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Start: 28.11.2018 (Wednesday), 16:00  
End: 30.11.2018 (Friday), 14:00

Working Language: English

Meeting Venues  
Wednesday and Thursday @  
Fraunhofer IMW,  
Städtisches Kaufhaus  
(Entrance B)  
Neumarkt 9–19  
04019 Leipzig

Friday @  
Leibniz Institute  
for the History  
and Culture of Eastern  
Europe (GWZO)  
Specks Hof (Entrance A)  
Reichsstr. 4–6,  
D–04109 Leipzig

## TRANSFORMING THE TRANSFORMATION? – ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

The Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO) and the Fraunhofer Center for International Management and Knowledge Economy IMW in Leipzig are pleased to welcome you to the workshop.

Dear all,  
The [hotel is located](#) within walking distance of the venue. The specially blocked rooms can be booked directly through the hotel until 25th of October using the code "IMW/EEGA".

**Information for all workshop speakers:**  
Your hotel rooms have already been reserved for the dates November 28–30, 2018 (2 nights total). If you need an additional overnight stay, please contact us beforehand. To facilitate your journey, the rooms have been paid (incl. breakfast, excl. additional costs like mini-bar). If you do not need two nights, please contact us so that we can change your reservation. Thus, you are not required to pay for the hotel yourself. Following the conference, your costs for travel (economy class, according to the

legal regulations of Saxony in force) will be reimbursed by the Leibniz ScienceCampus EEGA. Original tickets, boarding passes and the reimbursement form provided are required.

**Information for all participants:**  
We also ask you to kindly limit your presentations to 20–25 minutes to in order to allow enough time for discussions.

**Contact details:**  
Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further questions regarding the workshop.  
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# Wednesday

## Welcome:

**16:00** Riad Bourayou, Research Manager,  
tbc Fraunhofer Center for International  
Management and Knowledge Economy IMW

## Introduction:

Yaman Kouli / Dirk Böttner-Langolf / Uwe Müller

**16:30** Hans-Jürgen Wagener, European University  
Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder):  
Economic Transformation in  
Eastern Central Europe – A Success Story

**17:30** Coffee Break

## Panel: Economic Predicaments in Central and Eastern Europe

**17:45** Dagmara Jajeśniak-Quast, European  
University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder):  
Precarious Work in Poland – a  
Stocktaking

**18:30** End of first day

**19:00 Meeting of the Expert Commission on  
Economic and Social Sciences / Dinner**

## Panel: EU-Membership: Burden or Opportunity?

**15:30** Friedrich Thießen, Chemnitz University of  
Technology  
Corruption and Financial Distress in Europe

**16:15** Kiril Kossev, OECD Paris:  
Political and Economic Integration of  
Central and Eastern Europe with the  
Western Economies

**17:00** Coffee Break

## Panel: Islands of Economic Success

**17:30** Marcin Piątkowski, World Bank, Peking:  
Europe's Growth Champion. Insights from  
the Economic Rise of Poland

**18:15** End of second day

**19:00 Visit to the Leipzig Christmas market**

# Thursday

## Welcome:

**9:15** Thorsten Posselt, Institute Director,  
Fraunhofer Center for International  
Management and Knowledge Economy IMW

**9:30** Yaman Kouli, UMR Sirice, Paris:  
Poland's Communist Heritage

**10:15** Christian Schweiger,  
Chemnitz University of Technology:  
East-Central Europe During the Financial Crisis

## Panel: Social Policy Perspectives in Central and Eastern Europe

**11:15** Dragos Adascalitei, University of Sheffield:  
Romania's "Middle Income Trap"  
in Comparative Perspective

**12:00** Lunch

**13:30** Martin Krzywdzinski, WZB Berlin Social  
Science Center: What are "Good Jobs"?

**14:15** Bela Galgoczi, ETUI, Brussels:  
Condemned to be left  
behind? Catch-up strategies  
for CEE countries

**15:00** Coffee Break

# Friday

**09:30** Steffen Preissler, Fraunhofer Center  
for International Management and  
Knowledge Economy IMW, Leipzig:  
Bulgaria – A Role Model for  
Technological Success?

## Panel: Socio-economic Development Prospects

**10:15** Birgit Glorius, Chemnitz University of  
Technology: Return Migration, Transnational  
Entrepreneurs and Social Remittances –  
Alternative Tools for Socio-economic  
Development

**11:00** Coffee Break

**11:30** Ádám Zoltán, Corvinus University of Budapest:  
Economic Policies of Authoritarian Populism –  
the Case of Hungary

**12:15** Andrea Filippetti, Italian National  
Research Council:  
European Convergence: Is the Dream Over?

**13:00** Farewell and Lunch