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Guntram Wolff is the Director of Bruegel. His research focuses on the European economy and governance, on fiscal and monetary policy and global finance. He regularly testifies to the European Finance Ministers' ECOFIN meeting, the European Parliament, the German Parliament (Bundestag) and the French Parliament (Assemblée Nationale). From 2012-16, he was a member of the French prime minister's Conseil d'Analyse Economique. He is a board member of the international advisory council of the ULB's Solvay Brussels School. He joined Bruegel from the European Commission, where he worked on the macroeconomics of the euro area and the reform of euro area governance. Prior to joining the Commission, he was coordinating the research team on fiscal policy at Deutsche Bundesbank. He also worked as an adviser to the International Monetary Fund. He holds a PhD from the University of Bonn, studied economics in Bonn, Toulouse, Pittsburgh and Passau and previously taught economics at the University of Pittsburgh and at Université libre de Bruxelles. He has published numerous papers in leading academic journals. Guntram is fluent in German, English, French and has good notions of Bulgarian and Spanish. His columns and policy work are published and cited in leading international media such as the Financial Times, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Caixin, Nikkei, El Pais, La Stampa, FAZ, Handelsblatt, Les Echos, BBC, ZDF, and others.

Professional Experience

2013 – now	Director, Bruegel, Brussels, Belgium
2011 – 2013	Deputy Director, Bruegel, Brussels, Belgium <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputize the Director in the management of Bruegel with a staff of around 30 people, around 45 members and budget of €4million.• Coordinate research of Bruegel• Research on European and global macroeconomics and governance
2008 – 2011	Expert, Unit "Economy of the Euro Area and EMU", Directorate General Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports to Eurogroup and Ecofin, in particular on broader macroeconomic and competitiveness surveillance• Reports to Herman van Rompuy Task Force on governance reform• Analyses, briefings and speeches for President, Commissioner and senior management: competitiveness surveillance, euro area in the global economy, G20, sovereign debt crisis, crisis response
2004 –2008	Economist, Fiscal Policy Division and Economic Research Centre, Deutsche Bundesbank, Frankfurt, Germany <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitoring of public finance developments in Germany and EU• Coordinator and researcher of research group "fiscal policy"
2000 –2004	Research fellow, Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI), University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany
2002,5, 6	Visiting researcher and lecturer, University of Pittsburgh, USA
1995-2002	Internships at the European Central Bank (ECB), Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), the Hermes Kreditversicherungs-AG, Hanns-Seidl Stiftung (Rabat)

Education

Ph.D. in Economics	University of Bonn, Germany, August 2004 (German "Dr. rer. pol.")
M.A. in Economics	University of Bonn, April 2000 (German "Diplom")
Graduate Studies	University of Toulouse, France, 1997 – 1998
B.A. in Economics	University of Passau, Germany, 1997 (German "Vordiplom")
B.A. in Philosophy	University of Passau, 1997 (German "Zwischenprüfung")
High school diploma	Gymnasium am Ostring, Bochum, Germany, 1994 (German "Abitur")
Exchange student	Bryan High School, Texas, USA, 1991-92

RefereeActivity

European Economic Review; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Money, Credit and Banking; Journal of Macroeconomics; Public Choice; European Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Financial Stability; Research Policy and others

Languages

German, English, French, Spanish, Bulgarian

Publications in Journals

- "Explaining the Evolving Role of National Parliaments under the European Semester", *Journal of European Public Policy*, forthcoming, (with Mark Hallerberg and Benedicita Marzinotto).
- "Capital Markets Union: a vision for the long term", *Journal of Financial Regulation*, 2016, previous version: Bruegel Policy Contribution, presented to informal ECOFIN, 2015/05 (with Nicolas Véron).
- "Where is Europe going? The macroeconomic challenges of the next 5 years", *Economia Italiana*, 2014(3), (with Zsolt Darvas).
- "Ending uncertainty: recapitalization of banks supervised by the SSM", *Credit and Capital Markets*, 47(2), pp 241-264, 2014, (with Silvia Merler).
- "Rules and risk in the euro area", *European Journal of Political Economy*, 34, pp 222-236, 2014, (with Anna Iara).
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- "Corporate balance sheet adjustment: stylized facts, causes and consequences", *Review of Economics*, vol. 64, pp 1-21, 2013 (with Eric Ruscher).
- "Should non-euro area countries join the single supervisory mechanism?", *Danube: Law and Economics Review*, vol. 4(2), pp 141-163, 2013 (with Zsolt Darvas).
- "The euro area crisis and policy lessons", *The International Spectator: Italian Journal of International Affairs*, vol 47(4), 2012 (with Chiara Angeloni and Silvia Merler).
- "Money demand in the euro area: new insights from disaggregated data", *International Economics and Economic Policy*, 2012, (with Ralph Setzer).
- "Identifying discretionary fiscal policy reactions with real time data", *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, 43(6), 1271-1285, 2011, (with Ulf von Kalckreuth).
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van den Noord).

