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Fabio Panetta and Fabrizio Saccomanni at Banking Union

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April 20, 2016 - Lorenzo Bini Smaghi: Riforme o declino? La sfida della secular stagnation all'Europa

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### OPPORTUNITIES

**Visiting Fellowships**

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**P. Esposito & M. Messori: Improved Structural Competitiveness or Deep Recession?**

One of the main problems facing the European Monetary Union is the macroeconomic imbalances between 'core' and 'peripheral' member states. Though they predated the union’s creation, these problems were highlighted between 1999 and the advent of the international financial crisis. One significant indicator of these imbalances is the often divergent trade and current account disequilibria of these two groups of countries. With the events of 2007-08 and the subsequent ‘flight to quality’ of financial capital, the current account deficits of...
‘peripheral’ member states became unbearable. Continue Reading

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Merkel's management of the Euro crisis actually hinged on the architecture of non-political institutions, with financial markets acting as an enforcer of fiscal discipline and the German Constitutional Court defining terms that Berlin exploited when negotiating with its partners. Continue Reading

IN THE PRESS

March 30, 2016 – Il Sole 24 Ore published an editorial by SEP Senior Fellow Carlo Bastasin, in which he discusses Fed Chair Janet Yellen’s speech in New York and her cautious approach toward a US rate hike.

March 24, 2016 – Rai Radio 2 aired an interview with SEP Scientific Council member Stefano Manzocchi, in which he discusses the need to invest in joint European security.

March 23, 2016 – Rai Radio 3 aired an interview of SEP Scientific Council member Stefano Manzocchi, in which he discusses the economic consequences of the terrorist attacks in Brussels.

March 22, 2016 – Handelsblatt published an editorial by SEP Senior Fellow Lorenzo Bini Smaghi, in which he discusses the German reaction to the ECB’s monetary policy decision.

March 20, 2016 – Il Sole 24 Ore published an editorial by SEP Senior Fellow Carlo Bastasin, in which he discusses the need for clarity over the future of the European Union.

March 20, 2016 – Corriere della Sera published an interview by SEP Director Marcello Messori, in which he discusses how European Institutions can take advantage of the European Central Bank’s expansive monetary policy.

March 16, 2016 – Corriere della Sera published an article quoting SEP Senior Fellow Gianni Toniolo, in which he juxtaposes the economic turmoil of the 1930s with the current one.
**March 15, 2016** – *AffarIntemazionali* published an editorial by SEP Senior Fellow Fabrizio Saccomanni, in which he discusses the document released by the Italian government regarding a shared European strategy for growth, employment, and stability.

**March 13, 2016** – *Il Sole 24 Ore* published an editorial by SEP Senior Fellow Carlo Bastasin, in which he discusses deflation and the European Central Bank's expansive monetary policy.

**March 11, 2016** – *CNBC Class* aired an interview with SEP Researcher Paolo Canofari, in which he discusses the growth outlook in Italy.

**March 11, 2016** – *The European Systemic Risk board (ESRB)* of the European Commission published a report co-authored by SEP Senior Fellow Daniel Gros, in which he discusses the systemic risks associated with transitioning to a low carbon economy.

March 10, 2016 – *BBC Business Live* interviewed SEP Senior Fellow Lorenzo Codogno regarding the upcoming decision of the ECB governing council.

**March 9, 2016** – *Corriere della Sera* published an editorial by SEP Director Marcello Messori, in which he discusses instruments for economic growth.

**March 8, 2016** – *TGCOM 24* aired an interview with SEP researcher Paolo Canfoari, in which he discusses ways to improve Italy’s debt-to-GDP ratio.

March 7, 2016 – *Sky TG 24* interviewed SEP Senior Fellow Lorenzo Codogno regarding the global outlook, Italy’s fiscal situation, and the European Central Bank.

**March 5, 2016** – *Pagina 99* published an editorial by SEP Scientific Council member Francesco Saraceno, in which he discusses the G20 summit.

**March 4, 2016** – *Il Sole 24 Ore* published an editorial by SEP Scientific Council member Gianni Toniolo, in which he discusses the UK’s June referendum and the possible Brexit.

**March 3, 2016** – *The Financial Times* blog published an editorial by SEP Senior Fellow Lorenzo Bini Smaghi, in which he discusses the waning effect of the ECB’s quantitative easing.

**March 3, 2016** – *La Repubblica* published an article honoring the death of economist Marcello De Cecco, who had served on SEP’s Scientific Committee since its inception.

**March 3, 2016** – *Rai Radio 1* aired an interview with SEP Scientific Council member Gianni Toniolo, in which he discusses Italy’s public debt.

**March 2, 2016** – *TG5* aired an interview with SEP Scientific Council member, Minister of Economy and Finance Pier Carlo Padoan, in
which he discusses the most recent data on the Italian economy.

**March 1, 2016** – *La Repubblica* published an interview with SEP Senior Fellow **Fabrizio Saccomanni**, in which he discusses the need for investment.

**February 29, 2016** – *Rai Radio 1* aired an interview with SEP Scientific Council member **Stefano Manzocchi**, in which he discusses the potential aftermath of a Brexit.

**February 27, 2016** – *L’Unità* published an interview with SEP Senior Fellow **Jean-Paul Fitoussi**, in which he argues that French PM François Hollande could take a page out of Renzi’s playbook, at least when it comes to labor market reform.

**February 3, 2016** – *Istituto Affari Internazionali* (IAI) published a working paper by SEP Senior Fellow **Gian Luigi Tosato**, in which he discusses ways to improve productivity, job creation, and social fairness in the European Monetary Union (EMU).