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Marcel Fratzscher is one of the most influential German economists. He is President of DIW Berlin (German Institute for Economic Research), one of the leading research institutes and think tanks in Europe. He is also Professor of Macroeconomics and Finance at Humboldt-University Berlin, and a Member of the Advisory Council of the Ministry of Economy of Germany.

His prior professional experience includes work as Head of the International Policy Analysis Division at the European Central Bank (ECB), where he worked 2001-12. He was responsible for the preparation of ECB policy positions on global systemic economic and financial issues, on emerging economies and on issues related to the international monetary system.

He was a visiting fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington D.C. in 2000-01. Before and during the Asian financial crisis in 1996-98, he worked in Indonesia as a Macroeconomic Policy Analyst at the Ministry of Finance for the Harvard Institute for International Development (HIID). He also spent shorter periods working at Mwaniki Associates in Kenya, the Asian Development Bank in the Philippines, and the World Bank in the US.

Fratzscher's research covers a broad range of issues in the fields of macroeconomics, international finance, monetary economics and international policy coordination. His recent focus has been on the European crisis, financial stability and capital controls, the global transmission mechanism of crises, and the reform of the European and international monetary systems.

He was awarded the Kiel Institute Excellence Award in Global Economic Affairs in 2007 for his work on global financial linkages and monetary policy, and the CEPR 2007 Prize for the Best Central Bank Research Paper, for his work on asset price bubbles and global imbalances.

Fratzscher speaks knowledgeably on Finance, Crisis Management, Economics and Europe to select audiences across the world. He has organised several conferences including an ECB roundtable workshop on "The Euro Area Sovereign Debt Crisis and the International Monetary System" at the European Central Bank in 2012.