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Germany's Fiscal Loosening and Europe's Policy Trajectory

Debt and the Quest to Restore EU Competitiveness

Hosted by the Double Degree Programme

Europäische und Internationale Wirtschaft – Politiche europee ed internazionali

(Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg & Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan)

Lecture and Panel Discussion

Date & Time: 4 December 2025, 10:00–12:30

Venue: Freylinghausen-Saal (Francke Foundations, Frankeplatz 1)

Format: Lecture and panel discussion

Speakers (alphabetical)

- **Prof. Dr. Piergiorgio Alotto** (Science Attaché, Embassy of Italy in Germany)
- **Prof. Dr. Lars Börner** (Chair of Empirical Macroeconomics, MLU)
- **Prof. Carlo Cottarelli** (Director, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore; former Executive Director, IMF and former member of the Italian Senate)
- **Prof. Reint Gropp, Ph.D.** (President, Halle Institute for Economic Research – IWH)
- **Dr. Eliomaria Narducci** (CEO, Italian Chamber of Commerce in Germany)
- **tba** (Minister of the Government of Saxony-Anhalt)
- **Prof. Dr. Battista Severgnini** (Copenhagen Business School)

Program Overview

- Welcome addresses
- Impulse lectures offering complementary perspectives
- Moderated panel discussion with all speakers
- Wrap-up and informal networking with drinks

Short Abstract

This event marks a milestone of the joint Double Degree *Europäische und Internationale Wirtschaft – Politiche europee ed internazionali* between the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan) and the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg. Impulse lectures set the stage for a moderated panel that explores contemporary challenges of fiscal policy, public debt, and EU competitiveness. The program fosters exchange among students, faculty, and stakeholders in European and international economic policy.

Invitation

All interested parties are warmly invited to attend and take part in the discussions.