



Christoph M. Schmidt

German economist, president of the RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research and chairman of the German Council of Economic Experts

Prof. Dr. Christoph M. Schmidt, born in 1962, studied economics at the University of Mannheim, Germany, where he received his degree as Diplom-Volkswirt in 1987, at Princeton University, where he received his M.A. in 1989 and his Ph.D. in 1991, and at the University of Munich, where he received the degree of Dr. rer. pol. habil. in 1995.

Christoph's biography

Christoph M. Schmidt's positions held

- President of RWI and professor at Ruhr-Universität Bochum.
- Chairman and Member of the German Council of Economic Experts.
- Member of the Enquete-Commission "Wachstum, Wohlstand, Lebensqualität" ("Growth, Welfare, Quality of Live") of the German Bundestag.
- Member of acatech – Deutsche Akademie der Technikwissenschaften.
- Chairperson of the board of trustees of the Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance in Munich.
- Member of the advisory scientific council of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation.
- Member of the OECD International Network on Financial Education (INFE) Research Committee.

From 1995 to 2002 Prof. Schmidt taught econometrics and labour [economics](#) as a Full Professor at the University of Heidelberg. He was awarded a Princeton University Fellowship, 1987-1990, the Alfred P. Sloan Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1990-1991, and was a fellow of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) 1992-1995.

In 1992 he became a Research Affiliate of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR London) then in 1996 a CEPR Research Fellow.

In 1998 he became a Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn. In 2016 he won the Gustav-Stolper-Award of the Verein für Socialpolitik.

Prof. Schmidt served as an Editor of the German Economic Review and was an editor of the Journal of Population Economics. He published articles in journals such as The Review of Economics and Statistics and the Journal of Public Economics.

Research Interests

Applied econometrics and a broad spectrum of topics of economic policy, specifically macroeconomics, energy, [health](#) and labour.

Christoph's talks

- **Tax and social policy in times of increasing inequality**
- **Where is Europe heading?**
- **Research with impact: The role of economic policy advice in an informed society No further information on this topic**
- **New start for German economic policy?**
- **Results from the acatech initiative 'Energy Systems of the Future'**
- **Evaluation of Financial Market Reforms: Lessons from Other Policies and Disciplines - Policy Area Labor Market**
- **The Productivity Gap**
- **Labor market and social policy for the new legislature**
- **A uniform CO2 price as the key to the next phase of the energy transition**
- **Inequality of income and wealth in Germany**
- **Reasonably doing the rational: The role of economics in the energy transition**
- **Preventing protectionism, supporting structural change**