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## Midpoint Events

**Policy Debate**  
Thursday, 29 November

**Research Conference**  
Friday, 30 November

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## Programmes

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**Policy Debate**  
Thursday, 29 November 2007  
Europasaal, Auswärtiges Amt, Berlin

- 15:00** Coffee and Registration
- 15:30** Welcome  
Ministerialdirektor Martin Kobler, Abteilungsleiter  
Kultur und Kommunikation, Auswärtiges Amt  
Chair – Prof. Dr. Heik Afheldt  
Prof. Dr. Carl Christian von Weizsäcker  
H.E. The British Ambassador, Sir Michael Arthur
- 16:00** Speech  
Staatssekretär Matthias Machnig,  
Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und  
Reaktorsicherheit:  
*Ein „New Deal“ für Wirtschafts-, Umwelt- und  
Beschäftigungspolitik*
- 16:30** Panel Discussion  
**Reconciling the Demands of Growth,  
Environmental and Social Sustainability**  
Chaired by Prof. Dr. Heik Afheldt  
Professor Jochen Clasen, University of Edinburgh  
Professor Paul Ekins, Policy Studies Institute,  
London  
Professor Tobias Kretschmer, Ludwig-Maximilians-  
Universität München and CEP London  
Professor David Soskice, Nuffield College, Oxford
- 18:00-20:00** Reception

Please note that there is no admission to the Auswärtiges Amt without registration and passport.

Languages  
Policy Debate: English and German (simultaneous translation)  
Research Conference: English

9:00 am **Welcome and Introduction**  
Sir Tony Atkinson – Nuffield College, Oxford &  
Chairman, AGF Academic Advisory Board

9:30–11:30 **SESSION I**

9:30 **Energy Demand, Efficiency and Elasticities**  
Ralf Martin, CEP & Imperial College London:  
*Energy Efficiency of US Subsidiaries in the UK*  
Paolo Agnolucci, PSI London: *The Energy Demand  
in the British and German Industrial Sectors:  
The Role of Heterogeneity and Common Factors*

10:20 **Comments**  
Paul Ekins, PSI London  
Ulrich Oberndorfer, ZEW Mannheim  
Nils-Axel Braathen, OECD

10:40 **Discussion**

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 13:00 **SESSION II**

**Cross Country Productivity and Resources**  
Stefan Giljum, SERI Vienna: *Global dimensions  
of European Natural Resource Use*  
Christos Genakos, CEP London and Cambridge:  
*Management Practices Across Europe, US and  
Asia*

12:20 **Comments**  
Bernd Meyer, GWS Osnabrück  
Birgit Aschhoff / Georg Licht, ZEW Mannheim  
Wolfgang Kopf, Deutsche Telekom

12:40 **Discussion**

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Buffet**

**PARALLEL STRANDS**

**Families, Companies, Love and Taxes**  
Martin Seeleib-Kaiser, University of Oxford:  
*Family Policies in Britain and Germany: Innovative  
Ways of Coping with Old and New Challenges?*  
Kai Konrad, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin:  
*Love and Taxes*

**Comments**  
Horst Entorf, Universität Darmstadt  
Sigrid Leitner, Universität Göttingen  
Ray Rees, Ludwigs-Maximilians-Universität München

**Discussion**

**PARALLEL STRANDS**

**Social Inequality. A Life-Cycle Perspective**  
Traute Meyer / Paul Bridgen, University of  
Southampton: *Multipillarism Compared –  
Assessing the Impact on Employees of Pension  
System Change in Britain and Germany.*  
Patrick Puhani, Universität Hannover:  
*How Persistent Is the Age At School Entry Effect  
in a System of Flexible Tracking?*

**Comments**  
Melanie Arntz, ZEW Mannheim  
Jochen Clasen, University of Edinburgh  
John Hills, LSE London

**Discussion**

**14:00–15:30 SESSION III**

- STRAND 1** **Explaining Productivity and Growth in Europe, America and Asia**  
Irene Bertschek, ZEW Mannheim: *Do Older Workers Obstruct IT-Enabled Productivity? Firm-Level Evidence from Germany*  
Mirko Draca, CEP London: *Trade Induced Technical Change? China, Trade and Technology Adoption in Europe and the US*  
Tobias Kretschmer, LMU München & CEP London: *Intra-firm Network Effects in the Enterprise Software Industry*
- STRAND 2** **Resource Productivity, Environmental Tax Reform and Sustainable Growth in Europe**  
Stefan Speck, SERI Vienna: *Differences in ETR between CEEC and GERIUK*  
Petr Sauer / Jaroslav Klusak, University of Economics, Prague: *ETR in the Czech Republic – Results of Qualitative Research*
- STRAND 3** **The Economics and Politics of Employment, Migration and Social Justice**  
David Soskice, Nuffield College, Oxford / Bob Hancké, LSE London: *Labour Markets, Political Institutions and Economic Performance*
- STRAND 4** **Sustainable Welfare and Sustainable Growth – The Future of the Welfare State Consensus**  
Steffen Mau, Universität Bremen: *Ethnic Diversity and Welfare State Solidarity in Europe*

**15:30** Coffee Break

**REGISTRATION**

Please register for our Berlin Midpoint events online at <http://www.agf.org.uk/register> by **25 October 2007**. After this date, places can no longer be guaranteed.

The **csge-Policy Debate** on Thursday, 29 November 2007 will take place at Auswärtiges Amt Berlin.

The **csge-Research Conference** on Friday, 30 November 2007 will take place at Hotel Alexander Plaza, Berlin.

If you have further questions, please contact us via email [register@agf.org.uk](mailto:register@agf.org.uk) or phone +44 (0)20 7823 1123 (Ext. 2).

**16:00–17:30 SESSION IV**

- STRAND 1** **Explaining Productivity and Growth in Europe, America and Asia**  
Chiara Criscuolo, CEP London: *The Effect of Industrial Policy on Corporate Performance: Evidence from Panel Data*  
Raffaella Sadun, CEP London: *Trust and Delegation*  
Bettina Peters, ZEW Mannheim: *Does Innovation Success Breed Innovation Success?*
- STRAND 2** **Resource Productivity, Environmental Tax Reform and Sustainable Growth in Europe**  
Terry Barker / Sudhir Junankar, Cambridge Econometrics & Bernd Meyer / Christian Lutz, GWS Osnabrück: *Modelling Environmental Tax Reform in the PETRE project*  
Andy Venn / Paul Ekins: *Economic Growth, the Environment and Well-Being*
- STRAND 3** **The Economics and Politics of Employment, Migration and Social Justice**  
Sandra McNally, CEP London: *Educational Effects of Widening Access to the Academic Track – A Natural Experiment*
- STRAND 4** **Sustainable Welfare and Sustainable Growth – Towards a New Social Settlement in Germany and the United Kingdom?**  
*Open Discussion on the Programme*

**17.30–18.30 SESSION V (Plenary)**

**Bridging Policy and Research  
Final Comments of the AGF Academic Advisory Board**

Chaired by Sir Tony Atkinson, Nuffield College, Oxford

Roland Clift, Professor of Environmental Technology, University of Surrey

Wendy Carlin, Professor of Economics, UCL London

Chiara Saraceno, Professor of Sociology, WZB, L'Università di Torino

**20:00**

**Conference Dinner**

After Dinner Speech by H.E. The British Ambassador, Sir Michael Arthur