

# sbe newsletter

**APRIL/MAY 2015**

## **EVENING MEETING**

**Thursday 14 May 2015, 6pm, Ashurst**

**DON KOHN, Bank of England**

*Reflections as an FPC Member*

As the former vice chairman of the Federal Reserve, Donald Kohn is an expert on monetary policy, financial regulation and macroeconomics. He retired from the Board of Governors in 2010. Prior to taking office as a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve in 2002, he was an adviser to the Board for Monetary Policy from 2001 to 2002, secretary of the Federal Open Market Committee from 1987 to 2002, director of the Division of Monetary Affairs from 1987 to 2001, and deputy staff director for Monetary and Financial Policy from 1983 to 1987. He also held several positions in the Board's Division of Research and Statistics: associate director from 1981 to 1983, chief of Capital Markets from 1978 to 1981, and economist from 1975 to 1978. He is a senior fellow in the Economic Studies Program at the Brookings Institution.

## **EVENING MEETING**

**Monday 1 June 2015, 6pm, Ashurst**

**SBE/Oxfam Panel Discussion**

**Capital, Labour and Economic Inequality. What can be Done, What should be done?**

There is no shortage of economic analysis in recent years, pointing to a widening gap between the very rich and everyone else. Organised in conjunction with Oxfam, this panel discussion will look at some of the underlying causes of widening economic inequality and the potential consequences for businesses, the economy and society as a whole, as well as the implications for policy.

Speakers include Prof. Ozlem Onaran, University of Greenwich, Max Lawson, Oxfam and AN Other.

**Registration is required for both meetings**, so please contact [admin@sbe.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbe.co.uk) to reserve your place. We are grateful to Ashurst for kindly hosting these events. Ashurst is at Broadwalk House, 5 Appold Street, London, EC2A 2HA.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **LUNCHTIME MASTERCLASS**

**Friday 26 June 2015**

*(Please note new date)*

**12pm-2pm, Bank of England**

**MATT WALDRON**

**Bank of England**

*Details overleaf*

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### **LUNCHTIME MASTERCLASS**

**Tuesday 15 September 2015**

**1pm-2.30pm, BBA**

**CHRIS WILLIAMSON**

**Markit**

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### **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Tuesday 1 October 2015**

**9am-1pm,**

**One Great George Street,  
London**

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## **LUNCHTIME MASTERCLASS**

**Friday 26 June 2015, 12pm-2pm, Bank of England**

**MATT WALDRON, Bank of England**

### ***Macroeconomic forecasting at the Bank of England***

Matt Waldron will lead this latest in our ever-popular Masterclass series, focusing on the always topical subject of Macroeconomic Forecasting at the Bank of England.

Matt joined the Bank of England as a graduate with an MSc in economics in 2003. He has worked in a variety of roles in the Monetary Analysis area and is currently manager of the Model Development Team, responsible for the maintenance and development of the Bank's macroeconomic forecast platform. His expertise includes consumption theory, DSGE modelling, forecasting and numerical methods.

The Masterclass will be held at the Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, London, EC2R 8AH at 12.30pm. Registration is from 12.00pm and light refreshments available on arrival.

We are grateful to the Bank of England for kindly hosting this event. Registration is required, so please contact [admin@sbe.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbe.co.uk) to reserve your place.

## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015 DISCLOSED!**

This year's Annual Conference will be held on Tuesday 13 October at One George Street, London SW1. Chaired by BBC's Evan Davis, the conference is one of the highlights in the SBE calendar. This year's speaker line up will include Spencer Dale, BP's Group Chief Economist; Claudio Borio, Head of the Monetary and Economic Department at the Bank of International Settlements; Andrew Sentance, Senior Economic Advisor at PwC - and, of course, the SBE's Vice President; Sarah Hewin, Standard Chartered and Pantheon Macroeconomics' Chief Economist, Ian Shepherdson.

Our thanks to PwC for sponsoring this event for a second consecutive year; more details to follow shortly.

## **RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER IN 2015**

It's not too late to introduce a colleague to the Society and ensure that they benefit from our special Spring offer. Any new members joining now would receive an extra 2 months membership for free!

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: Gabriel Cantalops-Serra, Independent Consultant; Eku Kobayashi, Fathom Consulting; Christopher Faulkner-MacDonagh, Standard Life Investments; Andrew Williams-Fry, Vocalink.

## **INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT ECONOMISTS ASSOCIATION**

Harry Shutt will be the guest speaker on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, topic to be confirmed, and Greg Kaser will speak on *Nuclear Energy* on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. 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](http://www.icea.co.uk)

## **NABE ANNUAL MEETING**

Over 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 57<sup>th</sup> NABE Annual Meeting will take place in October 10-13, 2015 in Washington DC. For details, see [www.nabe.com](http://www.nabe.com)