



**President of the Center for Financial Studies
Chief Economist of the European Central Bank (1998-2006)**

Otmar Issing is a world-renowned German economist, one of the architects of the common European currency and one of Europe's most influential central bankers of the last 20 years. Professor Issing has been President of the Center for Financial Studies since 2006. He is also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Gesellschaft für Kapitalmarktforschung e.V. and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the House of Finance at Goethe University Frankfurt.

From 1998 to 2006, Prof. Issing was a Member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank (ECB), responsible for the Directorates General Economics and Research. Until 1998 he was a Member of the Board of the Deutsche Bundesbank with a seat on the Central Bank Council. From 1988 to 1990, he was a Member of the German Council of Economic Experts.

At the University of Würzburg, Prof. Issing was Professor of Economics, Monetary Affairs and International Economic Relations from 1973-1990. From 1967-1973 he held a full professorship at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and was Director of the Institute for International Economic Relations.

Prof. Issing was a Member of the G20 Eminent Persons Group on Global Financial Governance, which was formally established by G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors for the period of 2017-2018. He chaired the Advisory Council on a New Financial Order appointed by German Chancellor Angela Merkel (2008-2010). He also was a member of the High Level Group of the European Commission chaired by J. De Larosière (2008-2010), an International Advisor to Goldman Sachs (2007-2018), and served on the Supervisory Boards of Nürnberger Lebensversicherung AG (2006-2018) and Fürst Fugger Privatbank (2007-2018).

Born in 1936, Prof. Issing has received numerous awards and prizes over the course of his career. In 2006 he was awarded the Great Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. In the same year he was made Grand Officer of the Order of Merit of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and received the Ludwig-Erhard Prize for Economic Journalism and many more. Issing was granted honorary professorships from Goethe University Frankfurt (2007) and the University of Würzburg (1991) and honorary doctorates from the Universities of Frankfurt (1999), Konstanz (1998) and Bayreuth (1996). In 2016 the University of Würzburg appointed him Honorary Senator. In 2017 he received the Emperor Charles IV European Medal (Europa-Medaille Kaiser Karl IV).

He still publishes numerous articles in scientific journals and periodicals and his books are translated into various languages.

Topics (Selection):

- Is Inflation coming back?
- Current Challenges of Monetary Policy
- The European Politics of Covid-19
- The Development of the Financial Markets
- Fiscal Policy

Publications (Selection):

- Stable Money - An Illusion? Alternative Currency Systems - Hayek's Fundamental Criticism - Independence of the Central Banks, 2019
- The Long Journey of Central Bank Communication, 2019
- Introduction to Monetary Theory, 2011
- The Birth of the Euro, 2008
- Introduction to Monetary Policy, 1996