

TUAC-CEPR-ETUI SEMINAR*

“EUROPEAN AND NORTH-AMERICAN EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE: LESSONS FOR THE OECD JOBS STRATEGY?”

OECD Headquarters
2 rue André-Pascal – 75016 Paris

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REVISED AGENDA

Chair for morning sessions: Roland Spant, Swedish Confederation of Professional Employees (TCO) and Chair of TUAC Working Group on Economic Policy

9.30 a.m. Session One - Opening and purpose of the seminar

Jean-Philippe Cotis, Head of OECD Economics Department
Dean Baker, Center for Economic and Policy Research, Washington
John Evans, TUAC-OECD

9.45 a.m. Session Two - Recent trends in employment growth: a comparative analysis

Presenter: David Howell, New School University, New York
Discussants: Joe Grice, UK Treasury and Chair of OECD Working Party on Macroeconomic and Structural Policy analysis (WP1); Mike Feiner, Director OECD Economics Department, Policy Studies Branch; Ronald Janssen, European Trade Union Confederation

General discussion

11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.30 a.m. Session Three - Country case studies

I - USA

Presenters: Dean Baker and John Schmitt, Center for Economic and Policy Research, Washington
Discussant: Jorgen Elmeskov, OECD Economics Department

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II - Ireland, New Zealand

Presenter: Andrew Glyn, Corpus Christi College, Oxford

Discussant: Sven Blondal, OECD Economics Department

General discussion

1.00 p.m. Lunchbreak

Chair for afternoon sessions: Sharan Burrow, President of Australian Council of Trade Unions

2.30 p.m. Country case studies – continued

III - Germany, Netherlands

Presenter: Dierk Hirschel, German Trade Union Confederation

Discussant: Georg Fischer, European Commission

IV - The Nordic Experience

Presenters: Juhana Vartiainen, Trade Union Institute for Economic Research, Stockholm

Discussant: Thorvald Moe, Norwegian Ministry of Finance

General discussion

3.30 p.m. Session Four - Towards more and better jobs: need there be trade-offs?

Presenter: Raymond Torres, OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs

Discussants: Andrew Watt, European Trade Union Institute; Bob Kyloh, International Labour Organisation

5.00 p.m. Session Five - Concluding Round Table – the way forward

John Martin, OECD Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs; Joe Grice, UK Treasury and Chair of OECD Working Party on Macroeconomic and Structural Policy Analysis (WP1); John Evans, TUAC-OECD

5.30 p.m. Closure of Meeting