- "The macroeconomic effects of exogenous fiscal policy shocks in Germany: a disaggregated SVAR analysis", *Journal of Economics and Statistics (Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik)* 230(3), 328-355, 2010, (with Kirsten Heppke-Falk and Jörn Tenhofen).
- "The German sub-national government bond market: structure, determinants of yield spreads and Berlin's forgone bail-out", *Journal of Economics and Statistics (Jahrbücher für Nationalökonomie und Statistik)* 229(1), 61-83, 2009, (with Alexander Schulz).
- "Fiscal institutions, fiscal policy and sovereign risk premia in EMU", *Public Choice* 136(3), 379-396, 2008, (with Mark Hallerberg).
- "The effectiveness of subsidies revisited: accounting for wage and employment effects in business R&D", *Research Policy* 37, 1403-1412, 2008, (with Volker Reinthaler).
- "Fool the markets? Creative accounting, fiscal transparency and sovereign risk premia", *Scottish Journal of Political Economy* 55(4), 465-87, 2008, (with Kerstin Bernoth).
- "Moral hazard and bail-out in fiscal federations: Evidence for the German Länder", *Kyklos* 61(3), 425-446, 2008, (with Kirsten Heppke-Falk).
- "Fiscal crises in U.S. cities: structural and non-structural causes", *ICFAI Journal of Public Finance* VI (1), February 2008.
- "Foreign direct investment in the enlarged EU: do taxes matter and to what extent?", *Open Economies Review* 18(3), 327-46, 2007.
- "What do deficits tell us about debt? Empirical evidence on creative accounting with fiscal rules in the EU", *Journal of Banking and Finance* 30 (12), 3259-3279, 2006, (with Jürgen von Hagen).
- "Measuring tax burdens in Europe", *Swiss Review of International Economic Relations (Aussenwirtschaft)* 3/2006, 299-328, 2006.
- "A compromise estimate of German Net National Product 1851-1913 and its implications for growth and business cycles", *Journal of Economic History* 65 (3), September, 613-657 2005, (with Carsten Burhop).
- "Data and method choice and their relevance for business cycle history", (German with English summary), *Vierteljahrschrift für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte* 91, 141-154 2004, (with Carsten Burhop).

Books

- "An anatomy of inclusive growth in Europe", Bruegel Blueprint XXVI, 2016, (with Zsolt Darvas).
- "Japan and the EU in the global economy", Bruegel Blueprint XXII, 2014, edited with Masahiko Yoshii.
- "EU-IMF assistance to euro area countries: an early assessment", Bruegel Blueprint, XIX, 2013/1 (with Jean Pisani-Ferry and André Sapir).
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- "Resolving the European Debt Crisis" Peterson Institute for International Economics Special Report 21, edited by William R. Cline and Guntram B. Wolff, March 2012, ISBN paper 978-0-88132-642-0
- "An evaluation of IMF surveillance of the euro area", Bruegel Blueprint Volume XIV, 31 October 2011 (with Jean Pisani-Ferry and André Sapir).

Policy Briefs, Reports, Working Papers and Chapters in Books

- “The global decline in the labour income share: is capital the answer to Germany’s current account surplus?”, Bruegel Policy Contribution 2017/12 (with Bennet Berger).
- “Europe’s role in North Africa: development, investment and migration”, Bruegel Policy Contribution 2017/10 (with Uri Dadush, Maria Demertzis).
- “Europe in a new world order”, Bruegel Policy Brief 2017/2 (with Maria Demertzis and André Sapir).
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- “The effectiveness of the European Central Banks Asset Purchase Programme”, Bruegel Policy Contribution, 2016/10 (with Maria Demertzis).
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- “One market, two monies: the European Union and the United Kingdom”, Bruegel Policy Brief, 2016/01 (with André Sapir).
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- “European climate finance: securing the best return” Bruegel Policy Brief, 2015/03 (with Georg Zachmann. prepared for ECOFIN Council meeting of ministers
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- “The ECB’s OMT Programme and German constitutional concerns”, August 2013, in: Brookings, Think Tank 20, The G20 and central Banks in the new world of unconventional monetary policy.
- Testimony on the Single Supervisory Mechanism for the Bundestag Financial Committee (in German), May 31 2013.
- “From supervision to resolution: next steps on the road to banking union”, Bruegel Policy Contribution 2013/4, PIIE Policy Brief 13-5, briefing for European Parliament (with Nicolas Véron).
- “Europe’s growth problem (and what to do about it), Bruegel Policy Brief 2013/03, prepared for the informal ECOFIN Meeting in Dublin, April 2013 (with Zsolt Darvas and Jean Pisani-Ferry).
- “Options for a Euro area fiscal capacity”, Bruegel Policy Contribution 2013/1, based on briefing for European Parliament (with Jean Pisani-Ferry and Erkki Vihriälä).
- “A budget for Europe’s monetary union”, Bruegel Policy Contribution 2012/22
- Testimony to Bundestag Budget Committee on the German implementation of the fiscal compact (in German), 16 November 2012.

