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The development of the European Central Bank, Transparency and Accountability - Oliver Gust 2007-01-25
Seminar paper from the year 2005 in the subject Politics - International Politics - Topic: European Union, grade: 2.0, Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg (Political Sience), course: European Institutions, Decisions, Structures, 11 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: For the purpose of the curse this paper will give a brief overview about the historical development of the European Central Bank and the predecessor institutions of the European Monetary Union. Therefore the author will select certain points in the path to the monetary Union in order to give a slight insight in the developments behind this powerful European institution. A short outline of the chapter will also be provided in the beginning of it. After the author has examined the chosen parts of the historical background with the conclusion that the integration process of the European Monetary Union is somehow exemplary for the integration movement in Europe itself, he will go over to the examination of the monetary strategy carried trough by the central bank. Again this investigation will have an
introductionary character which also spears out the claim to be complete in the editing of the subject of matter. This section about the strategy of the central bank will shortly comprehensively explain the two pillar strategy and its advantages for the agents concerned. Followed from a section about transparency and accountability which will be introduced with some opening remarks as well, the paper will conclude with a revision of the applied arguments of the text and drawn upon this a short closing comment to the read paper. The paper will provide the reader with a basic knowledge about the development of the European Central Bank and additionally with some arguments which could be helpful in the discussion of the just mentioned subject.

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A Non-Transparent European Central Bank? Who is to Blame? - Jakob de Haan 2011 Transparency of central banks - defined here as the degree of genuine understanding of the monetary policy process and policy decisions by the public - has become a major issue. The authors use the term disclosure whenever we refer to the activities of a central bank to enhance the public's understanding of its policies. The European Central Bank (ECB) ranks high on our proposed central bank disclosure indicator. Nevertheless, there is quite some evidence suggesting that financial markets do not consider the ECB to be very transparent. The paper zooms in on two issues that may be relevant to understand this paradox: the monetary policy strategy of the ECB and the role of newspapers as intermediary between the central bank and the public. The authors conclude that the two-pillar strategy hinders transparency. Focusing on
articles in the Financial Times and the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, the authors also find that newspaper reports on ECB policy decisions are sometimes biased.

**The Eurosystem**-Otmar Issing 1999 This paper responds to some of the questions raised by Willem Buiter in his article 'Alice in Euroland' (CEPR Policy Paper No. 1) relating to the Eurosystem's approach to transparency and accountability. In his paper Willem Buiter makes a number of specific proposals designed to enhance the ECB's transparency and accountability. In his reply, Issing states that monetary policy-makers, like anybody else, have to filter, process and structure relevant information and interpret it on the basis of a coherent frame of reasoning. This is the purpose of adopting a monetary policy strategy that serves as a guide both for internal decision-making and for external communication with the public. Therefore, he argues, transparency and accountability need to be discussed against the background of the stability-oriented monetary policy strategy that the ECB has actually adopted and not as if it were pursuing some other strategy such as direct inflation targeting.

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innovative new approach on the measurement of central bank transparency to address this question. Content and thematic analysis are used to measure the transparency of central banks from the market participants point of view. This research approach is different from most academic studies that use either the futures market or disclosure (transparency) indexes.

**ECB Credibility and Transparency**-Petra M. Geraats 2008

"This paper argues that ECB credibility in delivering price stability is being progressively eroded; this problem could be overcome by embracing greater transparency especially about the ECB's objectives, macroeconomic forecasts and decision-making. During the ECB's first decade, average inflation in the euro area has been low, but it has failed to meet the ECB's criterion of below but close to 2% over the medium term. Although this could be attributed to unanticipated shocks, the analysis in this paper points to some structural shortcomings. In particular, there has been an upward trend in medium and long term inflation expectations in the euro area, which have even reached over 2%, and the credibility of the ECB achieving price stability in the medium term has gradually eroded to critically low levels. In addition, there is evidence that medium and long term inflation expectations are negatively affected by the inflation experience of the euro area. However, this paper argues that these problems could be overcome embracing by greater transparency, especially about the ECB's objectives, macroeconomic forecasts and decision-making."--

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Europe's new central bank is developing its version of accountability and public debate over monetary policies. It is natural for CEPR, as a network of policy-oriented academic economists, to contribute to the establishment of this institution. Monitoring the European Central Bank (MECB) brings together a group of economists internationally known for their work on macroeconomics and monetary policy. MECB monitors the European economy and the work of the ECB, and offers analyses to the public, including the European Parliament and the media. A full MECB report is published each year, complemented by an update that draws on recent publications of the ECB. This is the sixth MECB report.

