



Call for Papers for the annual conference of the EuroMemo Group in September 2013 in London

European Economists for an Alternative Economic Policy in Europe

Call for Papers for the 19th Annual Conference on Alternative Economic Policy in Europe ***The deepening divisions in Europe and the need for a radical alternative to EU policies***

Dear colleagues

This year's EuroMemo Group conference will be held in London at the School of Oriental and African Studies from 20-22 September 2013. The programme will be as follows:

Friday afternoon	The political and economic state of the Union <i>Klaus Dräger (European United Left/Nordic Green Left, Brussels)</i> <i>Engelbert Stockhammer (Kingston University, London)</i>
Saturday morning	Workshops
Saturday afternoon	Plenary on policy proposals from workshops Special plenary: The impact of the crisis and the way forward <i>Mario Pianta (University of Urbino) & others</i>
Sunday morning	Planning meeting: EuroMemorandum 2014 and other activities

We would like to invite you to attend the conference and to submit proposals for contributions to the workshops in one of the following areas:

- **Economic and financial policy:** The official policy focus on fiscal discipline and austerity has driven the European economy into a renewed recession, with widening economic and social divisions both within and between member states. This workshop will focus on the macroeconomic and financial policies necessary to promote full employment with good jobs and an end to the hardship and social differentiation that has been rising in many parts of Europe.
- **Governance and democracy in the EU:** This workshop will examine critically the recent changes in EU governance towards a 'surveillance union': the Fiscal Compact, the six-pack of legislation and the associated 'scorecard', the proposed two-pack and the bailout conditions imposed by the troika. It will also ask whether governance changes are possible to promote an effective and solidaristic alternative to austerity - what moves towards federalism could be economically feasible and politically legitimate?
- **Tax policy, poverty & inequality:** Economic and social deprivation is rising in Europe. As major corporations shelter their profits from taxes, public spending on economic and social programmes is subjected to renewed restrictions. Contributions to the workshop are particularly encouraged on the role of tax policy, including combating tax avoidance and promoting a more progressive system of corporate and personal taxation.
- **Industrial policy and social-ecological transformation:** The European single market, the common currency, and now austerity policies have all contributed to a deepening process of deindustrialisation in many parts of Southern and Eastern Europe. This workshop will focus on the need for the development of industrial policies that promote good jobs in socially and ecologically desirable investment projects in every part of Europe.

- **The EU-US free trade agreement and EU external relations:** The EU's mercantilist approach to trade policy has contributed to the paralysis at the WTO and a shift to bilateral negotiations. Contributions on the proposed EU-US trade agreement, and its implications for employment, social cohesion and the environment, both in Europe and in other parts of the world, are especially encouraged.

Proposals for papers together with a short abstract (maximum 250 words) should be submitted **by 1 July**. If accepted, completed papers should be submitted by **1 September**.

We strongly encourage participants to submit short papers (10-12 pages) and to explicitly address policy implications.

If you would like to participate in the workshop, please copy the registration form below into an email and reply by the **1 July 2013** to info@euromemo.eu indicating:

- That you would like to participate, and
- Whether you wish to offer a paper for one of the workshops.

Please note that there will be a conference fee collected at the venue to cover the cost of refreshments during the conference (20 Euro / 10 Euro for students / 50 Euro for participants with institutional support).

Please find attached some information on accommodation. Early booking is recommended.

We look forward to seeing you in London!

Best wishes,
for the EuroMemo Group

Wlodzimierz Dymarski, Trevor Evans, Marica Frangakis, John Grahl, Peter Herrmann, Jeremy Leaman, Jacques Mazier, Mahmood Messkoub, Werner Raza, Catherine Sifakis, Diana Wehlau, Frieder Otto Wolf

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Registration form for the 19th Workshop on Alternative Economic Policy in Europe

(please reply to info@euromemo.eu by **1 July 2013**)

Yes, I intend to participate in the 19th Workshop on Alternative Economic Policy in Europe
(20-22 September 2013 in London)

First Name:

Last Name:

Institution:

Address:

Telephone:

e-mail:

Yes, I wish to contribute a paper

Title of the Paper:

For the Saturday-morning Workshop on:

Abstract (max. 250 words):