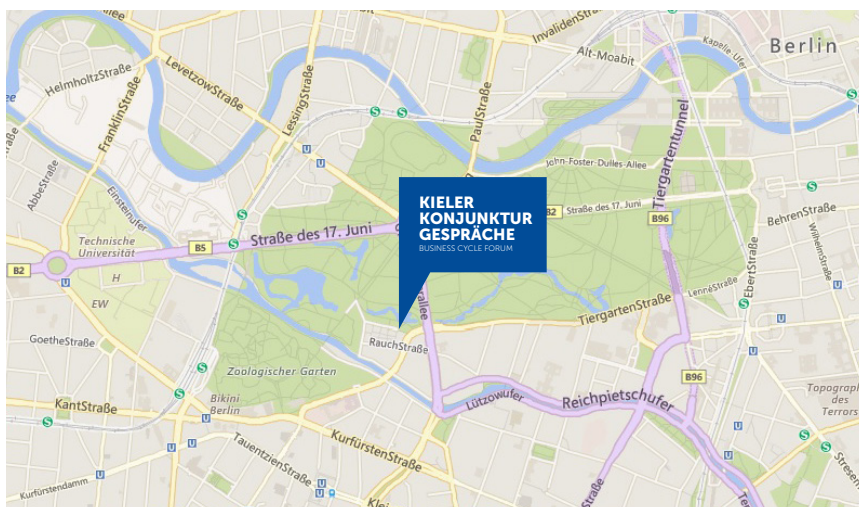


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The French President Emmanuel Macron has vowed to push through reforms of the European Union and the Euro area. However, there is still large disagreement on the appropriate steps forward or even on the direction of reforms. Do we need a joint Euro area budget to share macroeconomic risks, or would this rather create bad incentives and permanent one-sided transfers between countries? Should national fiscal and economic policies be coordinated more closely, or should we rely on competition, market discipline and subsidiarity? Should fiscal rules and centralized policies be enforced more strictly on national governments? Moreover, as the years of crisis urged governments to install a rescue mechanism, to intensify macro surveillance and to further regulate the financial system, it remains unclear if these measures are sufficient to prevent future crises – and if not, what else is needed? The 98th KKG puts a special focus on European economic integration and the search for appropriate steps to foster macroeconomic stability in the European Union and in the Euro area.



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### MONDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2018

- 14:00 to 14:30 **Welcoming addresses and introduction**  
Per Thöresson, Swedish Ambassador to Germany  
Stefan Kooths, Head of Forecasting Center, Kiel Institute for the World Economy
- 14:30 to 15:15 **Keynote: A renewed strategy for the Euro area**  
Agnès Bénassy-Quéré, Paris School of Economics
- 15:15 to 16:00 **Keynote: Reforming the European Union: More, less, or a better Europe?**  
Jürgen Stark, Former ECB Chief Economist and Executive Board Member, Frankfurt
- 16:00 to 16:30 **Panel discussion / Plenary debate**
- Coffee break
- 17:00 to 17:30 **Global economic outlook**  
Klaus-Jürgen Gern, Forecasting Center, Kiel Institute for the World Economy
- 17:30 to 18:15 **Trade war impact on China's economy**  
Max J. Zenglein, Chief Economist, Mercator Institute for China Studies, Berlin
- 18:15 to 19:00 **United States: Economic outlook**  
Adolfo Laurenti, Chief Economist VISA, London
- 19:00 to 20:45 Dinner buffet

### TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2018

- 09:00 to 09:30 **Euro area: Economic outlook**  
Ulrich Stolzenburg, Forecasting Center, Kiel Institute for the World Economy
- 09:30 to 10:15 **United Kingdom: Economic outlook**  
Garry Young, Director of Macroeconomic Forecasting, National Institute of Economic and Social Research, London
- 10:15 to 11:00 **France economic outlook: National realities, European dream**  
Charles-Henri Colombier, Director of Macroeconomic Analysis, Coe-Rexcode, Paris
- Coffee break
- 11:30 to 12:15 **Economic outlook for Germany**  
Nils Jannsen, Forecasting Center, Kiel Institute for the World Economy
- 12:15 to 13:00 **Keynote: The Changing Fortunes of Economic Integration**  
Fredrik Erixon, Director, European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE), Brussels
- 13:00 to 14:00 Lunch buffet