

DIE VORTRAGENDEN

SPEAKERS



Karl Aiginger

Karl Aiginger is research fellow for industrial economics and has been Director of the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) since 2005. He has been professor of economics at the University of Linz since 1992. He studied economics at the University of Vienna and received a doctoral degree in 1974 (habilitation: “Production Theory under Uncertainty,” 1984). After joining WIFO in 1970, Mr. Aiginger was Deputy Director from 1984 to 1987. In addition, he served as managing editor of *Empirica – Austrian Economic Papers* (1975–1992), as visiting professor at Stanford University, CA, U.S.A. (1982), at the MIT in Boston, Mass., U.S.A. (1991) as well as at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), U.S.A. (1997). He was a member of the Supervising Board of the Austrian state holding company ÖIAG from 1993 to 2000, and returned to serve as Deputy Director of WIFO from 1996 to 1998 and from 2002 to 2005. In 2002 he was professor at the GSB and IIS, Stanford University. His key areas of research are the competitiveness of firms, industries and countries, industrial economics and industrial policy as well as economic strategy and policy.

Martin Bartenstein

In the course of his studies, Martin Bartenstein earned his Ph.D. in chemical sciences in 1978 at the University of Graz. From 1978 to 1994 he held different executive positions in the pharmaceutical industry, including being the CEO – for several years – in a family-owned group of pharmaceutical companies based in Austria and Hungary. His political

career started in 1991 as a member of parliament and the spokesman on industry (later also energy and the environment) of the Austrian People’s Party (ÖVP). Since 1992 Martin Bartenstein has been Deputy Chairman of the ÖVP in the province of Styria. From 1994 to 1995, he was State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Public Economy and Transport. Martin Bartenstein was appointed Federal Minister for the Environment in May 1995, and Federal Minister for Environment, Youth and Family Affairs in March 1996. In Feb-



ruary 2000, he took office as Federal Minister of Economics and Labor. In his function as Federal Minister for the Environment, Martin Bartenstein chaired numerous international conferences, for example the 1995 conference on the Montreal Protocol held in Vienna, during which the Protocol was finally adopted. At the following Climate Protection Conference held in Buenos Aires in 1998, Mr. Bartenstein was the EU’s chief negotiator in his function as Council president. Since 2002, he has co-chaired the Investment Compact conference initiated by the OECD within the framework of the Stability Pact for Southeast Europe. He is a permanent member of the OECD Roundtable for Sustainable Development. Since December 13, 2005, Martin

Bartenstein has been vice chairman of the WTO Ministerial Conference. From 1988 to 1992, Martin Bartenstein was chairman of the Children's Cancer Aid of Styria and since 1993, he has chaired the Austrian Children's Cancer Aid.

Markus Beyrer

Markus Beyrer studied law and commercial sciences at the University of Vienna and the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration; he was a successful candidate of the Concours at the European Commission and attended a postgraduate master course for European law (Euro-Jus) at the Danube University Krems. Markus Beyrer has been Secretary General of the Federation of Austrian Industry since August 2004. He started his professional career in 1992, serving as a member of the EU expert team ("EU cadet") of the Department for European Integration and Trade Policy at the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber. Then he became attaché for industrial and commercial affairs at the Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union (1994–1996), expert for European and international affairs in the Department for Environmental Policy of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (1996–1999) and economic advisor to the Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria (1999–2000). After having been senior economic advisor to the Federal Chancellor from 2000 to 2002, he served as Director of the Economic Policy Department of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (August 2002–2004).

Josef Christl

Josef Christl has been Executive Director of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) since 2003. Moreover, he is Alternate Governor for the Republic of Austria to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Member of the Supervisory Board of the Austrian Financial Market Authority (FMA). After two years of serving as an economist at the Ministry of Social Affairs, he worked as assistant professor for economics at the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) in Vienna from 1980 to 1984. After that, he was senior economist (1984–1993) and chief economist (1993–2001) with Creditanstalt-Bankverein. From 2001 to 2003 he served as chief economic advisor to the Austrian Minister of Finance. Since 1992, Josef Christl has been professor at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration. He holds a doctoral degree in economics from the University of Vienna.

