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## Speakers' CVs



**Matteo Ferrazzi** is senior economist at European Investment Bank, with expertise in country risk, climate risk and banking sector. Prior to joining EIB, Matteo was senior economist and manager with various roles at UniCredit Group (including Head of Strategy/Banking for Central Eastern Europe; Head of CEE Strategic Marketing; Head of CEE Commercial Planning). Previously, Matteo worked for the Italian economic think tank Prometeia. Author of three books, he is lecturer at Catholic University in Milan. Matteo holds a M.Sc. in Economics at University of Modena, a postgraduate Master degree at Bocconi University, and an Executive MBA at Politecnico of Milan.



**Francesca Guadagno** is Economist at wiiw. Her research focuses on industrial policy, structural change, innovation and new technologies. In her work, she has applied the product space framework to analyse growth potentials in the EU and several developing countries. Before joining wiiw, she worked on EU and global issues, contributing to several projects for the EU Commission and as a consultant at UNIDO, WIPO, and UNCTAD, among others. She earned a PhD from UNU-MERIT and Maastricht University.



**Milena Jaburkova** is vice president of the Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic for Digital Economy and Education. Her focus areas are: Digitization, new technologies, data and cybersecurity, education, re-skilling and up-skilling, investment strategies, international trade, economic and labor market. She represents Czech business vis-à-vis all stakeholders including the European Commission and the European Parliament. Milena Jaburkova works for IBM as a member of the IBM Central Region management, where she is responsible for relations with governments and public administration. Milena has extensive experience working in the non-governmental, public, and business sectors. She studied social policy at Charles University and completed her postgraduate studies in international politics and economics at Victoria University Manchester.



**Birgit Niessner** has been Director of the OeNB's Economic Analysis and Research Department since October 2021. Before that, from 2007 to 2021, she held various positions in risk management and research at Erste Group and Raiffeisen Bank International. During this period, Birgit Niessner was also on a six-month secondment as Senior Economist at the EIB's Research Department. Birgit Niessner holds a PhD in Economics from Vienna University of Economics and Business as well as a Master's degree in Development Studies from the London School of Economics and a Master's degree in Social Anthropology from the University of Vienna.



**Rima Rubčinskaitė** has been a Research Fellow at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Vilnius University since 2018. She was awarded a PhD in Economics in October 2019. In October 2019, she defended her PhD thesis "The Impact of Clusters on the Baltic Economy and Innovation", which examined the impact of clusters on the Baltic economy and innovation. Rubčinskaitė was the principal investigator in the research grant Euro4Europe ([www.euro4europe.vu.lt](http://www.euro4europe.vu.lt)), mainly under the research area "The impact of economic integration on regional business cycle synchronisation" (January 2018 - June 2022). She is the member of a research project on the reorientation of a country's economy towards high value-added areas in the context of a changing geopolitical environment. The study aims to show the potential of diversifying the Lithuanian economy into new economic activities by analysing the country's economic structure.

Rubčinskaitė worked as a Senior Policy Analyst at the Government Strategic Analysis Centre from 2020 to 2022, responsible for analysing the potential of the European Union Green Deal for the Lithuanian economy. During her time at the Government Strategic Analysis Centre, Rubčinskaitė also contributed to the development of Lithuania's smart city concept.



**Jochen Schanz** is a senior economist at the European Investment Bank, where he focuses on drivers of economic growth and cohesion. Before joining the EIB, Jochen worked for the Bank of England and the Bank for International Settlement on monetary and financial stability. He obtained his PhD at the European University Institute in 2005 and has published in the *Journal of International Economics*, the *Journal of Banking and Finance*, and the *International Journal of Central Banking*.



**Arnold Schuh** is Director of the Competence Center for Emerging Markets & Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and Assistant Professor at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), Austria. He is also Adjunct Associate Professor of International Business Studies at the Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota, USA, and Honorary University Professor at Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary.

His core research is on strategies of multinational firms, particularly in CEE and emerging markets. Current research focuses on the handling of crises-induced challenges by foreign multinational companies in CEE, competitive strategies of local firms from CEE ("local heroes") and internationalization strategies of Austrian/European firms in emerging markets.



**Tomáš Slačik** works as a Senior Economist in the Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe Section at the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB)'s Economics Analysis and Research Department. Prior to that he held positions, inter alia, at the European Central Bank in Frankfurt and the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg. His expertise spans macroeconomic and financial market analysis and forecasting with focus on European transition countries. Tomáš's analytical contributions have extended to areas such as early warning indicators for financial crises, inflation, investment trends, and structural issues. Following his studies of international economics and finance at the universities of Bonn, Leipzig, Mannheim, and the University of California, Los Angeles Tomas obtained his PhD from the University of Vienna.



**Julia Wörz** is Head of the Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe Section at the Economics Analysis and Research Department since 2015 and one of four Diversity Officers of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB). Her main responsibilities are coordinating the OeNB's economic analysis, monitoring and macrofinancial risk assessment activities concerning Central, Eastern and Southeastern European countries and providing in-depth analysis of CESEE related topics. In addition to her duties at OeNB she is teaching European monetary policy at the University of Innsbruck. Prior to joining the OeNB in May 2008, she had been staff economist at The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw) since 2001. At the wiiw, she was involved in various research projects and (co)organized a range of workshops as well as the biweekly wiiw seminar series on "International Economics."

Julia Wörz holds a doctoral degree in economics from the University of Vienna and received the *venia docendi* from the University of Innsbruck in 2012. Her main research interests are European economic integration, economic convergence, competitiveness, international trade, globalization and global value chains. She has (co)authored numerous scientific articles published in peer-reviewed journals, i.a. in *Economics of Transition*, *Empirica*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv / Review of World Economics*. Julia Wörz is co-editor of *Empirica - Journal of European Economics*.



**Zuzana Zavorská** is an Economist at the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies. Her work covers various topics in development economics, including structural change, industrial policy, foreign direct investment and global value chain integration. She is also active in the research on Central Eastern Europe, and has led multiple policy-oriented studies on solving the region's development challenges. In her prior position, she worked as an advisor to the Government Office of the Slovak Republic, where she worked on the issues of productivity and competitiveness, and acted as one of the founding members of the Slovak National Productivity Board. She holds degrees from the University of Cambridge and the University of Edinburgh. Zuzana holds significant international experience, having lived in Japan, Canada, UK, Singapore, Slovakia and Austria.



**Jeromin Zettelmeyer** has been Director of Bruegel since September 2022. Born in Madrid in 1964, Jeromin was previously a Deputy Director of the Strategy and Policy Review Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Prior to that, he was Dennis Weatherstone Senior Fellow (2019) and Senior Fellow (2016-19) at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, Director-General for Economic Policy at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (2014-16); Director of Research and Deputy Chief Economist at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (2008-2014), and an IMF staff member, where he worked in the Research, Western Hemisphere, and European II Departments (1994-2008).

Jeromin holds a Ph.D. in economics from MIT (1995) and an economics degree from the University of Bonn (1990). He is a Research Fellow in the International Macroeconomics Programme of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), and a member of the CEPR's Research and Policy Network on European economic architecture, which he helped found. He is also a member of CESifo. He has published widely on topics including financial crises, sovereign debt, economic growth, transition to market, and Europe's monetary union. His recent research interests include EMU economic architecture, sovereign debt, debt and climate, and the return of economic nationalism in advanced and emerging market countries.