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Following two decades of increasing world economic integration, the growth in world trade has slowed down substantially in recent years. Also, in most regions, GDP growth falls short of the pre-crisis dynamism while monetary and fiscal macro-management tools hit limits of sustainability. In this environment, increasing reservations against conventional free trade policies have contributed to recent pivotal political developments such as Britain's decision to leave the EU and the new political agenda in the United States. These developments give support to political trends towards protectionism in many countries, and threaten to undermine the world trade system. At the same time, the global marketplace sees significant shifts towards advancing players who will reshape the policy agenda. At the same time, landmark elections in important European countries may imply new perspectives for the future of the European Union and the Euro Area in particular.



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MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2017

- 14:00 to 14:30 **Welcoming addresses and introduction**
Pietro Benassi, Italian Ambassador to Germany
Stefan Kooths, Head of Forecasting Center, Kiel Institute for the World Economy
- 14:30 to 15:15 **Keynote 1: Challenges for globalization and free trade**
Robert B. Koopmann, Chief Economist, World Trade Organization, Geneva
- 15:15 to 16:00 **Keynote 2: The role of open markets for Italian industry as a Global Player**
Luca Paolazzi, Chief Economist, Confindustria
- Coffee break
- 16:30 to 17:15 **China's role in the global marketplace**
Björn Conrad, Vice President Research, Mercator Institute for China Studies, Berlin
- 17:15 to 18:00 **US: Economic outlook under new trade and industrial policies**
Adolfo Laurenti, Global Economic Strategist, J. Safra Sarasin, Zurich
- 18:00 to 18:45 **Panel discussion**
Moderated by Henrik Müller, Institut für Journalistik, University of Dortmund
- 18:45 to 20:45 Dinner buffet

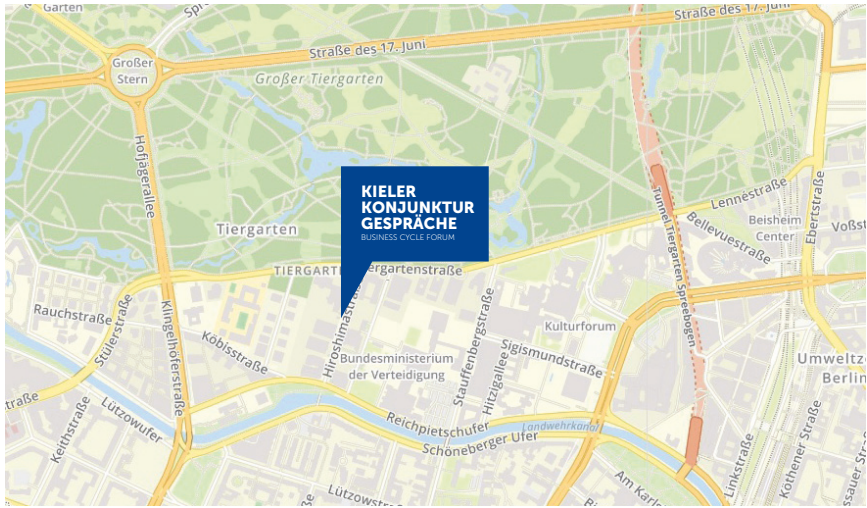
TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2017

- 09:00 to 09:30 **Global economic outlook**
Klaus-Jürgen Gern, Forecasting Center, Kiel Institute for the World Economy
- 09:30 to 10:15 **The short-term and long-run impact of Brexit on the UK economy**
Amit Kara, Head of UK Macroeconomic Forecasting, National Institute of Economic and Social Research, tbc
- Coffee break
- 11:00 to 11:45 **Italy: Recent economic developments and outlook**
Stefano Siviero, Head of Monetary Policy and Economy, Banca d'Italia
- 11:45 to 12:30 **France: New president, new policies, new performance?**
Charles-Henri Colombier, Director of Macroeconomic Analysis, Coe-Rexecode, Paris
- 12:30 to 13:15 **Economic outlook for Germany**
Nils Jannsen, Forecasting Center, Kiel Institute for the World Economy
- 13:15 to 13:45 Lunch buffet
- Keynote: Conclusions**
Yoram Gutgeld, Senior Economic Advisor at the Italian Prime Minister's Office and Government High Commissioner for the Spending Review, tbc

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