WHICH ACCOUNTING REGULATION FOR EUROPE’S ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

Workshop organised by the Research Lab on Financial Regulation (LabEx ReFi)
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Opening by Theodor Dumitru Stolojan MEP

Wednesday 20 May 2015 from 09.45 to 17.30 hrs
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In tribute to Jerome Haas (1963 - 2014)
Chairman, Accounting Standards Authority of France

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Presentation

In his October 2013 report, Mr Maystadt discussed the possibility of clarifying and expanding the ‘public good’ criterion in EU Accounting Framework, namely that: any accounting standards adopted should not jeopardise financial stability, and they must not hinder the EU’s economic development. He also suggested that more thorough analysis of compliance with the criteria of prudence and respect for the public good was needed. Since 2013, the European Commission further announced a ten-years assessment of the application of the International Accounting Standards (IFRS) in Europe, as well as an harmonisation project for European Public Sector Accounting Standards (EPSAS) led by Eurostat. By convening together leading scholars and policy-makers, this workshop aims to contribute to this debate about the consequences of accounting regulation for Europe’s economy and society, concerning both public and private sectors.
PROGRAM

Morning Panel 9h45 - 12h45

9h45-10h45 Opening remarks
STOLOJAN, Theodor Dumitru (Member of the European Parliament)
KAMALL, Syed (Member of the European Parliament)
THEURER, Michael (Member of the European Parliament)
BOUTELLIS-TAFT, Olivier (CEO at Federation of European Accountants)
LE THEULE, François-Gilles (ESCP Europe, Labex ReFi)

10h45-12h45 Round Table I – Accounting Regulation and the Public Good
Keywords: financial stability, prudence, fair value accounting, procyclicality, stakeholders’ needs, accounting entity, accountability, financial and extra-financial information and reporting, transnational accounting and global financial markets, accounting standards-setting governance
Moderated by: C. HASLAM (Queen Mary University of London)
MAYSTADT, Philippe, former President of the European Investment Bank
MERRIMAN, Niall and Claudia SCHWARZ, European Central Bank
RAMANNA, Karthik (Harvard Business School)
SUNDER, Shyam (Yale University)

Afternoon Panel 14h30 – 17h30

Round table II – Accounting for the European private sector: Reconsidering accounting objectives from economy and finance
Keywords: long-term investment, procyclicality, fundamental performance, managerial evaluation and incentive, comparability
Moderator: S. SUNDER (Yale University)
BIONDI, Yuri (Cnrs – ESCP Europe) – opening remarks
CANZIANI, Arnaldo (Brescia University)
RICHARD, Jacques (Dauphine University of Paris; Autorité des Normes Comptables (ANC) Committee)
SUZUKI, Tomo (Oxford University)
Break

Round table III – Accounting for the European public sector: Roundtable on the ongoing reform of European Public Sector Accounting Standards (EPSAS)
Keywords: accounting standards-setting governance, public debt and deficit measurement and control, accounting standards and national statistics, fiscal sustainability and public borrowing, accounting and coordination of tax and debt policies, accounting for pension obligations
Moderator: Riccardo MUSSARI (Siena University)
BIONDI, Yuri (Cnrs – ESCP Europe) – opening remarks
CALMEL, Marie-Pierre (Conseil de normalisation des comptes publics (CNOCP))
HEALD, David (University of Aberdeen Business School)
CAPERCHIONE, Eugenio (Modena University, Comparative International Governmental Accounting Research Network (CIGAR))
REFERENCES


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