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The SNB's Karl Brunner Distinguished Lecture Series: Otmar Issing announced as next speaker

The Swiss National Bank (SNB) has named Otmar Issing, former Chief Economist and member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank (ECB), as this year's speaker for its Karl Brunner Distinguished Lecture Series. The public lecture, which will be conducted in English, will be held at 5.30 pm on 20 September 2018 in the Audi Max room at the ETH Zurich and will also be broadcast live via the SNB website.

Also known as a founding father of the euro, Otmar Issing held leading positions at the Deutsche Bundesbank and the ECB through to 2006, where he played a significant role in shaping monetary policy strategy. Prior to that, he was Professor of Economics at the universities in Erlangen-Nuremberg and Würzburg. He has authored several works, among them *The Birth of the Euro*, while his textbook *Einführung in die Geldtheorie* was very popular among economics students as introductory reading to the area of monetary policy for many years. Among the positions he currently holds, Otmar Issing is President of the Center for Financial Studies and Chairman of the House of Finance at the Goethe University Frankfurt, and he is a member of the Eminent Persons Group on Global Financial Governance set up by the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors.

The Karl Brunner Distinguished Lecture Series was established by the SNB in 2016 to mark the 100th birthday of the internationally renowned Swiss economist Karl Brunner (1916–1989), and honours academics whose research has particular relevance to central banking practice. The speaker is announced each year on 16 February, Karl Brunner's birthday, and the lecture is held in the autumn.