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**LEADING POLICYMAKERS AND ECONOMISTS TO DISCUSS EUROZONE
INSTABILITY, AUSTERITY AT LEVY ECONOMICS INSTITUTE CONFERENCE IN
ATHENS, GREECE, NOVEMBER 21–22**

ATHENS, GREECE— The **Levy Economics Institute of Bard College** will gather high-level policymakers, distinguished economists, and leading banking and investment professionals at the conference “**Europe at the Crossroads: A Union of Austerity or Growth Convergence?**” in **Athens, Greece**, to explore the ongoing economic crisis in Greece and other eurozone countries. Coorganized by the **Levy Institute** and **Economia Civile**, with support from the **Ford Foundation** and the **Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung**, the conference takes place Friday and Saturday, **November 21 and 22**, at the **Megaron Athens International Conference Centre**, and is free and open to the public.

Invited participants include **Mihai Tănăsescu**, vice president, European Investment Bank; **Panagiotis Liargovas**, director of the budget office, Greek Parliament, and Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration and Policies, University of Peloponnese; **Yannis Dragasakis**, MP (Syriza) and vice president of the Hellenic Parliament; **Peter Bofinger**, member of the German Council of Economic Experts, professor of monetary policy and international economics, University of Würzburg, and research fellow, Centre for Economic Policy Research; **Elga Bartsch**, European chief economist, Morgan Stanley; **Marek Belka**, governor, National Bank of Poland; **Patrick Honohan**, governor, Central Bank of Ireland; **Lubomír Lízal**, member of the board, Czech National Bank; **Heiner Flassbeck**, formerly director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD, and deputy finance minister, Germany; **Nikos Chrysoloras**, Greece and Cyprus bureau chief, Bloomberg News; **Viktoria Dendrinou**, correspondent, *The Wall Street Journal*; **Joanna Kakisis**, correspondent, NPR and PRI, Athens; and **Christina Kopsini**, editor, labor market and employment issues, *Kathimerini*.

The conference will focus on, among other issues, the continuing debate surrounding the eurozone’s systemic instability; proposals for banking union; regulation and supervision of financial institutions; monetary, fiscal, and trade policy in Europe, and the spillover effects for the U.S. and the global economy; the impact of austerity policies on U.S. and European markets; and the sustainability of government deficits and debt. The conference will include presentations by **Dimitri B. Papadimitriou**, president, Levy Institute; **Jan Kregel**, senior

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scholar, Levy Institute, and professor of finance and development, Tallinn University of Technology; **George Argitis**, professor of economics, University of Athens, and scientific director, Institute of Labour, GSEE; **Emilios Avgouleas**, chair, International Banking Law and Finance, University of Edinburgh; **Eckhard Hein**, research associate, Levy Institute, and professor of economics, Berlin School of Economics and Law; **Stuart Holland**, professor, University of Coimbra; **Lex Hoogduin**, professor of complexity and uncertainty, University of Groningen; **Stephen Kinsella**, lecturer in economics, Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick; **Michalis Nikiforos**, research scholar, Levy Institute; **Engelbert Stockhammer**, professor of economics, Kingston University; **Andrea Terzi**, professor of economics, Franklin University Switzerland and Università Cattolica; **Mario Tonveronachi**, professor of financial systems, University of Siena; and **Raymond Torres**, director, research department, International Labour Organization.

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To register to attend the conference, visit
www.levyinstitute.org/conferences/athens2014/registration/index.php. There is no fee.

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