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How will economic governance in the European Union change in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic? The EU has marshalled a robust economic response to the crisis, including powerful fiscal and monetary policy tools, such as the Commission's Recovery Fund and the ECB's Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme (PEPP). The pandemic response is already reshaping the EU's Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), and its structures of economic governance, and are likely to necessitate some adjustments to the EU's constitutional architecture.

However, the EU's pandemic response is still subject to political and legal challenges. The Recovery Fund has been jeopardized by some Member States' objections to the introduction of a rule of law conditionality mechanism into the EU's spending plans. This mechanism is a powerful tool for the protection of the fundamental values of the EU as well as the integrity of its budget. Meanwhile, the legality of PEPP may be disputed by the German Constitutional Court, as prefigured in the *Weiss* case, which could lead to conflict with the European Court of Justice regarding the primacy of EU law. This raises the question of what kind of judicial review the ECB should be subject to.

This multiplier event will provide a forum for members of the Jean Monnet Network BRIDGE to present new, cutting-edge academic research on these important and timely questions, and to debate such questions jointly with distinguished scholars, policy-makers and practitioners from across Europe.

15:00 - 17:00 CET Keynote speaker: Philip Lane (Member of the European Central Bank Executive Board)

Panel

Chair: Chiara Zilioli (European Central Bank)

Stefania Baroncelli (*University of Bolzano/Bozen*) & Annelieke Mooij (*Dublin City University*)

Federico Fabbrini (Dublin City University, Brexit Institute)

Oliver Glück (GSK Stockmann Luxembourg)

Johannes Lindner (European Central Bank)

Renata Uitz (Central European University)

Armin von Bogdandy (Max Planck Institute Heidelberg)