



**PROGRESSIVE  
ECONOMY  
FORUM**  
— 2014

**5-7 MARCH 2014**

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,  
**BRUSSELS**

**INEQUALITY:**  
Consequences for Society, Politics and People



# PROGRESSIVE ECONOMY FORUM 2014

The world, and Europe in particular, is still struggling to come to terms with the crisis, more than five years after the Lehmans collapse. Beyond the dysfunctional behaviour of large parts of the financial sector, the crisis is rooted in rising inequality, now exacerbated by policies of severe austerity. That is why **inequality** has been chosen as the leading theme of this Progressive Economy Forum.

The aim of this annual Forum is to stimulate and reinforce progressive ideas across the academic, political and wider communities, and to galvanise corresponding policy actions in the economic and social fields.

Misguided policy responses to the crisis have made Europe and the world less cohesive, less fair and more unstable. Progressives working in different environments need to come together to share their knowledge and to win the battle of ideas.

**Do not miss this major opportunity to be part of this ground-breaking undertaking and to join the debates with many of the most important progressive academics and policy-makers of our time.**





# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

## Wednesday 5th March

14.30	Opening plenary session Fitoussi/Galbraith/Pickett/Swoboda Inequality
16.30	Progressive thinking in the making Parallel academic sessions (4) - Round I (Call for papers)
18.15	
19.30	Evening debate Creating more and better jobs in a competitive economy

## Thursday 6th March

08.30	Progressive thinking in the making Parallel academic sessions (4) - Round II (Call for papers)
10.00	Progressive vision: Martin Schulz (includes a Q&A session)
11.00	Progressive vision: Joseph Stiglitz (includes a Q&A session)
12.00	Buffet lunch for participants Meeting of the Scientific Board
14.30	Second plenary session From crisis to well-being for all Asmussen/Bofinger/Reeves/Stiglitz/Urpilainen
16.20	Call for Papers: results
16.30	Professor Jean-Paul Fitoussi
	Policy roundtables Social + Europe = Future Re-inventing cohesion Debt restructuring?
18.00	
19.30	Evening debate Inequality The challenge of the century Progressive Economy Journal «live»



# WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

14.30-16.30

## OPENING PLENARY SESSION

**Is inequality a major challenge and why?  
How should it be addressed?**



**Hannes Swoboda**

President, S&D Group in the European Parliament

**Opening contribution**



**Jean-Paul Fitoussi**  
LUISS University, Rome



**James K. Galbraith**  
University of Texas, USA



**Kate Pickett**  
University of York

This session is co-chaired by:

**Udo Bullmann**, MEP, Germany, Head of the SPD Delegation in the S&D Group, and

**Alessia Mosca**, MP, Italy, Coordinator on the European Union Policies Committee in the Italian Parliament for the Democratic Party

The main conclusions of this session will be reported to the closing session by Professor Jérôme Creel, OFCE





# WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

16.30-18.00

## PROGRESSIVE THINKING IN THE MAKING

### Four parallel academic sessions (call for papers)

#### FIRST PART

Join in with this new laboratory of progressive thinking.

These parallel academic sessions provide a unique platform to the experts selected by the Scientific Board following the call for papers to present their latest research to an audience of academics, policy-makers and other stakeholders. The sessions will provide an insight into cutting-edge research by progressive researchers. Each session will focus on one of the four themes on which papers were invited (see below), and are aimed at fostering progressive research in the economic and social sciences.

To complete the presentations, a second set of parallel academic sessions will take place on Thursday 5th March from 08.30 to 10.00.

Following the presentation of the papers by their authors, the Scientific Board will designate the best paper within each of the four themes, and the best paper from a young researcher across all themes (under the age of 35).

The winning papers selected by the Board and by the audience will be announced by the Scientific Board on Thursday 6th March at 16.15. The authors of the winning papers will then be invited to present their current research and to engage in an exchange with the audience. Short versions of the winning papers will be published in the next edition of the Journal for a Progressive Economy in order to be widely circulated among the progressive community. They may also lead to specific research support.

Session A (room JAN 4Q-2): Alternatives to austerity

Session B (room ASP 3G-3): Inequality and the crisis

Session C (room ASP 3H-1): Reforming European economic governance

Session D (room ASP 3G-2): Rethinking economic policy

Each session will be chaired by a member of the Scientific Board.  
Five papers will be presented and discussed in each session.





# WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

19.30-22.00

## EVENING DEBATE

### CREATING MORE AND BETTER JOBS IN A COMPETITIVE ECONOMY



**Patrick Itschert**, Deputy Secretary General, ETUC



**Edouard Martin**, Former Trade Union Representative, CFDT, France



**Jill Rubery**, Professor of Comparative Employment Systems, Manchester University



**Hannes Swoboda**, MEP, President of the S&D Group in the European Parliament



**Emilie Turunen**, MEP, S&D Group Rapporteur on the «Jobs Initiative»

This evening debate is moderated by **Jacki Davis**

The main conclusions of this session will be reported to the closing session by **Lars Andersen**, Director of ECLM





# THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

08.30-10.00

## PROGRESSIVE THINKING IN THE MAKING

Four parallel academic sessions (call for papers)

### SECOND PART

Session A (room JAN 4Q-2): Alternatives to austerity

Session B (room ASP 3G-3): Inequality and the crisis

Session C (room ASP 3H-1): Reforming European economic governance

Session D (room ASP 3G-2): Rethinking economic policy

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# THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

10.00-12.00

## PROGRESSIVE VISIONS

10.00-11.00



### Martin Schulz

President of the European Parliament

Candidate-designate for Commission President, PES

11.00-12.00



### Joseph E. Stiglitz

2001 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences

Professor, Columbia University

Each of the two progressive vision sessions will include a Q&A session with the audience. Questions can be submitted in advance for either of the two sessions by registered participants on [www.progressiveeconomy.eu](http://www.progressiveeconomy.eu) between 15 February-3 March 2014. The sessions will be moderated by **Jacki Davis**.





# THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

14.30-16.30

## SECOND PLENARY SESSION

### From crisis to well-being for all

At the end of this session, Professor Jean-Paul Fitoussi will announce the winners of the Call for Papers selected by the Scientific Board



**Jörg Asmussen**, Secretary of State for Employment and Social Affairs, Germany



**Peter Bofinger**, University of Würzburg, Member of the German Government's Council of Economic Advisers



**Rachel Reeves**, MP, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Labour Party, UK



**Joseph E. Stiglitz**, Professor of Economics, Columbia University, Institute for Policy Dialogue



**Jutta Urpilainen**, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Finland, and coordinating Minister of the Network of Finance Ministers for Party of European Socialists

This session is moderated by **Jacki Davis**, Meade Davis Communication  
The main conclusions of this session will be reported to the closing session by Professor Xavier Timbeau, OFCE





# THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

16.30-18.00

## POLICY ROUNDTABLES (parallel sessions)

### SOCIAL + EUROPE = FUTURE

**Pervenche Berès**, MEP, France  
**Carsten Sieling**, MP, Germany

**Laszlo Andor**  
 European Commissioner

**Patrick Itschert**  
 Deputy Secretary General, ETUC

**Frank Vandenbroucke**  
 Professor, KUL Leuven, former Minister

**Jon Pedersen**  
 Managing Director  
**Tewodros Aragie Kebede**  
 Just Jobs Index project leader  
**FAFO Institute Norway**

Rapporteur: **Andrew Watt**, IMK

**Includes a presentation of the new European Just Jobs Index (FAFO)**

### RE-INVENTING COHESION

**Elisa Ferreira**, MEP, Portugal  
**Juan Moscoso del Prado**, MP, Spain

**Stefano Fassina**, MP, Italy

**Gustav Horn**  
 Director, IMK, Germany

**Andras Inotai**  
 Visiting Professor, College of Europe

**Louka Katseli**  
 Professor, Athens University, Greece

Rapporteur: **Danielle Schweisguth**, OFCE

**Includes a presentation of an IMK/OFCE briefing**

### DEBT RESTRUCTURING ?

**Anni Podimata**, MEP, Greece  
**Eduardo Cabrita**, MP, Portugal

**Stephany Griffith-Jones**  
 Financial Markets Programme Director  
 IPD, Columbia University

**Pedro Saura**, MP, Spain

**Paolo Guerrieri**, Senator, Italy

**Jacques Delpla**  
 Adjunct Professor, Toulouse School of Economics

Rapporteur: **Christophe Blot**, OFCE

**Includes a presentation of a policy brief on debt restructuring**



# THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

19.30-22.00

## EVENING DEBATE: JOURNAL «LIVE» Inequality: the challenge of the century



The second edition of the Journal for a Progressive Economy (publication due 24 February 2014), co-edited by two internationally renowned experts on inequality, Kate Pickett and Gosta Esping-Andersen, gives insight into a variety of approaches that are necessary to understand inequality as a phenomenon and to address it as a complex policy challenge, through the contributions of a range of leading experts.

This lively and informal evening debate is a unique occasion to discuss this cutting-edge research on inequality and, at the same time, to confront this research with implications for progressive policy.



**Pervenche Berès**, MEP, France, Chairwoman of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs in the European Parliament



**Jim Clarken**, Chief Executive, OXFAM Ireland



**Gosta Esping-Andersen**, Professor of Sociology, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain



**Kate Pickett**, Professor of Epidemiology, University of York, UK

**Nicolas Schmit**, Minister for Labour, Luxembourg, and coordinating Minister for the Network of Employment and Social Affairs Ministers of the Party of European Socialists

The debate is moderated by **Jacki Davis**.

The main conclusions of this session will be reported to the closing session by Professor Kate Pickett

