



# Harold James (Princeton University)

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## The Euro as a Battle of Ideas Public Lecture

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Why is Europe's great monetary endeavour, the Euro, in trouble? A string of economic difficulties in Greece, Ireland, Spain, Italy, and other Eurozone nations—including the landmark vote by the United Kingdom to leave the EU—has left observers wondering whether the currency union can survive. Does the core problem with the Euro lie in the philosophical differences between the founding countries of the Eurozone, particularly Germany and France? Have the troubles faced by the Euro led its member states to focus on national, as opposed to collective, responses? Is this response explained by the resurgence of the battle of economic ideas?

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