
PRESS RELEASE

Robert Steher nominated new Scientific Director of wiiw

Yesterday the Board of wiiw has nominated unanimously Robert Steher as new Scientific Director of wiiw as of July 1st 2016

Robert Steher's expertise covers a broad area of economic research, ranging from issues of international integration, trade and technological development to labour markets and applied econometrics. His recent work focused on the analysis and effects of internationalisation of production and value added trade on economic performance and labour markets. He has published in leading journals in these fields and has been working on numerous projects funded by European Research Framework Programmes as well as for international and national clients, such as the European Commission, the Joint Research Council, the European Central Bank and OECD.

Robert Steher studied economics at the Johannes Kepler University of Linz, Austria and sociology at the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) in Vienna. He received his doctorate in 2002 and his habilitation in 2007 from Johannes Kepler University, where he was research assistant from 1995 to 1997. From 1997 he worked as a researcher at wiiw and became Deputy Scientific Director in 2007. He is lecturer in macro- and microeconomics and international trade.

wiiw President Hannes Swoboda comments on the choice of the board: 'I'm happy that with Robert Steher we could appoint an internationally connected co-researcher as the new Scientific Director. He will ensure that the existing research priorities will be deepened but that new ones will also be added. It is of importance to maintain the high scientific quality as well as the Institute's ability to provide policy recommendations on current economic developments to policy-makers.'

Michael Landesmann, the current **Scientific Director** who will continue to be affiliated with the institute, offers his congratulations: 'Robert Steher has been extremely productive in terms of scientific publications over the past years, he has been intensively involved in large international research projects which have received strong recognition at the European and international level. He has been instrumental in developing the international reputation of the institute over the past decade and is an excellent choice to move the institute's research agenda forward and further widen the institute's contribution to the European policy debate.'

The decision of the wiiw Board was based upon the suggestion of a selection committee, consisting of national and international experts. The decision was unanimous.

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