Christian de Boissieu

Christian de Boissieu received his Ph.D. in economics in 1973 (University of Paris). He was post-doctoral fellow at Northwestern University and Harvard University (1973–1974), and visiting scholar at the University of Minnesota in 1978 and at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Washington D.C.) in 1982. He is currently professor at the University of Paris-I (Panthéon-Sorbonne). From 1999 to 2004, he taught at the College of Europe in Bruges. In his capacity as consultant to the World Bank and to the European Commission, he has been in charge of a TACIS program mission in Russia on domestic arrears, mone-

tary policy and banking regulation. He is also economic advisor to the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and member of the “Comité des Etablissements de Crédit et des Entreprises d’Investissement” (CECEI). He is honorary president of the French Finance Association and of the “Société d’Economie Politique.” He was also member of the advisory board of J.P. Morgan (France) and is currently member of the advisory board of Ernst & Young (France). Since January 2003, he has been chairman of the Conseil d’Analyse Economique attached to the French Prime Minister. He has published many books and articles in the field of monetary analysis and economic policy. Christian de Boissieu is a regular columnist for *Le Figaro*, *Le Monde*, *Investir*, etc. He was also columnist for *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* from 1996 to 1999.

Rodrigo de Rato y Figaredo

Rodrigo de Rato assumed office as Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on June 7, 2004. This move followed his selection by the Executive Board of the IMF, on May 4, 2004, to serve as Managing Director and Chairman of the Executive Board. Prior to taking up his position at the IMF, Mr. de Rato was Vice President for Economic Affairs and Minister of Economy for the government of Spain, a post to which he was appointed in May 1996. In his capacity as Minister of Economy, Mr. de Rato was also Governor for Spain on the Boards of Governors of the IMF, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Bank for Recon-

struction and Development (EBRD). He regularly attended the European Union’s meetings of economics and finance ministers and represented the EU at the G-7 finance ministers’ meeting in Ottawa, Canada, in 2002, when Spain held the EU presidency. He was also in charge of foreign trade relations for the government of Spain and represented Spain at the World Trade Organization’s ministerial meetings in Seattle, U.S.A., in 1999, in Doha, Qatar, in 2001, and Cancún, Mexico, in 2003. He was a member of the Spanish parliament



from 1982 to 2004. Rodrigo de Rato earned a law degree from the Universidad Complutense in Madrid in 1971, and an MBA from the University of California at Berkeley in 1974. In 2003, he earned a Ph.D. in economics from the Universidad Complutense.

Wolfgang Duchatzek

Wolfgang Duchatzek has been serving as Vice Governor of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) since 2003. He joined the OeNB in 1976, and the Office of the Governor in 1978. He was appointed Chief of the Office of the Governor in 1982 and Deputy Executive Director of the Foreign Research Department in 1987. In addition, he served as Representative of the OeNB on the

EC Integration Committee of the Austrian Federal Government. Mr. Duchatzek was appointed Director of the Area International Relations of the OeNB in 1992 and represented the OeNB during Austria's EU accession negotiations. He was nominated Chairman of the European Commission's Committee on Monetary, Financial and Balance of Payments Statistics (CMFB) and served as the OeNB's Second Alternate on the Committee of Alternates of the European Monetary Institute (EMI). In 1997, he was appointed to the OeNB's Board of Executive Directors as Deputy Chief Executive Director of the Liquidity and Portfolio Management and Internal Services Department, and in 1998 he joined the OeNB's Governing Board as Executive Director of the Money, Payment Systems and Information Technology Department. Mr. Duchatzek holds a doctorate in economics and social sciences and has been awarded the Grand Decoration of Honor in Gold for Services to the Republic of Austria.

