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You will be able to register with the attached card or directly online on our webpage. Your registration will be confirmed by us and is binding. The deadline for registration is August 30, 2024.

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If you are unable to attend at short notice, you should notify us in writing no later than September 06, 2024, otherwise you will be charged 50 % of the full price. If you cancel on the day the conference, you will be billed 100 % of the total fee. After the deadline of cancellation, the entitlement for a discount no longer applies. You will receive a written confirmation from us upon receipt of your cancellation. We recommend that you take out a seminar insurance.

FEES (in Euro) :

Participation Fee	70.–
(excluded coffeebreaks)	
Board (without room and breakfast)	66.–
Full board and lodging	
– single room	203.–
– double room	159.–
– double room as a single	227.–
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TUTZING

The Euro in Southeast Europe

The Enlargement Process and Geopolitical Turbulences

September 13-15, 2024

In Cooperation with Southeast Europe Association,
Munich

THE EURO IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE

The euro, and previously the Deutsche Mark, has long been the currency of choice in Southeast Europe. Buying a property or a personal computer is done in euros, and previously in German marks. This reflects the region's integration with the economies of Western Europe and, in particular, the importance of migrant workers' remittances to the region.

Countries in the region are increasingly adopting the euro as their official currency. With Croatia's membership in January 2023, five countries in the region are members of the euro area (Croatia, Slovenia, Greece, Cyprus and Slovakia). Montenegro and Kosovo use the single currency but are not members of the euro area. Bosnia and Herzegovina and Bulgaria have pegged their national currencies to the euro. This patchwork of euro alignment reflects similarities with the European Union accession process in Southeast Europe.

The conference aims to take stock of recent monetary developments. We ask: How and why have some countries in the region adopted the euro? What are the economic and social consequences of their currency changeover? We also look at the other side of the coin: why are countries in the region reluctant to join or do not (yet) meet the criteria for membership, e.g. Romania and Bulgaria? Finally, the case of the Greek government in 2015 illustrates the risks associated with a possible exit from the euro area.

These examples illustrate political challenges facing the euro. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has added a geopolitical dimension to these challenges. Overall, governments in the region are reassessing their strategic options and timetables for EU integration and euro adoption. Institutional alignment and currency risks are providing new impetus for joining or remaining outside the euro area.

The international conference invites political economy experts, participants with a focus on Southeast Europe, European Union affairs, euro area developments, and those interested in financial markets and geopolitical developments.

Jens Bastian, Southeast Europe Association
Martin Held, Protestant Academy Tutzing

PROGRAMME

(Draft, 18. June 2024)

Friday, September 13, 2024

4 p.m. Arrival of participants and registration

6 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. **Welcome and introduction**
Martin Held and Jens Bastian

7.15 p.m. **Keynote speech**
Euro adoption and EU integration –
Two sides of the same coin?
Loukas Tsoukalis

8.45 p.m. Informal get together

Saturday, September 14, 2024

7.45 a.m. Morning reflections in the chapel

8 a.m. Breakfast

9 a.m. **Croatia Panel**
The newest member of the Euro Zone –
Adoption and socio-economic consequences
Boris Vujčić (TBC)
Paweł Tokarski
Chair: Ognian Hishov

10.30 a.m. Coffee break

11 a.m. **Montenegro and Kosovo Panel**
With the Euro – But not in the Euro Zone
Mirko Duković
Morina Engjellushe
Chair: Johanna Deimel

12.30 a.m. Lunch

2 p.m. **Greek Panel**
Averting a Greek tragedy – Lessons learned
from the Greek euro crisis
Heiner Flassbeck
Loukas Tsoukalis
Chair: Jens Bastian

3.30 p.m. Coffee break

4 p.m.

Bulgaria and Romania Panel
Countries in the waiting room – Reasons for
delaying Euro accession
Yasen Georgiev
Daniela-Maria Mariş
Chair: Franz-Lothar Altmann

6 p.m.

Dinner

7 p.m.

European Central Bank Panel
The role of the European Central Bank
in Southeast Europe
Gunter Deuber
Gabriel Glöckler (TBC)
Chair: Jens Bastian

8.30 p.m.

Informal get together

Sunday, September 15, 2024

7.45 a.m. Morning reflections in the chapel

8 a.m. Breakfast

9 a.m. **Boone or Bane for Southeast Europe?**
Socio-economic consequences of Euro adoption
Alexandros Kritikos
Bernd Christoph Ströhm
Chair: Martin Held

10.30 a.m. Break

11 a.m. **Concluding Panel**
The Euro in Southeast Europe – Geopolitical
implications
Gunter Deuber
Manuel Sarrazin
Chair: Dušan Reljić

12.20 a.m. **Concluding remarks – Fare-well**
Christian Hagemann

12.30 a.m. Lunch – End of the Conference