

**Program of the conference on**

**"Reflections on Fiscal Federalism:  
Elaborating the Research Agenda"**

**October 30/31, 2009**

Hosted and organized by the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB).

**Organizers:**

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## Friday, October 30, 2009

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- 12:30 – 13:15 Registration
- 13:15 – 13:30 Conference Opening
- 13:30 – 14:30 **Robert Young**  
*Keynote address “Interesting Directions in Federalism and Fiscal Federalism”*
- 14:30 – 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Friedrich Heinemann**  
“The Political Economy of Corporate Tax Harmonization – Why Do European Politicians (Dis)like Minimum Tax Rates?” (with Steffen Osterloh)  
*Discussant: Benny Geys*
- 16:00 – 17:00 **Christian Leßmann**  
“Aid, Growth, and Devolution” (with Gunther Markwardt)  
*Discussant: Jon Fiva*
- 19:00 Conference dinner

## Saturday, October 31, 2009

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- 10:00 – 11:00 **Thushyanthan Baskaran**  
“Creative Destruction and Fiscal Federalism: A Study of Three Regions”  
(with Lars Feld and Jan Schnellenbach)  
*Discussant: Áron Kiss*
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Jon Fiva**  
“Do Re-election Probabilities Influence Public Investment?”  
(with Gisle James Natvik)  
*Discussant: Friedrich Heinemann*
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Ehtisham Ahmad**  
“Political Economy of Interrelated Fiscal Federalism Reforms”  
*Discussant: Ronnie Schöb*
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Margarita Kalamova**  
“Foreign Direct Investment and Decentralization”  
*Discussant: Thushyanthan Baskara*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30 – 16:30 **Áron Kiss**  
“Minimum Tax in Repeated Tax Competition”  
*Discussant: Maja Adena*
- 16:30 – 17:30 **Ronnie Schöb**  
“Dissatisfied with Life, but Having a Good Day: Time-Use and Well-Being of the Unemployed” (with Andreas Knabe, Steffen Rätzel and Joachim Weimann)  
*Discussant: Robert Young*
- 17:30 – 18:30 Reception and closing of conference