Bernhard Felderer

Bernhard Felderer has been Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) in Vienna, Austria, since 1991 and professor of economics at the University of Cologne, Germany, since 1995. He studied law and economics at the University of Vienna, where he received his doctoral degree in 1964. Following his studies in economics at the Faculté de Droit et Sciences Economiques of the University of Paris, he worked for two years as a research assistant of Fritz Machlup at Princeton University, New York; later he lectured as a visiting professor at the University of North Caro-

lina, Chapel Hill, U.S.A. After serving six years as an assistant professor at the University of Karlsruhe, Germany, he started to lecture as a full professor at the University of Cologne in 1974. In 1987 he was appointed Director of the Economics Seminar at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Cologne, a position he held until 1990. In 1977 he received a six-month appointment from the Soviet Academy of Sciences for consulting and teaching, mainly in Novosibirsk and Moscow. He serves on the General Council of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) and on the Austrian Government Debt Committee and is managing editor of the "German Economic Review" (GER) and associate editor of "Empirical Economics." His main fields of interest are macroeconomic theory and policy, population economy and population development. In addition to numerous other publications, he is the co-author of "Makroökonomik und Neue Makroökonomik" (with St. Homburg), which has been the best-selling textbook on the topic in Germany and Austria since the mid-eighties and has been translated into four other languages.

Heiner Flassbeck

Heiner Flassbeck has been Chief of the Macroeconomic and Development Policies Branch at UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) in Geneva since January 2003 and Acting Director of the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies since August 2003. In March 2005 he was appointed honorary professor at the Hamburg University for Economics and Politics. During his professional

career he held the following positions, among others: Senior Economist at UNCTAD (2000–2002); State Secretary (Vice Minister) at the Federal Ministry of Finance, Bonn (1998–1999); Visiting Fellow at MIT, Cambridge, Mass. (1996); Economic Advisor of the government of Kazakhstan (1993–1999); Head of the Business Cycles Department at the German Institute for Economic Research (1990–1998). Mr. Flassbeck earned a doctoral degree at the Free University of Berlin for a thesis on the topic of “Prices, interest and exchange rates – On the theory of the open economy with flexible exchange rates.”

Karl-Heinz Grasser

Karl-Heinz Grasser has been serving as the Austrian Federal Minister of Finance since 2000; in addition, he serves as Austrian Governor at international organizations such as the World Bank Group, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Inter-American Investment Corporation, the African Development Bank, the African Development Fund, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the European Investment Bank (EIB). He was appointed Second Deputy Governor of the Austrian province of Carinthia in 1994. From 1998 to 2000 he was Vice President for Human Resources and Public Relations with Magna Europe; he also served as Managing Director of Sport Management International (SMI), which belongs to the Magna Group, and up to the end of 1999 he was also member of the managing board of the Sir Karl Popper Foundation. Since 2004, he has been Chair of the Board of Governors of

the EBRD and Deputy Chair of the Eurogroup. Karl-Heinz Grasser holds a master’s degree in applied business administration.

Robert Holzmann

Robert Holzmann has been Sector Director of the Social Protection & Labor Unit in the Human Development Network of the World Bank Group since May 1, 1997. From 1992 to 1997, Mr. Holzmann was managing director of the European Institute and full professor for international economics and European economy,



both at the University of Saarbrücken (Germany). Prior to that, he was professor of economics at the University of Vienna (Austria) and senior economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, D.C., and the OECD in Paris, where he worked on international public finance and social protection issues. He was also visiting professor at various universities in Japan, Chile, and Austria. Since 1992, Mr. Holzmann has served as editor of *Empirica*. Before joining the Social Protection Unit, he frequently acted as consultant to the World Bank, the IMF, the European Commission, the International Labor Organization (ILO), the International Social Security Association, the German Technical Cooperation Agency (GTZ), and the Council of Europe.

Mr. Holzmann holds a master's degree in economics from the University of Graz, a Diplôme d'Etudes in economics from the University of Grenoble, and a Ph.D. from the University of Vienna. His research and operational involvement covers all regions of the world, and he has published 24 books, including one with Joseph Stiglitz, and over 150 articles on social, fiscal and financial policy issues.

