## **Abbreviations**

BBG Bundesbankgesetz (Bundesbank Act)

BIG Basic Income Guarantee

BIS Bank of International Settlements
BVerfG German Federal Constitutional Court

CAP Common Agricultural Policy

CDU Christian Democratic Union (Germany)
CSU Christian Social Union of Bavaria (Germany)
CJEU Court of Justice of the European Union

CofFEE Centre of Full Employment and Equity

ECB European Central Bank

ECOFIN Economic and Financial Affairs Council

ECU European Currency Unit
EDP Excessive Deficit Procedures
EMS European Monetary System
EMU Economic and Monetary Union

EU European Union

FFA Federal Fiscal Authority GDP Gross Domestic Product GFC Global Financial Crisis

IGC Intergovernmental Conference

JG Job Guarantee

MMT Modern Monetary Theory

NAIRU Non-Accelerating Inflation Rate of Unemployment

OCA Optimal Currency Areas
OMF Overt Monetary Financing

PIIGS Portugal, Italy, Ireland, Greece and Spain

QE Quantitative Easing

REER Real Effective Exchange Rate SGP Stability and Growth Pact 1997 SMP Securities Market Program TINA There Is No Alternative

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