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Moderator

Sophie Pedder
Paris bureau chief, The Economist

Sophie Pedder is The Economist’s Paris Bureau Chief, responsible for the paper’s political and economic coverage of France. Her new book, “Revolution Française: Emmanuel Macron and the Quest to Reinvent a Nation”, was published in June 2018 by Bloomsbury. She joined The Economist in 1990 in London, covered the end of apartheid during a posting to Johannesburg in the mid-1990s, and subsequently served as the paper’s deputy Europe Editor and then global media editor. Posted to Paris in 2003, she is the author of “Le déni français”, published by JC Lattès (2012). In 2006 she won the David Watt prize for journalism. Sophie Pedder holds a first-class degree from Oxford University and an MA from the University of Chicago, where she was a post-graduate Fulbright Scholar. Before joining The Economist she was a researcher for William Julius Wilson on the University of Chicago’s Urban Family Life and Poverty Project.

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Panel 1: The new OECD Jobs Strategy: What is in it for you?

Olivier Blanchard
C. Fred Bergsten Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics
A citizen of France, Olivier Blanchard is a macroeconomist who has spent his professional life in the U.S. He first taught at Harvard, then at MIT, where he was chairman of the economics department from 1998 to 2003. From 2008 to 2015, he was on leave as the chief economist of the IMF. He is now the Fred Bergsten Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute in Washington. He also remains Robert M. Solow Professor of Economics emeritus at MIT. He is the author of many books and articles, including two textbooks in macroeconomics, one at the graduate level, and one at the undergraduate level. He is a fellow and past council member of the Econometric Society, president-elect of the American Economic Association, and a member of the American Academy of Sciences.

Barbara Kauffmann
Director, Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
Barbara Kauffmann is director for employment and social governance in the Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. Her current responsibilities include analysis and coordination of employment and social aspects of the European semester, social dialogue, as well as Greece and Cyprus (notably support by the European Social Fund). She studied economics at the University of Heidelberg and the University of Florida (Ph.D.). After working for four years in Germany (Kiel Institute of World Economics and Ministry of Finance), Barbara Kauffmann joined the Commission (Directorate-General Economic and Financial Affairs) in 1991, where she was in charge of economic and financial aspects of several non-EU and EU member states and coordinated country surveillance (fiscal and European semester) activities for EU Member States before joining her current Directorate-General in October 2015.

Pierre Habbard
Secretary-General, Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC)
Pierre Habbard is General Secretary to the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC) since December 2017. Prior to that he was a Senior Policy Advisor at the TUAC – covering responsible investment, tax, finance, pensions, corporate governance, financial regulation and public governance – and had held this position since 2003. He has served on the board of directors of Oxfam France and on the Stakeholder Council of the Global Reporting Initiative. He is a French national who graduated from the Université Paris IX Dauphine and the London School of Economics and Political Science.
Russel Mills
Secretary-General, Business and Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC)

Russel Mills is the new Secretary General of Business at OECD. Most of his career has been spent in market development, technology exploitation and global business management. He also has experience in consolidating acquisitions, setting up new businesses and managing Joint Ventures. Russel worked in the chemical industry and related manufacturing sectors for 4 decades. Regular job moves to the USA, UK, the Netherlands, and on several occasions to Belgium and Switzerland, coupled with diverse global responsibilities have given him the opportunity of direct on the ground experience in many sectors. He has worked in governmental policy for over 15 years; prior job assignments included the Global Business Director role for the Cargill Dow bio-polymers joint venture, a secondment to the European chemical industry association, and leading the development of technology cooperation and government Public Private Partnership strategies for Dow. He is a physics graduate of Oxford University.

Stefano Scarpetta
Director, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Stefano Scarpetta is Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the OECD since 2013. As director of ELS, he is responsible for the design and the implementation of the medium-term strategy of the Organisation on labour market and social policy issues as well as international migration and health issues. He represents the OECD in High-Level fora and academic conferences; liaise with key senior stakeholders and provide effective communication with the media. As a member of the Senior Management team of the Organisation, he also contributes to support and advance the strategic orientations of the OECD. Previously, he held several positions in the Economics Department and in his current Directorate. From 2002 to 2006 he also worked at the World Bank, where he took over the responsibility of labour market advisor and lead economist. He has published extensively in academic journals, edited several books. Mr. Scarpetta holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociales (EHESS), Département et Laboratoire d’Economie Théorique Appliquée (DELTa) in Paris and a Master of Science in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Eglė Radišauskienė
Vice-Minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania

Vice-Minister of Social Security and Labour Eglė Radišauskienė is responsible for labour law, employment, work environment, social insurance and pensions’ issues. She is currently the Chair of the Tripartite Council of the Republic of Lithuania. She completed her Bachelor degree in English Language and Literature and obtained two Master's degrees in Law with a Focus on Labour, Civil, Penal, Administrative and International Law from Vytautas Magnus University. Before becoming Vice–Minister in 2016, she was Director of the Labour Department. Vice-Minister Radišauskienė was head of the project for creation and consolidation of the new Lithuanian Social Model which aims to increase the competitiveness of the labour market.
Panel 2: Implementing the new OECD Jobs Strategy: Recent country experiences and implications for further reform

Introductory remarks

Laurence Boone
Chief Economist, OECD

Laurence Boone is the OECD Chief Economist and G20 Finance Deputy. Previously, she was Chief Economist at AXA Group. She was on the board of Kering and remains a member of the Strategic committee of Agence France Trésor. She is a member of the Cercle des Economistes as well as of SDA Bocconi. Prior to this, she was Special Advisor to the President of the French Republic; Chief Economist and MD at Bank of America Merrill Lynch; MD and Chief Economist, Barclays Capital; Economist, OECD; Economist, CEPII, France and Quantitative Analyst, Merrill Lynch Asset Management.

