Thursday, September 1

9-9.15 Opening remarks:

Tao Zhang, Deputy Managing Director, IMF
Karim El Aynaoui, Managing Director, OCP Policy Center

Session 1: Does Growth Create Jobs? Global and Regional Evidence

Chair: Prakash Loungani (IMF)

9.15-10.30 Laurence Ball (Johns Hopkins University)

Does One Law Fit All?
Okun’s Law in Advanced & Developing Economies

Tayeb Ghazi (OCP Policy Center)

Okun’s Law: Unfit for Low-Income Countries?

Nathalie Gonzalez-Prieto (IMF)

What Lies Beneath? Okun’s Law in U.S. States

10.30-10.45 Coffee break

10.45-12 Discussants: Willi Semmler (New School for Social Research)
Ekkehard Ernst (ILO)
Francois Facchini (University of Paris 1)
Mai Dao (IMF)
Session 2: Jobs and Growth: The Role of Policies and Institutions

Chair: Marc Uzan (Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee)

2-3 Haje Schutte and Karen Wilson (OECD)
*The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as Business Opportunities*

Aurelio Parisotto (ILO)
*Decent Work for All: Parsing Goal 8 of the SDGs*

3-3.15 Coffee break

3.15-4 Romain Duval (IMF)
*Can Reform Waves Turn the Tide? Some Case Studies Using the Synthetic Control Method*

Discussant: Nauro Campos (Brunel University)

4-4.45 Sebastian Weber (ECB)
*Reassessing the Role of Labor Market Institutions for the Business Cycle*

Discussant: Mai Dao (IMF)

4.45-5.30 Giovanni Melina (IMF)
*Sectoral Labor Mobility and Optimal Monetary Policy*

Discussant: Manasa Patnam, CREST-ENSAE
Friday, September 2

Session 3: Labor Flows: Mobility, Migration, Displacement

Chair: Nauro Campos (Brunel University)

9-9.45 Amine Ouazad (Ecole Polytechnique)
*Job Displacement and Crime: Evidence from Danish Micro Data*

Discussant: Ahmed Tritah (Universite du Maine)

9.45-10.45 Alessandro Turrini (European Commission)
*Labor Mobility and Labor Market Adjustment in the EU*

Anda David (AFD)
*Migration and Employment Interactions in a Crisis Context: The Case of Tunisia*

10.45-11 Coffee break

11-11.30 Discussants: Davide Furceri (IMF)
Nawal Zaaj (Council of Scientific Research, Morocco)

11.30-12.15 Martin Kahanec, Central European University
*Free Movement of Workers within the EU*

12.15-1.30 Lunch

Session 4: Economic Policy Priorities and Prospects for the EU

Chair: Jean-Bernard Chatelain (Paris School of Economics)

1.30-2 Rodolphe Blavy (IMF, Europe Office)
*An Overview of Developments and Policy Debates*

2-2.30 Francesco Saraceno (OFCE-Sciences Po)
*An Assessment of EU Fiscal Policy*
2.30-3.15  Panel:  Alessandro Turrini (European Commission)
Willi Semmler (New School for Social Research)
Nauro Campos (Brunel University)

3.15-3.30  Coffee break

**Session 5: The Design of Labor Market Policies and Institutions**

Chair: Ahmed Tritah (Universite du Maine)

*Active Labor Market Policies*

3.30-4.30: Bruno Crepon (ENSAE-CREST)
Active Labor Market Policies: A Review

Veronica Escudero (ILO)
Cross-Country Evidence on Active Labor Market Policies

*Minimum Wages, Unemployment Insurance and Employment Protection Legislation*

4.30-5.15: Sabina Dewan (JustJobs Network)
Ekkehard Ernst (ILO)
Romain Duval (IMF)

**Summing-up**

5.15-5.30  Laurence Ball (Johns Hopkins University)