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Switzerland at the heart of Europe: between independence and interdependence

Tuesday, February 17th 2015 – 17:30: Swiss wines and cheeses - 18:00 Tribune (English-No translation).

ULB - Solbosch Campus – Petit Chavanne, UD2 218 A, Building U, Door D - Free admission but registration is required.

Acknowledging its role within the civil society, the ULB has been organizing since 2014 “Les Tribunes de l'ULB. Un point de vue, un débat”. The University invites all along the academic year, various experts to talk and debate on political, cultural, scientific and societal issues. The next Tribunes will host, Thomas Jordan, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Swiss National Bank, on the theme of " Switzerland at the heart of Europe: between independence and interdependence".

Recent upheavals in the global financial and monetary markets have had far-reaching consequences, with destabilising ripple effects in both Switzerland and the Eurozone. Over the last five years, unprecedented challenges, unorthodox responses and substantial fluctuations have thrust all major central banks to the forefront. The Swiss National Bank (SNB) is no exception.

Decisions taken by these expert bodies can have far-reaching and immediate effects; be they highly anticipated – such as the European Central Bank’s recent foray into quantitative easing – or rather more sudden – such as the SNB’s recent decision to discontinue its exchange rate floor to the Euro.

As a consequence, the Swiss economy is once more dealing with challenging exchange rates conditions. Between the two poles of independence and interdependence, the Swiss economy has at times been subject to major exchange rate shocks. In the recent past, several structural factors have strengthened the resilience of the Swiss economy to shocks. Will Switzerland rise to this new challenge?

In this respect, welcoming Thomas Jordan, Chairman of the Governing Board of the SNB, is a unique opportunity to address the nature and challenges associated with EU-Swiss relations in matters of financial and monetary interdependence.

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