- "On the effectiveness and legitimacy of EU economic policies", Bruegel Policy Brief 2012/04 (with Mark Hallerberg and Benedicta Marzinotto).
- "An assessment of the European Semester", Report to the European Parliament, 1 October 2012 (with Mark Hallerberg and Benedicta Marzinotto).
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- "Is recent bank stress really driven by the sovereign debt crisis?", Bruegel Policy Contribution 12/2011
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- "Changing of the guard - Challenges ahead for the new ECB president", Bruegel Policy Contribution 10/2011, September 2011, briefing prepared for the monetary dialogue of the European Parliament.
- "An action plan for Europe's leaders", Bruegel Policy Contribution 09/2011, August 2011 (with Benedicta Marzinotto and Jean Pisani-Ferry).
- "The Euro area's macroeconomic balancing act", Bruegel Policy Contribution 05/2011, May 2011
- "Global imbalances" in: "Economic crisis in Europe: causes, consequences and responses" by Paul van den Noord and Istvan P. Szekely (eds.), Barnes and Nobel, 2011, (with Eric Ruscher).
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- "Anatomy of current account surpluses in the euro area" in: Quarterly Report on the Euro Area, European Commission, DG ECFIN, Brussels, Vol. 9(1), 2010.
- "Global current-account imbalances and implications for the euro area" in: Quarterly Report on the Euro Area, European Commission, DG ECFIN, Brussels, Vol. 8(3), 2009, (with Mauro Giorgio-Marrano).
- "External rebalancing is not just an exporters' story: real exchange rates, the non-tradable sector and the euro", European Economy – Economic Paper 375, 2009, (with Eric Ruscher).
- "Sovereign bond market integration: the euro, trading platforms and financial crises", 2009, older version: Deutsche Bundesbank DP 12-2008, European Economy – Economic Paper 332, (with Alexander Schulz).
- "Competitiveness developments in the euro area", in: Quarterly Report on the Euro Area, European Commission, DG ECFIN, Brussels, Vol. 8(1), 2009, (with Narcissa Balta and Alessandro Turrini).
- "Bank lending and transmission to the real economy", in: Quarterly Report on the Euro Area, European Commission, DG ECFIN, Brussels, Vol. 7(4), 2008, (with Georges Tournemire).
- "A European Economic Recovery Plan", in: Quarterly Report on the Euro Area, European Commission, DG ECFIN, Brussels, Vol. 7(4), 2008.
- "The German sub-national government bond market: evolution, yield and liquidity", Deutsche Bundesbank DP 6-2008, (with Alexander Schulz).
- "Schuldenanstieg und Haftungsausschluss im deutschen Föderalstaat: Zur Rolle des Moral Hazard", Institute for Monetary and Financial Stability, working paper 14, 2008.
- "Does anticipation of government spending matter? The role of (non-)defense spending", Bonn ECON DP 12/2010, older version: Deutsche Bundesbank DP 14-2007, (with Jörn Tenhofen).
- "Discussion of 'European productivity gaps: is R&D the solution?'" , in: "Competitiveness and growth in Europe: lessons and policy implications for the Lisbon strategy", S. Mundschenk, M. Stierle, U. Stierle - von Schütz and I. Traistaru (eds.), Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, UK, 2006.
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- "Adjustment capability of regional labour markets", report to the European Commission, 2003, (with Thiess Büttner, Vera Gacs, Peter Huber, Anna Iara, and Iulia Traistaru).
- "East Germany: Transition with unification, experiments and experiences", ZEI WP B19-2002 (with Jürgen von Hagen and Rolf R. Strauch).
- "Evaluación del impacto de la ley 290 sobre el presupuesto de 1999 y los efectos de la ley a mediano plazo" (Evaluation of the impact of the law 290 on the budget of 1999 and its medium term impact), internal report to Inter-American Development Bank, Managua, Nicaragua, 50 pages, 1998.

Teaching

- European Economic Integration, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Fall 2012, 24 hours

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- The Economics of the European Union, University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2006, 18 hours.
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