne Université)

**11.00 - 11.15: Coffee break**

**11.15 - 12.45: Session 2**

Chair: René Leboutte (University of Luxembourg)

4. Areh Asatryan (ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research) and Annika Havlik (ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research) – The Political Economy of Multilateral Lending to European Regions;

5. Andrzej Jakubowski (University in Lublin) and Maria Curie-Skłodowska (University in Lublin) – The impact of the European Investment Bank loans on regional economic growth and cohesion in the European Union;

6. Elena Danescu (University of Luxembourg) – From financial and monetary innovation to EMU: the EIB in the Luxembourg ecosystem;

Discussant: Paolo Tedeschi (Università di Milano Bicocca-DEMS)

**13.00 - 14.15: Lunch**

**14.15 - 15.45: Session 3**

Chair: Plutarchos Sakellaris (Athens University of Economics and Business)

7. Dan Beizsley (Utrecht University/Eötvös Loránd University) – A critical appraisal? Identifying weaknesses in the EIB project assessment phase;

8. Mateu Turró (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya) – The European Investment Bank as a major player in EU urban policy;

9. Eugene Chao (The Wharton Business School) and Vukan R, Vuchic (University of Pennsylvania) – Quo Vadis: Infrastructure Investment - A Return to the Imperative Action;

Discussant: Stephany Griffith Jones (Columbia University)

**5.45 - 16.15: Coffee break**

**16.15 - 17.45: Session 4**

Chair: David Howarth (University of Luxembourg)

10. Stephany Griffith-Jones (Columbia University) and Natalya Naqvi (The London School of Economics) – The Juncker Plan (EFSI) and the EIB; assessing achievements and limitations;

11. Loredana Federico (UniCredit Research) – What has the “Juncker Plan” achieved?

12. Emanuela Pistoia (University of Teramo) – Supporting the development of the internal market at the peak of the crisis Legal challenges in the role of the EIB;

13. Giorgio Oikonomou (University of Peloponissos) – European integration through subnational mobilization: The impact of the European Investment Bank on regional and local

development across the European Union;

Discussant: Plutarchos Sakellaris (Athens University of Economics and Business)

19.00: **Dinner** at Dimmi Si restaurant, 12 Avenue du Rock'n'Roll, 4361 Esch-sur-Alzette

## **11 July 2019**

09.15 - 11.00: **Session 5**

Chair: Robert Harmsen (University of Luxembourg)

14. Dora Piroska ( Corvinus University of Budapest) – Contrasting EIB and EBRD’s role in post-accession Eastern Europe;

15. Stuart Shields (University of Manchester) – Never waste a crisis: The European Investment Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the European Bank Coordination Initiative;

16. Daniel Mertens (Goethe University of Frankfurt) and Matthias Thiemann (Sciences Po) – The post-crisis ascent and growing politicisation of the European Investment Bank;

Discussant: Eric Perée (The European Investment Bank)

11.00 - 11.15: **Coffee break**

11.15 - 13.00: **Conclusions** by discussants: Eric Bussière, Paolo Tedeschi, Eric Perée, David Howarth, and **closure** by Lucia Coppolaro and Helen Kavvadia;

13.00 - 15.00: **Lunch**

16.00 – 17.00: Optional guided tour at the EIB art collection.