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Few issues have become so contentious as the merits of fiscal contractions to put the economy back to growth. For some, fiscal adjustments have positive effects on output and employment. For others, the benefits of fiscal consolidation are far from being automatic and its effect on economic growth may even be unlikely. The roundtable brings together political scientists and sociologists to shed light on such controversial debate and its current application in the economic policy mix in most advanced economies.

Roundtable participants:

**CORNEL BAN**, Boston University

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**ERIK JONES**, Johns Hopkins University - SAIS

**BRIGID LAFFAN**, European University Institute

**MATTHIAS MATTHIJS**, Johns Hopkins University - SAIS

**VIVIEN SCHMIDT**, Boston University

Chair:

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Concluding remarks:

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