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## **17<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Alternative Economic Policy in Europe**

### **Provisional Programme**

## **European integration at the crossroads: Deepening or disintegration?**

at the **C3-Center for International Development, Vienna/Austria**

from **16-18 September 2011** organised by the **EuroMemo Group**

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### **Friday afternoon 16 September**

#### Plenary: The State of the Union

- The Political State of the Union. Birgit Mahnkopf (Berlin School of Economics and Law)
- The Economic State of the Union. Ozlem Onaran (Middlesex University, London)

#### Conference Dinner

### **Saturday morning 17 September**

#### **Workshop 1 – Austerity policies**

*Themes: Austerity policies are being imposed in a number of EU member states, most notably in the euro area periphery and in Central and Eastern Europe. This workshop aims to examine developments in specific countries, giving special emphasis to the degradation of social protection systems and of labour market institutions, and the implications for youth unemployment and the organization of old-age security.*

#### **Workshop 2 – The future of the eurozone**

*Themes: Developments of the past year raise the danger of a disintegration of the eurozone. As some members states struggle to deal with rising levels of public and private debt, the EU has promoted new governance measures that look set to exacerbate the situation. Contributions are invited that address macroeconomic imbalances, debt and the banking crisis, monetary policy and the role of the ECB, the European Stability Mechanism, and the Pact for the Euro.*

#### **Workshop 3 – The EU and the world**

*Themes: Developments in neighbouring Mediterranean countries highlight just one of the international challenges faced by the EU. This workshop seeks papers that address the issues of migration, trade policy, EU development policy, as well as, more generally, the role of the EU in global governance, in particular the G20.*

#### **Workshop 4 – Energy, climate change and sustainability, after Fukushima**

*Themes: The crisis in Japan dramatically focused public attention on the pressing urgency for a fundamental change in energy policy. Papers are invited that will address the challenge of developing policies that promote social, economic and environmental sustainability.*

### **Saturday afternoon 17 September**

#### Final plenary on alternative policy proposals

Plenary discussion on key points for a progressive European policy based on draft texts from the workshops

### **Sunday morning 18 September**

#### Business meeting

Organisational issues and preparations for the EuroMemorandum 2011/12

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