Rudolf Hundstorfer

Rudolf Hundstorfer has been Acting President of the Austrian Trade Union Federation (ÖGB) since March 27, 2006. He was Vice President and member of the board of the ÖGB since October 17, 2003. Rudolf Hundstorfer held various offices in different bodies of the Austrian Social Democratic Party (SPÖ) both at the regional and the local level; until March 27, 2006, he was chairman of the Vienna branch of the Social Democratic Trade Unionists (FSG). He is a member of both the Vienna provincial diet and the municipal council, including the municipal council committees on health and hospital services and on financial and economic affairs. Since March 1995, he has been chairman of the Vienna municipal council. From 1987 to 1999, Rudolf Hundstorfer was senior officer of the Union of Municipal Employees (GdG). In 1999, he became chairman of the Viennese chapter of the GdG and deputy chairman of the GdG; from October 2001 onward, he served as executive chairman of the GdG at the federal level and from May 2003, he has been chairman of the GdG. Mr. Hundstorfer has been employed by the Vienna Municipality

since 1966; the last position he held was that of an administrative officer.

Otmar Issing

Otmar Issing served as a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank (ECB) since June 1, 1998. The business area for which he was responsible included the Directorates General Economics and Research. From May 1998 onward, he was a Member of the Board of the Deutsche Bundesbank with a seat in the Central Bank Council. Prior to that, he held chairs of economics at the Universities of Würzburg and Erlangen-Nürnberg. In 1991, he was awarded an honorary professorship from the University of Würzburg. From 1988 to 1990, he was a member of the Council of Experts for the Assessment of Overall Economic Developments. He is an active member of the Academy of Sciences and Literature in Mainz, Germany, and of the Academia Scientiarum et Artium Europaea (European Academy of Sciences and Arts). In addition to publishing numerous articles in scientific journals and periodicals, he is the author of two textbooks (inter alia), namely "Einführung in die Geldtheorie" (Introduction to monetary theory), thirteenth edition, 2003, and "Einführung in die Geldpolitik" (Introduction to monetary policy), sixth edition, 1996.

Malcolm D. Knight

Malcolm D. Knight has been General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank for International Settlements since April 1, 2003. From 1999 to 2003, Mr. Knight was Senior Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada. He was Bank of Canada's chief

operating officer and a member of the Board of Directors. From 1975 to 1999, Mr. Knight was with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), where he held senior positions in both research and operations. While at the IMF, he was also an adjunct professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. From 1971 to 1975, he taught at the University of Toronto and the London School of Economics and Political Science. Mr. Knight holds an Honour B.A. in political science and economics from the University of Toronto, and M.Sc. (economy) and Ph.D. degrees from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He has published widely in the fields of macroeconomics, international finance and banking. Mr. Knight is a trustee of the International Accounting Standards Committee Foundation and of the Per Jacobsson Foundation. He is a member of the Financial Stability Forum and of the Board of Patrons of the European Association for Banking and Financial History.

Maria Kubitschek

Maria Kubitschek has been Head of the Economic Policy Department of the Vienna Chamber of Labor since 1998 and member of the management team of the Chamber of Labor in charge of economic policy since 2001. From 2000 to 2002, she was member of the Austrian parliament (Nationalrat). After joining the Economic Policy Department of the Vienna Chamber of Labor in 1988, she was appointed Head of the Foreign Trade & Integration Department and, in this capacity, represented the Federal

Chamber of Labor (BAK) at the Austrian Permanent Representation to the EU. Maria Kubitschek received a degree in economic and social sciences from the University of Vienna in 1987.

