

# Policy Competition and the Welfare State

29 - 30 November

Location: Pulchri Studio, Lange Voorhout 15, The Hague  
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## Program

### Friday November 29

8.30 - 9.00 Registration

Chair: Casper van Ewijk (CPB)

9.00 - 9.30 Opening address by J.W. Oosterwijk (Secretary General of the Ministry of Economic Affairs in the Netherlands and chairman of the Economic Policy Committee of the EU)

9.30 - 10.00 Ruud de Mooij and Paul Tang (CPB), The future of European Welfare States

10.00 - 10.30 Discussion

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee

11.00 - 12.30 Tito Boeri (Bocconi University and Fondazione Debenedetti), Social policy in the EU: One for all?

Discussant: José Herce (FEDEA)

Tim Krieger and Christoph Sauer (University of Gottingen), Will Eastern European migrants happily enter the German Pension System?

Discussant: TBA

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 Parallel sessions with contributed papers

**Session I:** Chair Casper van Ewijk

- Jean Chateau, JEAN-LOUIS GUERIN and Florence Legros (CEPII), Demographic evolutions and unemployment: a French labour-market analysis with generations of workers.
- Alain Jousten and FLORENCE LEGROS (CEPII), Pensions and savings in a monetary union: an analysis of capital flows
- SVEND E. HOUGAARD JENSEN, Morten I. Lau and Panu Poutvaara (CEBR), Retiring Europe: an assessment of alternative social security rules

**Session II:** Chair Ruud de Mooij

- ALEXANDER HAUPT and Eckhard Janeba (University of Frankfurt Oder), Education, Redistribution and Brain drain in developing countries
- JAN GOEBEL and Birgit Otto (DIW), The impact of social transfers on poverty in the Member States of the EU: Findings from the fifth wave of the ECHP
- ROBERT DUR and Coen Teulings (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Education, Income Distribution and Public Policy

15.30 - 16.00 Tea

16.00 - 17.30 Paul O'Brien, (OECD), Immigration and its economic effects  
Discussant: Rick van der Ploeg (LSE)

Lans Bovenberg (Tilburg University), Financing Retirement in the European Union

Discussant: Jorgen Mortensen (CEPS)

18.00 Tour in the Mauritshuis

20.00 Dinner

**Saturday, November 30**

Chair: Henk Don (CPB)

9.00 - 9.45 Michael Burda (Humboldt University Berlin), Labour-market reform in small vs large EU countries

9.45 - 10.45 Parallel sessions with contributed papers

**Session III:** Chair Ruud de Mooij

- ROBERT I. GAL (University of Budapest), A generational impact of competition of governments
- NAMKEE AHN and J.F. Jimeno (FEDEA), Migration willingness in Spain: analysis of temporal and regional differences

**Session IV:** Chair Casper van Ewijk

- DANIEL DAIANU (University of Bucharest), Institutional and policy variety: does it matter for economic development
- LEI DELSEN (University of Nijmegen), Positive versus negative policy competition

10.45 - 11.15 Coffee

11.15 - 12.45 Axel Borsch Supan (University of Mannheim), Sustainable social security systems design, implementation, political economy  
Discussant: Leon Bettendorf (OCFEB, Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Fiorella Kostoris Padoa Schioppa, Mutual recognition, unemployment and the welfare state (ISAE)  
Discussant: TBA

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