
PRESS RELEASE

wiiw ranked No. 5 of the world's top international economics think tanks

The latest 'Global Go To Think Tank Index' places wiiw at the very top of the world's think tanks in the category of 'International Economics' (see attachment).

During the last years, wiiw climbed from rank 17 in 2012 to 14 in 2013 to 12 in 2014 – and has reached its **highest position in the latest ranking as No. 5.**

wiiw Scientific Director, Michael Landesmann, comments on the nomination: *'We are, of course, very proud and pleased that wiiw has had such a strong showing in this year's ranking. It is a sign of the high recognition our work receives on the international stage. We also see this as a challenge to continue to provide high-quality research that is recognised by the academic and policy community as well as to expand our activities into new areas.'*

The **'Global Go To Think Tank Index Report'** is the result of an **international survey** by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP). The survey ranks more than 6,600 of the world's leading think tanks in a variety of categories. This is achieved with the help of a panel of over 1,900 peer institutions and experts from academia, policy-makers, public and private donor institutions and media around the world.

The quality and commitment of the think tank's management, the reputation of its staff and research produced, its academic reputation as well as the think tank's reputation with policy-makers are among the **key selection criteria**. It is also the demonstrated commitment to produce independent research and analysis that is taken into account in the ranking process.

The Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the University of Pennsylvania conducts research on the role policy institutes play in governments and civil societies around the world. Often referred to as the 'think tanks' think tank', TTCSP examines the evolving role and character of public policy research organisations. It aims to bridge the gap between knowledge and policy in critical policy areas and thereby also to improve policy-making and to strengthen democratic institutions and civil societies around the world.

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