

IX. Scientific Conference

Regional Disparities and Inequality within the EU as Challenges for Social Cohesion?

Date: Monday, March, 2^{ed} 2020 - 9.00 to 13.30 hours – Meeting Room Hayek

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The new economics of geography raises questions of whether inequality within countries and between nations within the EU in terms of (local) attractiveness, wellbeing and economic performance may be rising. If so, this tends to challenge existing political structures, voting behaviour and the acceptance of change due to digitalisation and increasing uncertainty. How could these different developments in our societies and within the EU be managed? How could social cohesion and social capital be strengthened? How can collective goods still be supplied? How important are housing, regional development and infrastructure enablers? What are similarities, what are differences between approaches of economists and sociologists in dealing with these topics?

We are very much looking forward to our Round Table Debate!

Agenda

- 09.00 [Welcome Note and Introduction](#)
Prof. Dr. Dominik H. Enste
Head of Research Unit Behavioural Economics and Business Ethics, IW
- 09.10 [Impulse: „Regional Disparities in Germany”](#)
Prof. Dr. Michael Voigtländer
Head of Research Unit Financial and Real Estate Markets, IW
- 09.30 [A Brief Comment](#)
Prof. Dr. Martin Höpner
Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies
- 09.40 [Round Table Discussion](#)
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 11:00 [Impulse: „Inequalities within the Eurozone”](#)
Prof. Dr. Lucio Baccaro
Director Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Societies
- 11:20 [A Brief Comment](#)
Dr. Hans-Peter Klös
Head of the Research Division German Economic Institute; IW
- 11.30 [Round Table Discussion](#)
- 12.30 [Key Take Home Messages of Each Participant](#)
- 12:45 Lunch and Get Together