

## INFER Workshop

# The European Integration and its International Dimension

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jointly organized by

**Cologne Institute for Economic Research (IW Köln)**  
and  
**International Network for Economic Research (INFER)**

### Workshop objectives

This workshop provides an opportunity for researchers and practitioners interested in the short- and long-term development of the European economy and its international relations to discuss their research and to exchange ideas. Researchers are invited to submit both theoretical and empirical papers that investigate the trade, monetary and financial interactions within the European economy as well as between the EU and the rest of the world. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Structural characteristics of the European economy
- Competitiveness of European industries
- Macroeconomic imbalances
- Labor and product market regulation
- European integration
- Monetary policy in Europe in the international context
- International trade and investment
- Global and European value chains
- Financial integration

### Keynote speakers

We are happy to welcome the following distinguished keynote speakers:

- Jakob de Haan, Professor of Political Economy, University of Groningen, and Head of Research of De Nederlandsche Bank
- Christian Kastrop, Director of the Policy Studies Branch at the Economics Department of the OECD

### **Organization**

The workshop is jointly organized by INFER (International Network for Economic Research) and IW Köln (Cologne Institute for Economic Research)

INFER is a non-profit international scientific organization that stimulates research and research networking in all fields of economics through international workshops and conferences. Website: [www.infer-research.net](http://www.infer-research.net)

The Cologne Institute for Economic Research (IW Köln) is the largest privately financed economic think tank in Germany. The main objective of the IW Köln is to promote a better understanding of the social market economy, based on the principles of competition and entrepreneurship. It intends to initiate debate and to develop best possible policy strategies for the German, European and the international economy. Website: [www.iwkoeln.de](http://www.iwkoeln.de)

### **Submission of papers:**

Only full papers may be submitted, preferably in pdf-format. Papers must be in English and should include a cover page with the following information:

- An abstract of up to 500 words, with JEL classification and no more than 5 keywords
- Authors' full name and affiliation
- Contact details for corresponding author, such as address, phone and e-mail

**Papers should be submitted electronically to the workshop organizers at:**

**[dilling@iwkoeln.de](mailto:dilling@iwkoeln.de)**

**Deadline for paper submission is March 15, 2015**

Authors are allowed to submit more than one paper. All submitted papers will be peer reviewed according to a high-quality referee process. Authors will be notified whether their paper is accepted for presentation at the workshop no later than May 15, 2015.

Paper presenters are expected to discuss one other paper during the workshop. The discussant assignments will be made by the workshop organizers at a later date. As the workshop intends to strengthen the INFER network, participation is welcome even without paper contribution.

### **Publication:**

Selected papers will be published in special issues of *The European Journal of Comparative Economics* (<http://eaces.liuc.it/>) and *The European Research Studies Journal* (<http://www.ersj.eu/>). The participants should indicate whether they wish to have their paper considered for one of these special issues.

### **Best paper award:**

The best contribution to the Research Conference will be awarded a prize worth € 500.

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### **Registration and participation fee**

The registration fee for presenting and non-presenting participants will be:

- 120 EUR: INFER members
- 170 EUR: other participants

Please note: the annual membership fee for private INFER members is 25 EUR only (institutional INFER members 200 EUR). You are invited to become a member!

The registration fee includes all lunches, drinks and the workshop dinner. It doesn't include travel and accommodation expenses. All workshop participants have to register. Please note that paper submission is not regarded as a registration.

Please register and pay the registration fee on the INFER website ([www.infer-research.net](http://www.infer-research.net)). Payment can be done via PayPal on the website. Note that you can use the same website to become an INFER member. You will receive a confirmation e-mail.

Deadline for registration and payment is June 5, 2015.

In case of late registration, the fees will be increased by 50 %.

### **Location and travelling**

The workshop will take place at the

**Cologne Institute for Economic Research (IW Köln)  
Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 21  
50668 Köln – Germany**

**Cologne** is the fourth-largest city in Germany and is located on both sides of the Rhine River near the Netherlands border. Its cathedral, Kölner Dom is Germany's most visited landmark, attracting more than 10,000 people a day. It is a renowned monument of German Catholicism and Gothic architecture and a World Heritage Site. Cologne is a major cultural center and home to more than 70 museums and galleries. The city is also famous for the Cologne carnival – one of the largest street festivals in Europe. Hundreds of thousands of visitors flock to Cologne during this time.

Cologne is very well connected via its international airport, Airport Köln/Bonn (CGN), located 16 km from the city center. You can take the S-Bahn 13 every twenty minutes and reach the city center in about 15 minutes. Furthermore, it is around one hour away (by train) from the biggest airport in continental Europe, Frankfurt International.

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