The ECB and Monetary Policy - Hugo Zsolt de Sousa 2003

Guarding the Money Guardian - Camila Villard Duran 2019
In the 2008 aftermath, the European Central Bank (ECB) acquired new mandates and policy instruments to assure financial stability. With growing powers, there is a correspondent demand for transparency of its decisions. This research presents an account on how and in which conditions the European Ombudsman has been contributing to improve the ECB governance, particularly the transparency of its decisions. The Ombudsman is an entity...
responsible for investigating complaints about poor administration by institutions and bodies in Europe. This paper argues that the Ombudsman has managed to achieve hard effects, despite its "soft" legal structure. Even though Ombudsman's pronouncements are non-binding (a very different feature if one compares to Courts), through fifteen inquiries involving the Central Bank, this institution has promoted identifiable impacts on expanding the transparency of monetary and financial governance in the eurozone. The Ombudsman tends to adopt distinctive legal reasoning to claim for either a "maximum" or an "optimum" levels of Central Bank transparency. It seems that the recourse to principle-based arguments, opposed to a more formal rule-based reasoning, was the way found by the Ombudsman to push for more transparent governance of the European monetary affairs. Therefore, legal principles have been a driving force to operationalize transparency, creating space to move from optimum to maximum degrees in the transparency spectrum. Nevertheless, in the cases dealing with policies designed to respond to financial crises, a formalistic legal argument combined with an approach of optimum transparency tend to predominate.

Corporate and Institutional Transparency for Economic Growth in Europe - Lars Oxelheim 2006

'Transparency' has in recent years become a buzzword in the economic-political debate about prospects for economic growth in general and for Europe in particular. A number of events, trends, and developments - for example the East-Asian financial crisis, a series of corporate governance
scandals in the United States and in Europe, the introduction of the euro as a common currency in part of the European Union, a global trend toward politically independent central banks, growing attention to environmental issues, and attempts to reform the governance structures of supranational and multilateral organizations such as the EU and the UN - have made transparency an issue of highest concern. However, the long and winding road leading from improved transparency in Europe to increased economic growth in the region has never been mapped out in a coherent way. The reason is simply that the causal chain from transparency to growth needs to be discussed in a comprehensive, interdisciplinary way, incorporating different research areas and traditions - from accounting to economics and political science. This book attempts to bridge that gap in current literature. What is 'transparency'? Are there different kinds of it? What does it do? How much of it do we need, and for what purpose? In this book, the purpose of transparency is assumed ultimately to be higher rates of economic growth, and so the analyses in the different chapters take an 'instrumental' view of transparency, where the relevant question is whether increased transparency leads to more efficient resource allocation. The chapters address transparency in different markets and at different levels: from corporate financial disclosure to lobbying; from the risk incentives facing banks to competition and environmental policies. The book raises important questions and delivers a wealth of insights which will be of great use to a wide spectrum of audiences, including researchers and students on the one hand and policy makers, bureaucrats, and finance and
investment professionals on the other. The Editor Lars Oxelheim holds a chair in International Business and Finance at Lund University, Lund and is an affiliate of the Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IUI), Stockholm and of the Fudan University, Shanghai. His current research focuses on the implications of macroeconomic disturbances for corporate performance and issues related to economic and financial integration. He has published some 25 books and numerous articles in the areas of international business and finance, corporate finance and corporate governance. Among his recent monographs are Money Markets and Politics: A Study of European Financial Integration and Monetary Policy Options (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2003) (with Jens Forssbaeck), European Union and the Race for Foreign Direct Investment in Europe (Oxford: Elsevier, 2004) (co-edited/authored with Pervez Ghauri) and Corporate Performance and the Exposure to Macroeconomic Fluctuations (Stockholm: Norstedts Academic Publishers, 2005) (with Clas Wihlborg).