Christoph Leitl

Christoph Leitl has been President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKÖ) since 2000. Additionally he has been serving as President of the Austrian Business Federation (Österreichischer Wirtschaftsbund) since 1999 and as President of the European Business Federation since 2005. He started his professional career as Managing Director of the brickworks Bauhütte Leitl-Werke and held this post from 1977 to 1990. In his political career, he has been Deputy Chairman of the Upper Austrian People's Party since 1990 and member of the Federal Executive Committee of the Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) since 2000. From 1995 to 2000, he served as Deputy Governor and Treasurer of the province of Upper Austria and as a member of the Committee of the Regions (COM). At the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Mr. Leitl was a member of the Executive Committee of the Austrian Association for Building Materials and Ceramic Industry from 1980 to 1990. After serving as President of the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry (EUROCHAMBRES) from 2002 to 2005, he was appointed Honorary President of EUROCHAMBRES in 2006. Mr. Leitl holds a Ph.D. in economics from Johannes Kepler University Linz.

Klaus Liebscher

Klaus Liebscher is presently serving as Governor of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB). Moreover, since the foundation of the European Central Bank (ECB) in June 1998 he has been an independent member of both the ECB Governing Council and the ECB General Council. He also represents the OeNB at the Bank for International Settlements Governors' Meeting and is Austria's Governor to the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Before joining the OeNB on June 1, 1995 and presiding the Gen-



eral Council of the Bank as its President until August 31, 1998, he started his career at Raiffeisen Zentralbank Österreich AG in 1968, where he was a member of the Executive Board as from 1980 and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board from 1988 to 1995. He served as President of the Vienna Stock Exchange Council from 1990 to 1995 and on the supervisory boards of several banks and other corporations in Austria and abroad. Mr. Liebscher earned his law degree (Dr. iur.) from the University of Vienna.

Wolfgang Schüssel

Wolfgang Schüssel received a doctorate in law in 1968. He was secretary of the parliamentary group of the Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) from

1968 to 1975; from 1975 to April 1991, he was Secretary General of the Austrian Business Federation, a suborganisation of the Austrian People's Party. On April 24, 1989, Mr. Schüssel became Minister for Economic Affairs in the coalition government formed by the Austrian Social Democratic Party (SPÖ) and the Austrian People's Party under Chancellor Franz Vranitzky. At the ÖVP's 30th Party Congress on April 22, 1995, Wolfgang Schüssel was elected national leader of the ÖVP. On May 4, 1995, he was sworn in as Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs in Franz Vranitzky's fourth government. He held the same posts in Chancellor Vranitzky's fifth government. In Chancellor Klima's first government, from January 28, 1997, to February 4, 2000, Mr. Schüssel again served as Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs. On February 4, 2000, Wolfgang Schüssel was sworn in as Federal Chancellor. On February 28, 2003, he was sworn in as Federal Chancellor again.

Dennis J. Snower

Dennis J. Snower has been both professor of economics at Christian-Albrechts-University, Kiel, and President at The Kiel Institute for the World Economy since 2004. From 1989 to 2004 he was professor of economics at Birkbeck College, University of London. During that time he was also Chairman of the Department of Economics at Birkbeck College (1992–1994). Additionally, he served as program director at the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), London, from 1991 to 1999 and at IZA, Bonn, from 1999 to

2004. Mr. Snower started his professional career as teaching assistant at Princeton University (1974–1975). After that, he worked as assistant professor both at the University of Maryland (1975–1979) and at the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS), Vienna (1979–1981). Then he served as lecturer (1980–1983) and reader at Birkbeck College, University of London, (1983–1988). Mr. Snower holds a B.A. from New College, Oxford University, an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Princeton University.

Alan M. Taylor

Alan M. Taylor has been professor of economics at the University of California, Davis, since 1999; moreover, since 2001, he has been Chancellor's Fellow, which is a campus-wide distinction and research grant awarded to about five or six faculty members each year. He is currently serving as

Director of the Center for the Evolution of the Global Economy at the University of California, Davis, as Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), and as Research Fellow of the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR). In 2004 he was Guggenheim Fellow, a noted academic honor in the United States. Mr. Taylor holds a B.A. in mathematics from King's College, Cambridge, and a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University. His research focuses on international finance/macroeconomics, international trade, economic history and economic growth. He has written approximately 50 academic publications, including two books (one on global capital markets, one on Argentina), organized six academic conferences and edited five books. 