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Short bios of Keynote Speakers

Roberta Capello is Full Professor of Regional Economics at Politecnico of Milan, Faculty of Building Engineering and President of the Regional Science Association International. She has a rich international publications record in the field of regional development and regional economics and has coordinated and/or taken part in many international research projects, several of them founded by the EU (FP, ESPON, DG Regio). Her (and Roberto Camani's) MASST model has been widely recognised as one of the most powerful tools for regional forecasting. Prof. Capello received her first degree in Economics at Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Milan, Italy and her Ph.D. in Economics from the Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Sergei Guriev is Professor of Economics at Science Po in Paris. He was formerly Rector of the New School of Economics in Moscow but left the country in 2013 out of concern for his and his family's freedom. Dr. Guriev's research interests include contract theory, corporate governance, political economics and labor mobility. Dr. Guriev has published in international refereed journals including American Economic Review, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Perspectives and American Political Science Review. Sergei Guriev received his Dr. Sc. (habilitation degree) in Economics (2002) and PhD in Applied Math from the Russian Academy of Science (1994), and M.Sc. Summa Cum Laude from the Moscow Institute of Physics in Technology (1993). In 1997-98, Dr. Guriev visited the Department of Economics at M.I.T. for a one-year post-doctoral placement, and in 2003-2004, the Department of Economics at Princeton University as a Visiting Assistant Professor. In 1999-2013, he was on the faculty of the New Economic School in Moscow, in 2004-13 being a tenured faculty member and Rector of the New Economic School.

Vladyslav Rashkovan is Acting Deputy Governor of the National Bank of the Ukraine (NBU) and is, i.a., responsible for implementing the Strategic Programme to reform the banking system and run the NBU transformation project. From 2000 to 2005, he worked as a lecturer and a researcher at the Department of Banking, Odesa National Economic University and studied abroad. From 2006 to 2014, Mr. Rashkovan worked at PJSC "UniCredit Bank", i.a. as Management Board Member and served as the project manager during the merge of HVB Bank Ukraine and UniCredit Bank. In April 2014, he took charge of the NBU Department for Banking System Strategy and Reform. Vladyslav Rashkovan graduated as an economist from the Odesa National Economic University, where he majored in Finance and Credit.

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Peter Havlik is Research Economist and former Deputy Director at The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw) and guest research scholar at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). His main research areas currently cover economic transition in Central and Eastern Europe, foreign trade, competitiveness, EU integration, EU-Russian relations and analysis and forecasts of macroeconomic developments. He is also country expert for Russia and the Newly Independent States (NIS) at wiiw. During his career he participated in and coordinated various large projects, for instance 'Industrial Restructuring in the NIS: experiences of and lessons from the new EU Member States (INDEUNIS), funded by the EU Sixth Framework Programme (2005-2007), on 'European energy security' (2008-2010) and 'Trade integration in the CIS' (2011-2012) for the OENB Jubilee fund. He has also contributed to and coordinated various chapters of the EU Competitiveness Reports (2003, 2009, 2012, 2013) and recently coordinated the Work Package 'Economic Developments and Structural Change in the Process of Transition and EU Membership' within the international FP7 research project GRINCOH.

Michael Landesmann is Scientific Director of wiiw and Professor of Economics at the Johannes Kepler University where he is also department head of economic theory and quantitative economic research. His research focuses on East-West economic integration, structural change, economic growth, general topics in international economic relations, globalisation and labour markets and migration. He was a member of the Group of Economic Policy Advisors under the chairmanship of former EU Commission President Romano Prodi and participated in and coordinated a wide range of EU projects on different aspects of European integration. He has a D.Phil. from Oxford University, was a Lecturer, Fellow and Senior Research Officer at Cambridge University and held visiting Professorships at Harvard University (where he was J. Schumpeter and Pierre Keller Visiting professor) and a wide range of other universities (Brandeis, Basel, Osaka, Padova, Jerusalem, Central European University, CERGE-EI, Mumbai, etc.).

Robert Stehrer is Research Economist and Deputy Scientific Director at wiiw. His research focuses on international integration, trade, technology, labour markets and applied econometrics. He worked on numerous projects for DG Employment and DG Enterprise and has played a leading role in major EU framework projects, notably in EU KLEMS (FP6) and WIOD (FP7). He studied economics at the Johannes Kepler University of Linz, Austria, and Sociology at the Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS) in Vienna and is lecturer of economics at the University of Vienna.

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