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The European Central Bank-D. Howarth 2004-12-17
David Howarth and Peter Loedel provide a theoretically inspired account of the creation, design and operation of the
European Central Bank. Issues explored include the theoretical approaches to the ECB, the antecedents of European monetary authority, the different national perspectives on central bank independence, the complex organization of the bank, the issues of accountability and the difficult first years of the ECB in operation.

The Transformation of the European Financial System
Vitor Gaspar 2003-01-01

The ECB's Communication Strategy-Kerstin Bernoth 2020 Given its central role in public accountability and in the formation of expectations, it is important to reflect on ways to improve the ECB’s communication policy. Communication should not generally strive for maximum transparency. The optimum degree of transparency varies between different aspects of monetary policy and banking supervision. Although the ECB already communicates very openly with the public and achieves a very high level of transparency in all aspects, we see room for improvement in its communication strategy in several respects.

Does Central Bank Communication Signal Future Monetary Policy?-Hamza Bennani 2019 We examine the European Central Bank's ad-hoc communication and explore how it informs future monetary policy decisions. Using the rich dataset of the intermeeting verbal communication among the members of the European Central Bank's
Governing Council between 2008 and 2014, we construct a measure of communication assessing its inclination towards easing, tightening or maintaining the monetary policy stance. We find that this measure provides useful additional information about future monetary policy decisions, even when we control for market-based interest rate expectations and lagged decisions. Our results also suggest that, in particular, communication shortly before monetary policy meetings, related to unconventional measures and/or by the ECB President explain the future ECB rate changes well. Overall, these results point to the importance of transparency in understanding the future course of monetary policy.

The European Central Bank between the Financial Crisis and Populisms-Corrado Macchiarelli 2020-08-25 In light of the handover from the European Central Bank President Mario Draghi to Christine Lagarde in November 2019, this book provides an in-depth analysis of the events which unfolded since the euro area sovereign debt crisis in 2010 up until today. The book focuses on the far-reaching implications of the last decade, shedding light on a wide spectrum of political, economic and financial aspects of the European poly-crises and how monetary policy reacted to these challenges. The book places particular emphasis on the tensions that the supranational central bank was subject to during this period, and on their outcomes in terms of the policies, their legitimacy, and their public reception. As such, this book will be relevant not only to understand the political implications of the past crisis but also, and
foremost, in understanding "what is next".

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**Accountability, Transparency and Democracy in the Functioning of Bretton Woods Institutions** - Elena Sciso

2017-07-04 This book investigates the strengths and weaknesses – in terms of transparency and compliance with the democratic principle – of Bretton Woods Institutions, considering the most important innovations from the original framework achieved through the introduction of independent accountability and complaint mechanisms (the Inspection Panel and Independent Evaluation Office), but also due to relevant reforms in the internal governance of the International Monetary Fund and the new financial assistance tools. One of its main focuses is on evaluating the socio-economic impact of conditionality in the countries requiring financial assistance, acknowledging the need to strengthen social protection policies in the adjustment programs. In addition, emphasis is given to the effects of the “constitutionalization” of the Washington Consensus in the European Union, with the establishment of the so-called “Berlin-Brussels-Frankfurt Consensus.”

**European Union** - International Monetary Fund. Monetary and Capital Markets Department 2013-03-15 In recent years, the IMF has released a growing number of reports and other documents covering economic and financial...
developments and trends in member countries. Each report, prepared by a staff team after discussions with government officials, is published at the option of the member country.

The European Banking Union and the Role of Law-
Gianni Lo Schiavo 2019 The European Banking Union and the Role of Law offers a comprehensive and unique examination of the European Banking Union’s (EBU) impact on existing legal disciplines and assesses the role of law in shaping the EBU framework.

