

Austria 2018 Centenary Symposium
Debating the legacy of the 1918 proclamation of the Austrian Republic

Austria's place in the Europe of tomorrow

Friday, April 27, 2018
Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Vienna
Kassensaal

CONFERENCE ASPECTS

In 2018, Austria will commemorate the 1918 proclamation of the Austrian Republic. We will mark this occasion by reflecting on the legacy of the last 100 years and by looking ahead into the future.

In the interwar period, the economic viability of the young Austrian Republic was widely questioned, but after World War II, Austria experienced a remarkable catching-up process and successfully integrated into the European Union, where, at the same time, a unifying identity has evolved along national lines. The corporatist welfare state in particular, having steadily advanced in the post-war period, has proved a key element behind the economic success of Austria. It has helped resolve many a conflict through compromise solutions and notably also weather the global financial crisis without high adjustment costs and social unrest.

Austria has specifically benefited from integration into the world economy, and, above all, the European Union. Nonetheless, the country is now faced with an increasingly complex external and geopolitical environment. While today's challenges are potentially threatening to drive a wedge through society, they may also serve as a catalyst impelling us to envision Austria's position in a Europe that emerges from the crisis much stronger. Our symposium will be dedicated to debating the legacy of 1918 and reflecting on Austria's place in 21st-century Europe. Experts from academia and politics are invited to reassess the economic and social achievements Austria's international image is built on against the backdrop of upcoming challenges. Key topics will include the impact of technological change and globalization as well as the search for strategies to embrace these challenges and the opportunities that come with them.

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8:00 a.m. *Registration*

8:30 a.m. **Welcome address**
Ewald Nowotny
Governor
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

8:35 a.m. **Opening speech**
Heinz Fischer
Former President of the Republic of Austria

Keynote chair:
Gertrude Tumpel-Gugerell
Former Member of the Executive Board
European Central Bank

8:45 a.m. **Introductory lecture**
Mario Monti
President of Università Bocconi &
Former Prime Minister of Italy

9:15 a.m. **Keynote:**
From modernization to the knowledge economy: the trajectories of Austria and Europe
Peter Hall
Krupp Foundation Professor of European Studies
Harvard University

9:45 a.m. **Coffee break**

10:00 a.m. **Panel: Sustaining the welfare state – national sovereignty versus deeper integration?**

Panel chair:
Helene Schuberth
Head of Division
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Panellists:
Gerda Falkner
Head of the Institute for European Integration Research
University of Vienna

Peter Hall
Krupp Foundation Professor of European Studies
Harvard University

Hans-Helmut Kotz
Visiting Professor of Economics
Harvard University

Waltraud Schelkle
Associate Professor
London School of Economics and Political Science

11:30 a.m. **Lunch**

Keynote chair:

Doris Ritzberger-Grünwald

Director

Oesterreichische Nationalbank

12:30 p.m.

Keynote:

National sovereignty and the transformation of Austrian statehood in the upcoming decades

Sonja Puntscher-Riekmann

Jean Monnet Professor and Director

Salzburg Centre of European Union Studies

1:00 p.m.

Keynote:

Austria's place in Europe: globalization and the rise of the robots

Dalia Marin

Professor

Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich

1:30 p.m.

Coffee break

1:45 p.m.

Session: Shaping Austria's future – demographics, digitalization, inequality and the environment

Session chair:

Karl Aiginger

Director

Policy Crossover Center: Vienna-Europe

Speakers:

Julia Bock-Schappelwein

Researcher

Austrian Institute of Economic Research

Bruno Buchberger

Professor

Johannes Kepler University Linz

Alexia Fürnkranz-Prskawetz

Professor / Director

Vienna University of Technology / Vienna Institute of Demography

Karin Heitzmann

Professor

Vienna University of Economics and Business

Sigrid Stagl

Professor

Vienna University of Economics and Business

3:15 p.m. **Session: Europe in transition – economic opportunities for Austria**

Session chair:

Michael Landesmann

Professor / Senior Research Associate

Johannes Kepler University Linz / Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies

Speakers:

Christoph Badelt

Director

Austrian Institute of Economic Research

Mario Holzner

Deputy Director

Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies

Martin Kocher

Scientific Director

Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna

4:45 p.m. **Concluding lecture**

Wolfgang Petritsch

President

Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation

5:15 p.m. **End of event**

GENERAL INFORMATION

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