

sbe newsletter

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RYBCZYNSKI PRIZE SHORTLIST

The following entries, listed by author in alphabetical order, have been shortlisted for this year's Rybczynski Prize:

- **Rebecca Driver:** *Five facts about how economies work and what they mean for the UK's membership of the EU*
- **Tim Harford:** *How to see into the future*
- **Qu Hongbin, John Zhu:** *Rebalancing – a dangerous obsession*
- **Michael Howell:** *Potholes Along the Financial Silk Road*
- **Ian Stewart, Debapratim De, Alex Cole:** *Technology and people: The great job-creating machine*

The winning entry will be announced at the Annual Dinner

LUNCHTIME MASTERCLASS

Tuesday 17 March 2015, 12pm-2pm, Deutsche Bank

PETER KELLNER, YouGov

The coming General Election

We are very pleased to welcome Peter Kellner to give the first Masterclass of 2015 on the very topical issue of the approaching general election. Details can be found in the attached flyer. Our thanks to Deutsche Bank for supporting this Masterclass. **Registration is required**, so please contact admin@sbe.co.uk to reserve your place.

POST BUDGET BREAKFAST MEETING

Kindly hosted by Goldman Sachs

Thursday 19 March 2015

08.30am-10.00am, Peterborough Court (10th Floor)

SIR DAVE RAMSDEN CBE, HM Treasury

The Chancellor's Budget

Dave Ramsden, Chief Economic Adviser at HM Treasury and also, of course, the SBE's President will discuss key aspects of the Chancellor's Budget in this early morning seminar. Dave joined the Civil Service in 1986 and the Treasury in 1988. He is also Head of the Government Economic Service, the largest single employer of economists in the UK.

The meeting will take place at the offices of Goldman Sachs, Peterborough Court (10th Floor), 133 Fleet Street, London EC4A 3DF. Please email the SBE secretariat at admin@sbe.co.uk if you wish to attend. Light refreshments will be provided on arrival. We are very grateful to Goldman Sachs for hosting this meeting.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENING MEETING

Thursday 14 May 2015

6pm, Ashurst

DON KOHN

Bank of England

LUNCHTIME MASTERCLASS

Friday 26 June 2015

(Please note new date)

12pm-2pm, Bank of England

MATT WALDRON

Bank of England

LUNCHTIME MASTERCLASS

Tuesday 15 September 2015

1pm-2.30pm, BBA

CHRIS WILLIAMSON

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HAVE YOU VISITED OUR NEW WEBSITE YET?

As an added benefit audio-visual recordings of the Society's Meetings and Master Classes will now be available to view shortly after the event. Please follow the links to the Speakers Corner and log-in.

You should have already received an email direct from the website with a user name and temporary password giving you access to the Member Section. If you haven't received this or have lost it, please contact the SBE office on admin@sbe.co.uk.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015 – SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Annual Conference will be held on Tuesday 13 October at One George Street, London SW1. Chaired by BBC's Evan Davis, this event is one of the highlights in the SBE calendar. Keynote speakers will include Spencer Dale, BP's Group Chief Economist and Andrew Sentance, Senior Economic Advisor at PwC, and of course the SBE's Vice President. PwC are kindly sponsoring this event for the second year running. More details to follow over the coming months.

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN 2015

It is not too late to introduce a colleague to the Society and ensure that they benefit from our special Spring offer. The SBE's diverse membership network is, as we all know, one of its key assets, and our new year 'wraparound' offer means that members joining now will benefit from a first annual subscription which runs all the way through to June 2016 (i.e. up to 16 months now for the price of 12).

For those who are not eligible for membership, but have an interest in business economics, the SBE also offers Affiliate status. SBE Affiliates do not have voting rights or access to the Society's membership list, but they can take advantage of all the opportunities by the Society's meetings, events and master classes.

An electronic membership leaflet and application forms for both membership and affiliate status are attached for sending to any economist or economics-minded colleagues who might be interested in joining the Society and taking advantage of the new year offer, so do pass this on as appropriate.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome the following new members: Oliver Garrett-Jones, Australian Treasury; Rain Newton-Smith, CBI and rejoining us, Bindu Pokkyarath, Happold Consulting.

SALARY SURVEY: YOUR RESPONSE NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who has already replied to this year's Salary Survey. If you haven't yet done so, please do take a moment to complete the online form and ensure that our findings are as representative and useful as possible. Findings will be published on the SBE website later this year.

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT ECONOMISTS ASSOCIATION

Robin Anson will be the guest speaker on Wednesday 15th April, topic to be confirmed, and Creg Kaser will speak on *Nuclear Energy* on Wednesday 13th May. Both meetings will start at 6.30pm at The Art Workers Guild, 6 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3AT. Details can be found at www.icea.co.uk

NABE ANNUAL MEETING

For more than fifty years, economists, analysts, business leaders and policymakers have met at the National Association of Business Economists Annual Meeting to discuss the outlook for the US and global economies, and the issues and trends that affect economic prosperity in both the near term and long term. The 57th NABE Annual Meeting will take place in October 10-13, 2015 in Washington DC. For details, see www.nabe.com

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