Program
Conference "The Swiss Debt Brake - Ten Years on"
November 1-2, 2012

Thursday, November 1, 2012

12.15-13.45 Apéro and lunch

13.45-14.15 Opening remarks, Dirk Niepelt, Study Center Gerzensee and University of Berne
Welcome address, H.E. Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf, President of the Swiss Confederation

14.15-15.15 Session 1, European Fiscal Union: A vision for the long run, Philip Gerson, IMF
Chair: Christoph Schaltegger
Presentation 40'
Discussion 20'

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16.15-16.45 Coffee Break

16.45-17.45 Session 3, Beyond the Fiscal Compact: How Well-Designed Euro-bonds May Discipline Governments, Jakob de Haan, De Nederlandsche Bank and University of Groningen
Chair: Dirk Niepelt
Presentation 40'
Discussion 20'

17.45-18.45 Panel 1, Joakim Sonnegård, Swedish Fiscal Policy Council, Hansjörg Blöchliger, OECD; Guido Tabellini, Bocconi; Chair: Dirk Niepelt

19.00 Dinner
Friday, November 2, 2012

08.30-09.30  Session 4, Swedish Fiscal Policy Council and intermediate fiscal policy targets (in particular in relation to fiscal sustainability), Torben Andersen, University of Aarhus and Swedish Fiscal Policy Council
Chair: Fritz Zurbrügg
Presentation 40'
Discussion 20'

09.30-10.30  Session 5, The Development of Independent Fiscal Institutions: Lessons from CBO, Barry Anderson, National Governors Association
Chair: Fritz Zurbrügg
Presentation 40'
Discussion 20'

10.30-11.00  Coffee Break

11.00-11.45  Session 6, The Swiss Debt Brake - has it been a success?, Tobias Beljean, Swiss Federal Finance Administration
Chair: Fritz Zurbrügg
Presentation 35'
Discussion 10'

11.45-12.30  Session 7, Fiscal institutions at the cantonal level in Switzerland, Gebhard Kirchgässner, University of St. Gallen
Chair: Fritz Zurbrügg
Presentation 35'
Discussion 10'

12.30-14.00  Lunch

14.00-14.45  Session 8, Fiscal institutions: the Case of Austria, Bernhard Felde rer, Staatsschuldennausschuss, Wien
Chair: Christoph Schaltegger
Presentation 35'
Discussion 10'

14.45-15.30  Session 9, Fiscal institutions in Germany, Lars Feld; Walter Eucken Institut and University of Freiburg; Christian Kastrop, German Ministry of Finance
Chair: Christoph Schaltegger
Presentation 35'
Discussion 10'

15.40-16.30  Panel 2, George Kopits, Wilson Center, Washington, Jan-Egbert Sturm, ETH (KOF), Zürich, Peter Siegenthaler, Chair: Christoph Schaltegger

16.30  Closing remarks
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