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Programme organized by Claus Thustrup Kreiner and Peter Birch Sørensen

8.30-8.55: Arrival and coffee

8.55-9.00: Welcome address

Session: Public Policy and Labour Market Performance

9.00-9.45: **The Internationalisation of Public Welfare Policy.** Professor *Alan Duncan*, University of Nottingham and Institute for Fiscal Studies, London.

9.45-10.00: Discussion

10.00-10.15: Coffee

10.15-11.00: **The Institutional Determinants of Early Retirement in Europe.**

Dr. *Justina A.V. Fischer*, Stockholm School of Economics and University of St. Gallen.

11.00-11.15: Discussion

11.15-11.30: Coffee

11.30-12.15: **Does Active Labour Market Policy Work?** Professor *Jan van Ours*,
Tilburg University

12.15-12.30: Discussion

12.30-13.30: Lunch

Session: Economic Growth in a Globalizing Economy

13.30-14.15: **Explaining Differences in Income and Growth Across Countries.**
Professor *Francesco Caselli*, London School of Economics and CEPR

14.15-14.30: Discussion

14.30-14.45: Coffee

14.45-15.30: **The Chinese Growth Miracle: Background, Current Problems and
Future Prospects.** Professor *Arne Jon Isachsen*, Norwegian School of Management

15.30-15.45: Discussion

15.45-16.00: Coffee

16.00-16.45: **Explaining the Irish Growth Miracle: What Can Other Countries
Learn?** Professor *Frank Barry*, Trinity College, Dublin

16.45-17.00: Discussion

17.00: Closing remarks

19.00: Dinner for conference speakers

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8.30-8.55: Ankomst og kaffe

8.55-9.00: Velkomst

9.00-9.45: **2015-planen.** *Mads Kieler*, Finansministeriet

9.45-10.00: Kommentar af *Carl-Johan Dalgaard*, CEBR, EPRU, Københavns
Universitet

10.00-10.15: Kaffe

10.15-11.00: **Hvordan opnås de politiske målsætninger på miljø- og
energiområdet mest effektivt?** *Jens Holger Helbo Hansen*, Skatteministeriet

11.00-11.15: Kommentar af *Eirik Schrøder Amundsen*, Københavns Universitet

11.15-11.30: Kaffe

11.30-12.15: **Hvad bestemmer fremtidens lønninger?** *Niels Lynggård Hansen* og *Peter Storgaard*, Nationalbanken

12.15-12.30: Kommentar af *Henrik Hansen*, Københavns Universitet

12.30-13.30: Frokost

13.30-14.15: **Livsindkomster og uddannelse i Danmark.** *Julie Sonne*, Økonomi- og Erhvervsministeriet

14.15-14.30: Kommentar af *Jan V. Hansen*, Forsikring & Pension

14.30-14.45: Kaffe

14.45-15.30: **Udviklingen i sygedagpenge – hvor meget kan forklares med ændringer i andre ydelser og beskæftigelsen?** *Thomas Mølsted Jørgensen*, Arbejdsdirektoratet, Beskæftigelsesministeriet

15.30-15.45: Kommentar af *Martin Ljunge*, EPRU, Københavns Universitet

15.45-16.00: Kaffe

16.00-16.45: **Simulering af en enklere kapitalbeskatning i Danmark.** *Kathrine Lange*, Skatteministeriet

16.45-17.00: Kommentar af *Peter Birch Sørensen*, EPRU, Københavns Universitet

17.00: Afrunding

ABOUT THE FOREIGN SPEAKERS

Frank Barry is Senior Lecturer at University College in Dublin and editor of the *Economic and Social Review*. He has held a number of visiting positions at North American and Australian universities and has served as a consultant on economic policy issues for the European Commission and several national governments. He is the Irish co-ordinator of two trans-European research networks on foreign direct investment, and he has been engaged in recent years on research into Irish economic growth and on the economics of transition in Central and Eastern Europe.

Francesco Caselli is Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics and editor of *Economica*. He has previously held positions at the University of Chicago and Harvard University and is a Faculty Research Fellow of the National Bureau of Economic Research as well as Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research. His research has focused on issues of economic growth and technology diffusion, the explanation of cross-country income differences as well as political economy aspects of the growth process.

Alan Duncan is Professor of Microeconometrics and Co-Director of the Centre for Policy Evaluation at the University of Nottingham. He holds a visiting position at the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research and is also a Research Associate at the Institute for Fiscal Studies in London. He has at various times been consultant to the World Bank, the OECD, the Bank of England and the UK Treasury. His research interests include, among other things, welfare program evaluation and the analysis of work incentives. In 2000 he was awarded the Frisch medal of the Econometric Society for the best applied economics article published in *Econometrica* in the last five years.

Justina A.V. Fischer received her Ph.D. degree from the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland. Recently she has carried out research at Stanford University, the London School of Economics and the Stockholm School of Economics, based on a grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation. Her research interests include, among other things, the impact of political institutions on policy outcomes, including labour market outcomes, and the determinants of social capital.

Arne Jon Isachsen received his Ph.D. degree from Stanford University and is currently Professor of International Economics and Director of the Centre for Monetary Economics at the Norwegian School of Management. He has previously served as a Senior Advisor the Norwegian Ministry of Finance and has been a researcher at several institutions, including the Norwegian Central Bank and Statistics Norway. His research fields are Monetary Economics and Banking and International Economics. In recent years he has written a number of articles on the economic and political developments in China.

Jan van Ours is professor of Labor Economics at Tilburg University and editor of *Economic Policy* and *De Economist*. He is a research fellow at the CentER for Economic Research in Tilburg, the Centre for Economic Policy Research in London, the William Davidson Institute in Ann Arbor, and the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn where he was previously a Research Director. In 1996 he was awarded the Hicks-Tinbergen medal of the European Economic Association, and he is a recent President-elect of the Society for Population Economics. His research interests include, among other things, unemployment dynamics, the effects of policy interventions in the labor market, and the labor market effects of immigration.