



## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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**PROFESSOR BRIGID LAFFAN** is Director and Professor at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (EUI), Florence. She was Vice-President of UCD and Principal of the College of Human Sciences from 2004 to 2011. She was the founding director of the Dublin European Institute UCD from 1999 and in March 2004 she was elected as a member of the Royal Irish Academy. In September 2014 Professor Laffan was awarded the UACES Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2012 she was awarded the THESEUS Award for outstanding research on European Integration. In 2010 she was awarded the *Ordre national du Mérite* by the President of the French Republic. Her latest publications include her co-edited book *Core-periphery Relations In The European Union: Power And Conflict In A Dualist Political Economy* (Routledge 2016) and her edited special issue of West European Politics, *Europe’s Union In Crisis: Tested And Contested*, 2016.

**JACEK ROSTOWSKI** was a lecturer at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, UCL from 1988-1995. He was subsequently a professor of Economics at the Central European University in Budapest during 1995-2000, and head of its Department of Economics from 2005-2006. From 1997 to 2000, Rostowski was Chairman of the Macro-Economic Policy Council at the Polish Ministry of Finance, and from 2002-2004 was an Economic Adviser to the National Bank of Poland. Rostowski joined the Cabinet of Premier Donald Tusk in 2007, and served as Finance Minister of the Republic of Poland until 2013, including as Deputy Prime Minister in the final year. Currently he is Chairman of the Board of the 'Foundation for Contemporary Liberalism' in Warsaw. Rostowski has published around 40 academic papers on European enlargement, monetary policy, currency policy and the transformation of post-communist economies. He is the author of academic books including *Macroeconomic Instability In Post-Communist Countries* (1998).

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**ADAM BENNETT** is Deputy Director of the programme on the Political Economy of Financial Markets (PEFM), an Associate of South East European Studies at Oxford (SEESOX) and the coordinator of its political economy work. He also lectures at Cardiff University. Prior to joining St Antony's College, Bennett worked for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) where he was Senior Advisor (aka Deputy Director of Department) in the IMF's European Department. Before that, he was Senior Advisor in the Middle East Department, and head of the IMF office in Cairo from 2000-2002. During the second half of the 1990s he was chief of the IMF's Stand-by Operations division, covering all the IMF's big ticket programs of that era. In his early career, Bennett worked for the UK Treasury (specialising in monetary policy and forecasting), and for two investment banks. Bennett's published work has ranged over macroeconomics, monetary economics and post-conflict economics. His most recent book is *Remaking The Balkan Economy: Economic And Policy Foundations For Growth In South East Europe*, co-authored with Russell Kincaid, Peter Sanfey, and Max Watson (2015). Bennett was educated at Cambridge University and the LSE.

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