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Magdalena Valerio Cordero
Minister of Labour, Migration, and Social Security, Spain

Magdalena Valerio Cordero is Minister of Labour, Migration and Social Security of Spain since June 2018. She is also a member of the Federal Executive Committee of the Spanish Socialist Party, known by her strong feminist and social commitment. Minister Valerio holds a degree in Law from the Complutense University (Madrid). In her political career, she accumulates a significant experience at both regional and national level. At national level, she served as member of the Spanish Parliament (2011-2016), where she was appointed deputy spokesperson of the Socialist Parliamentary Group and was part of different commissions. At regional level, she was member of the regional parliament of Castilla-La Mancha (2007-2010), being the Head of the Department of Labour and Employment in the regional Government (2005-2007). In addition to her political career, she is a proud civil servant specialized in social policies, having performed different positions, at the National Institute of Social Services and the Elderly and at the National Health Institute.

Effie Achtsioglou
Minister of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity, Greece

Effie Achtsioglou is Minister of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity since November 5 th 2016. She is a lawyer and holds a PhD in European Labour Law and a Master’s degree in Public Law and Political Science. Effie Achtsioglou has been Head of the Minister’s Cabinet, at the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity and she was the Ministry’s chief negotiator in charge of the negotiations of the Greek Government with the Institutions (EC, ECB, IMF, ESM) on labour market and social security issues. She was also a member of the Management Board of the Greek Public Employment Service and member of the Greek Supreme Labour Council. She has been Head of the Alternate Minister’s Cabinet, at the Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction (2015) and Accredited Parliamentary Assistant at the European Parliament (2014). She has also been Assistant to the Department of Civil Law, Civil Procedural Law and Labour Law at the Faculty of Law in Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece (2009-2013) and research associate at the Greek Centre of International and European Economic Law (2009). She has given numerous lectures on employment relations and she publishes regularly in Greek and European legal reviews.

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Nicolás Monckeberg

Minister of Labour and Social Security, Chile

Mr. Monckeberg holds a Law Degree from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. He also earned a Master’s Degree in Liberal Arts from Harvard University Extension School. He was elected to represent the Biobío Region in 2002 and, since 2010, he has been the Deputy of Cerro Navia, Quinta Normal and Lo Prado, in the Metropolitan Region. In 2012 Mr. Monckeberg was elected Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies. In 2004 he was selected as one of the top 100 Young Global Leaders by the World Economic Forum. He is the author of three books, two of which have marked social content.

Joël Lightbound

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Canada

Mr. Lightbound has served as a Canadian Parliamentary Secretary since 2017, and is currently Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance. He has also been a Member of Parliament since October 2015 for the riding of Louis-Hébert and was previously the Vice-Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics. Mr. Lightbound is a lawyer by training and a member of the Quebec Bar Association. He began his career with the Montréal firm Fasken Martineau DuMoulin before continuing on to practice immigration law in the Quebec City area. Mr. Lightbound earned his Bachelor’s degrees in Civil Law and Common Law from McGill University, and represented the school in the Laskin National Moot Court Competition. He is currently pursuing his Master’s degree in Information Technology Law, specializing in Internet privacy.

Miguel Cabrita

Secretary of State of Employment, Portugal

Born in Lisbon, September 5, 1976. Sociologist and university lecturer at ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon, where he has taught since 2001 at the School of Sociology and Public Policy. Lecturer on courses such as State and Public Policy, Social Policy and Contemporary Sociological Theories. PhD thesis research on personal decisions about having children. He has also participated in several research projects and publications in different fields of sociology and public policy, namely: social policy, labour market, reconciling work and family life, employment and fertility. He served as policy adviser at the Cabinets of the Secretary of State for Employment and Training and Minister of Labour and Solidarity (from 2000 to 2002) and the Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity (2005-2009), where he took over the coordination of the EU Portuguese Presidency (2nd semester 2007) for the Employment and Social Affairs field. President of the Municipal Assembly of Odívaras, elected in 2013. Member of the Socialist Party National Commission. Secretary of State for Employment of the XXIst Constitutional Government of Portugal since November 26, 2015.
Claudio Cominardi
Undersecretary for Labour and Social Policies, Italy

Claudio Cominardi is member of the Italian Government, Undersecretary for Labour and Social Policies since 13th June 2018. Deputy of the italian Parliament since 2013, he was member of the Labour Commission until March 2018. Tabled a resolution on technological unemployment in 2014. He is the promoter of the first predictive, crossdisciplinary research (so called “Lavoro 2025”) to analyze changes and evolution of work in Italy in the next decade.

Gert-Jan Buitendijk
Director-General, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, Netherlands

Since May 2017 Mr. Buitendijk is Director-General for Employment at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment. He is responsible for policy in the areas of employment, labour conditions, labour law, pensions, occupational safety and health, childcare, macro-economics and international affairs. After graduating in 1992 from the Erasmus University of Rotterdam Mr. Buitendijk worked several years for the university. In 1995 he started his career in the capital of Dutch government The Hague as a policy advisor at the Ministry of Finance, where he successively worked for the Inspectorate for the Budget, the department of Finances Public Bodies and the interdepartmental department for Reduction Administrative Burden. In June 2006 he started as financial director at the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations. In 2009 he became Director Public Administration and Democracy. A year later he became Director-General for Governance and Kingdom Relations. From the beginning of 2016 until April 2017 he was at the same ministry Director-General for Governance and Housing. From 1998 until 2006 Mr. Buitendijk combined his work in The Hague with a political function as alderman in the Dutch municipality of Strijen.