Why Adopt Transparency?-Petra M. Geraats 2000

Credibility, Transparency and Asymmetric Information in Monetary Policy-Andrew Hughes Hallett 2001

Transparency, Expectations, and Forecasts-Andrew Bauer 2006

Legal Aspects of the European System of Central Banks-Liber Amicorum 2005 "The book contains a collection of articles on the European Union and the European System of Central Banks (ESCB), the Eurosystem, monetary law, central bank independence and central bank statutes as well as on financial law. The authors are current or former members of the Legal Committee of the ESCB"
Independence and Legitimacy in the Institutional System of the European Union

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2016-02-11

As EU non-majoritarian bodies such as the European Commission, the Court of Justice of the European Union, and the European Central Bank grow in political influence, many have identified the pressing need to keep these bodies accountable to the repositories of the EU's democratic legitimacy. This collection of essays sheds light on the inherent tension between independence and legitimacy in the EU's institutional system and explores the options of reconciling the two. Featuring analysis from both legal and political perspectives, the volume assesses whether, to what extent, and how it is possible to control the various EU independent bodies and make them answerable for what they do, while at the same time upholding their independence.

Monetary Economics

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This fully revised second edition of Bain and Howells' Monetary Economics provides an up-to-date examination of monetary policy as it is practised and the theory underlying it. The authors link the conduct of monetary policy to the IS/PC/MR

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model and extend this further through the addition of a simple model of the banking sector. They demonstrate why monetary policy is central to the management of a modern economy, showing how it might have lasting effects on real variables, and look at how the current economic crisis has weakened the ability of policymakers to influence aggregate demand through the structure of interest rates. The second edition: features a realistic account of the conduct of monetary policy when the money supply is endogenous provides a detailed and up-to-date account of the conduct of monetary policy and links this explicitly to a framework for teaching macroeconomics includes recent changes in money market operations and an examination of the problems posed for monetary policy by the recent financial crisis Monetary Economics is an ideal core textbook for advanced undergraduate modules in monetary economics and monetary theory and policy.

The ECB—David K. H. Begg 1998

Transparency, Expectations, and Forecasts—Andrew Bauer 2008-06 A central bank’s transparency about its objectives, economic outlook, & policy changes may affect the public’s views about future economic & financial conditions. In keeping with this theory, since 1994 the Fed. Open Market Comm. has gradually increased the transparency of its statements accompanying changes in the fed. funds rate target. This article investigates whether private agents’ ability to predict the economy’s direction
has improved since 1994. The analysis focuses on forecasts of macroeconomic variables such as inflation, gross domestic product growth, and unemployment & policy variables such as short-term interest rates. There is little evidence that transparent monetary policy enhances the public's ability to predict business cycles. Tables.

**Institutional Challenges in the European Union**
Madeleine O. Hosli 2012-10-12 The European Union (EU) is a continuously evolving entity. Starting with six member states in the late 1950s, the EU currently encompasses fifteen states of Western Europe. It is expected to almost double in size in the near future, however, taking in a number of states located in Central and Eastern Europe, in addition to Cyprus and Malta. This dramatic increase has lead to an intensive debate on how the institutions of the EU should be adapted in order to cope with this growth. This book addresses the challenges that EU enlargement and institutional change imply for various policy fields, such as EU trade policy, agriculture and monetary policy in the framework of European economic and monetary union. It will be of interest to economists and political scientists seeking an up-to-date overview of institutional challenges facing the European Union.

**Technocracy and the Law**-Alessandra Arcuri 2021-05-27 Technocratic law and governance is under fire. Not only populist movements have challenged experts. NGOs, public intellectuals and some academics have also criticized the
too close relation between experts and power. While the amount of power gained by experts may be contested, it is unlikely and arguably undesirable that experts will cease to play an influential role in contemporary regulatory regimes. This book focuses on whether and how experts involved in policymaking can and should be held accountable. The book, divided into four parts, combines theoretical analysis with a wide variety of case studies expounding the challenges of holding experts accountable in a multilevel setting. Part I offers new perspectives on accountability of experts, including a critical comparison between accountability and a virtue-ethical framework for experts, a reconceptualization of accountability through the rule of law prism and a discussion of different ways to operationalize expert accountability. Parts I–IV, organized around in-depth case studies, shed light on the accountability of experts in three high-profile areas for technocratic governance in a European and global context: economic and financial governance, environmental/health and safety governance, and the governance of digitization and data protection. By offering fresh insights into the manifold aspects of technocratic decisionmaking and suggesting new avenues for rethinking expert accountability within multilevel governance, this book will be of great value not only to students and scholars in international and EU law, political science, public administration, science and technology studies but also to professionals working within EU institutions and international organizations.
2010-09-16 Coming at a critical juncture for the euro, the book takes stock of the ECB's experience during its first ten years and discusses the way ahead. The articles are written by well-known experts in the field and provide the reader with a comprehensive overview of relevant policy issues, including the ECB’s communication and its monetary strategy and instruments.

