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International conference

Germany in the contemporary world. Economy.

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Instytut Zachodni / 61-854 Poznań, ul. Mostowa 27 / conference room / 5th floor
Time: **10.00-16.00**

Topic of the conference

This conference will seek to capture on the one hand the possible impact of changes happening in the German economy on the economic situation worldwide, and on the other hand the German vulnerability to external developments. These processes have pretty dynamic nature and are predictable only to a limited extent. Hence, participants will reflect upon the structural changes in Germany against the broader international background. Special attention needs to be paid to the United States and BRICS countries. Processes taking place in Germany have direct impact on economic relations between Germany and its partners but they also shape indirectly the basic macroeconomic condition of respective economies. Such influence seems to be proportional to the intensity of commercial ties between countries. Special attention should be directed to the changes in the structure and the volume of German trade. Participants will also focus on the German labour market as the processes witnessed there undoubtedly affect the problems of migration. The recently launched minimal wage and its consequences, in particular the feared increase in unemployment it might cause, will be also discussed. The sound German fiscal policy, good stance of public finances and actions undertaken in this area by finance ministries shall be also touched upon. Developments in the energy sector deserve special attention as well. In this respect participants will seek to determine how much the decisions undertaken in Germany under the influence of environmentalists' lobby and the departure from nuclear energy might serve as a blueprint for other advanced nations.

Target group

This conference shall bring together economists as well as political scientists and students interested in German economy. This event might be furthermore of interest for members of Poznań based Polish-German Economic Association (*Deutsch-Polnischer Wirtschaftskreis in Poznań*), representatives of local administration and regional authorities as well as journalists.

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Conference agenda

10.00 Conference opening - guest speakers

„Main challenges of the German economy" - Prof. Simon Junker, DIW Berlin

„Current state and outlook for Polish economy" - Prof. dr hab. Tadeusz Kowalski, Chair of International Competitiveness, Poznań University of Economics

PANEL I: Labour Market in Poland and Germany

Chairman: Prof. dr hab. Maciej Żukowski, Chair of Labour and Social Policy, Poznań University of Economics

Panellists:

Prof. dr. Lutz Bellmann, Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung (IAB) der Bundesagentur für Arbeit, Nurnmberg
Prof. dr hab. Eugeniusz Kwiatkowski, Chair of Macroeconomics, Lodz University
Prof. dr hab. Tomasz Budnikowski, Instytut Zachodni

PANEL II: External relations of Germany

Chairman: Prof. dr hab. Józef Olszyński, Institute for Global Economy, Warsaw School of Economics

Panellists:

Prof. dr hab. Jürgen Wandel, Institute for Global Economy, Warsaw School of Economics
Prof. dr hab. Ilona Romiszewska, Poznań Wyższa Szkoła Bankowa w Poznaniu
Dr hab. Marta Götz, Instytut Zachodni

16:00 Discussion and closing of the conference

Publication - Conference Proceedings

Selected and reviewed papers can be published in „Przegląd Zachodni" - http://www.iz.poznan.pl/pz/index.php?p=pzlista&lang=pl

Deadline for registration

13th November 2015, to: mgoetz@iz.poznan.pl

No fee, organisers do not reimburse the transportation and accommodation costs.