



**Seminar:**

**Debates on the Spanish State of Autonomies (II) – Current and future challenges  
The system of fiscal decentralization in Spain – Deficits and reform options**

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**Location**

SH Villa Gadea Resort + Thalasso  
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## PROGRAMME

### Thursday, 3 October

08.00 pm      Drinks and Reception

08.30 pm      Dinner

### Friday, 4 October

09.30 am      Welcome

**Thomas B. Stehling**, Director of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung for Spain and Portugal

**José Tudela**, General Secretary, Fundación Manuel Giménez Abad

10.00 am      ***Session I: The reform of the Spanish fiscal system – reasons and objectives***

Introduction:      **Antonio Beteta**, Secretary of State for Public Administration, Ministry of Finance and Public Administration

Panel:              **Prof. Julio López Laborda**, Professor of Public Economy, University of Zaragoza

**José Montilla**, Senator and former President of the Generalitat of Catalonia

**Ricardo Martínez Rico**, President & CEO Equipo Económico, Former State Secretary for Budget

12.00pm      Coffee Break

Open forum

02.00 pm      Lunch

**03.30 pm**      ***Session II: The current German fiscal system – deficits and potential reforms***

Introduction:      **Prof. Georg Milbradt**, former Minister-President of the Free State of Saxony, Chairman of Forum of Federations

Panel:              **Prof. Gebhard Kirchgässner**, Swiss Institute for International Economics and Applied Economic Research (SIAW), University of St. Gallen

**Máximo Buch**, Minister for Economy, Industry, Tourism and Employment of Valencia

**Juan Ignacio Romero Sánchez**, Director General for Coordination of Competencies with the Autonomous Regions and Local Entities

Open forum

**06.00 pm**      ***The reform of fiscal decentralisation systems in other countries - an international comparison***

**Prof. Arthur Benz**, University of Darmstadt

**09.00 pm**      **Dinner**

**Saturday 5 October**

**09.00 am**      ***Session III: Towards a European fiscal union – consequences for the national fiscal systems***

Introduction:      **Prof. Werner Weidenfeld**, Center for Applied Policy Research (C-A-P), University of Munich

Panel:              **Mario Garcés Sanagustín**, Undersecretary, Ministry of Public Works

**Prof. Andrés Báez**, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid

**Prof. Ángel de la Fuente**, Institute for Economic Analysis (CSIC), Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona

**Miguel Marín**, Director for Economy and Public Policy, FAES

**Jesús Rodríguez Márquez**, Director of Research Department, Instituto de Estudios Fiscales (IEF)

10.45 am Coffee Break

11.00 am ***Session IV: How to move on in Spain – concepts and ideas of the political parties***

**Ignacio Sánchez Amor** (PSOE)

**Manel Plana Farran** (CiU)

**Gabriel Elorriaga Pisarik** (PP)

**Ramón Marcos** (UPyD)

**Antoni Picó** (CiU)

**Itziar Agirre** (PNV)

**Alfredo Boné** (PAR)

01.30 pm Lunch