

Inauguration of the newly constructed House of Finance of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main

On May 30th, 2008, more than 500 participants – among them the Prime Minister of Hesse, Roland Koch (who also acts as Honorary member of the Council of the E-Finance Lab), the Federal Minister of Finance, Peer Steinbrück, and the CEOs of major German banks – attended an impressive inaugural meeting of the newly constructed House of Finance* ** located at the Westend campus of Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main. After opening remarks of the President of the Goethe University, Prof.

Rudolf Steinberg, and the Chairman of the Council of the House of Finance, Prof. Otmar Issing, Prime Minister Roland Koch and the City Treasurer of Frankfurt, Uwe Becker, greeted the participants. Then Federal Minister Peer Steinbrück, the President of the Deutsche Bundesbank, Prof. Axel Weber, and – following a temperamental introduction by Friedrich von Metzler – James D. Wolfensohn, the former President of the World Bank, addressed the audience.



(first row – from left to right) Dr. Josef Ackermann, Dr. Rolf-E. Breuer, Wolfgang Kirsch, Dr. h. c. Klaus-Peter Müller

On June 5th and 6th, 2008, 350 participants gathered for an excellent academic inauguration of the House of Finance. The conference comprised four sessions: Law and Finance, Management Science and Finance, Macroeconomics and Finance, and Graduate, Post-Graduate, and Executive Education. The E-Finance Lab was responsible



Prof. Eric Maskin



Prime Minister Roland Koch hands over the keys of the House of Finance to President Prof. Rudolf Steinberg

for the session Management Science and Finance. There, the presentation sequence started with Prof. Andreas Hackethal, Co-Director of Cluster 4, on “Perspectives on the Future of Private Finance”, followed by Herman-Josef Lamberti, Member of the Board of Deutsche Bank, who analyzed “Dislocations of Capital Markets – new Impulses for Research and Technology” (Hermann-Josef Lamberti also acts as member of the Board of the E-Finance Lab). Finally, the Nobel Prize laureate 2007 in economics, Prof. Eric Maskin, presented on “Mechanism Design: How to Implement Social Goals”.
Prof. Dr. Wolfgang König

* The E-Finance Lab will presumably move into the newly constructed House of Finance by End of August, 2008.
** The House of Finance comprises 25 professorships in the areas of finance, money and macroeconomics, and corporate and financial law, plus five research institutes (the E-Finance Lab being the largest research unit) and two advanced education units. All in all, 180 researchers work in the House of Finance.

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Hermann-Josef Lamberti presenting