The Role of Central Banks in Financial Stability
Douglas Darrell Evanoff 2014 The two most topical issues in current financial markets deal with the causes of the recent financial crisis and the means to prevent future crises. This book addresses the latter and stresses a major shift in most countries toward a better understanding of financial stability and how it can be achieved. In particular, the papers in this volume examine the recent change in emphasis at central banks with regard to financial stability. For example: What were the cross-country differences in emphasis on financial stability in the past Did these differences appear to affect the extent of the adverse impact of the financial crisis on individual countries What are perceived to be the major future threats to financial stability These and related issues are discussed in the book by well-known experts in the field OCo some of the best minds in the world pursuing financial stability. Following the global financial crisis, significant reforms have been initiated in many countries to address financial stability more directly, frequently focusing on macroprudential policy frameworks in which central banks play a more active role."
Ifo Survey Data in Business Cycle and Monetary Policy Analysis-Jan-Egbert Sturm 2006-03-30 A pilot flying to a distant city needs to check his position, flight path and weather conditions, and must constantly keep his plane under control to land safely. The Ifosurvey data provide advance information on changing economic weather conditions and help keep the economy under control. To be sure, by their very nature they only provide short-term information. But like a plane, the economy will not be able to reach its long-term goals if it strays off course in the short term. The Ifo survey data provide the most comprehensive and accurate, to-date database in Europe on the state of the business cycle, and the Ifo climate indicator, sometimes simply called “The Ifo”, is the most frequently cited indicator of its kind in Europe. Both the European stock market and the euro react to our indicator. Ifo’s methodology for determining the business climate indicator has been exported to more than 50 countries, most recently to Turkey and China. The Ifo people were proud to have been asked to help set up polling systems in these countries. It is said that the Chinese government relies more on their “Ifo indicator” than on their official accounting statistics.

The European Central Bank as a Sustainability Role Model-Harald Bolsinger 2020-10-22 This book examines selected actions and investments of the European Central Bank (ECB) from a climate and sustainability standpoint. Shedding new light on the topic from various angles –
ethical, philosophical, political, economical and legal – it situates sustainability mainstreaming in the finance and investment field at all levels. The former ECB President Mario Draghi once said that he considered sustainable development and an intact environment to be human rights, and therefore enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. The acting ECB President Christine Lagarde added that the future path for the climate is uncertain, but it would remain within our power to influence it. However, with all that in mind the ECB’s policy of buying assets as securities is often questionable. This volume analyzes these actions in connection with sustainability, and puts forward practical recommendations for improving the ECB’s investment strategy on its way creating a sustainable financial market.

**OECD Economic Outlook, Volume 1998**-OECD
1998-12-18 The OECD Economic Outlook analyses the major trends in the OECD area that will mark the next two years. This issue's special features cover today's downside risks for the world economy, the crisis in the emerging markets, recent stock market developments, and helping the long-term poor.

**The Rule of Law in Monetary Affairs**-Thomas Cottier
2014-08-29 The global financial crisis and subsequent sovereign debt crisis in Europe demonstrated that the relationship between law and economics in the design of the monetary system must be revisited. International monetary affairs are usually conducted via domestic monetary policies
which are formulated by independent central banks and informed mainly by economics, without much room being left to substantive law. Based on the 2012 World Trade Forum, this volume brings together leading scholars, practitioners and policy makers in international economic law in order to examine the potential of law and legal methodology to contribute to international monetary stability. It explores the links between and lessons to be learnt from existing international investment and trading systems and studies some specific policy issues which have a direct impact on monetary affairs, such as exchange rate policy, sovereign debt, taxation, competitiveness, trade imbalances, austerity programmes and human rights.

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