

sbe newsletter

JULY/AUGUST 2015

LUNCHTIME MASTERCLASS

Tuesday 15 September 2015, 1pm-2.20pm, BBA

CHRIS WILLIAMSON, Markit

Using PMI surveys to monitor economic trends: insights into methodology and track record

Chris Williamson will kick off the SBE's autumn term with a Masterclass that will be of interest to many members, on the workings of Purchasing Managers' Indices (PMIs). Chris is chief economist at Markit, and joined the company in 2008 following the acquisition of NTC Economics, a provider of global macro-economic indicators.

The Masterclass will be held at the British Bankers Association, Pinners Hall, 105-108 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1EX. Registration is from 1pm-1.15pm with light refreshments available on arrival. The presentation will commence promptly at 1.15pm.

We are grateful to the **British Bankers' Association** for kindly hosting this event. Registration is required, so please contact admin@sbe.co.uk to reserve your place.

BOOK NOW! ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Tuesday 13 October 2015, 9.00am-1.00pm

One Great George Street, London

The Society's annual conference brings together an expert speaker panel for an informed and lively discussion of key issues affecting the business environment. This year's theme is *The post-crisis global economy: challenges, uncertainties and opportunities*.

It is now six years since the global economic recovery began and world GDP has far surpassed its previous cyclical peak. How sustainable is the current global economic expansion? When will the Fed begin its long-awaited 'normalisation'? Where next for China? And what is the outlook for Europe, including a Eurozone that's rarely been out of the headlines in 2015?

Chaired once again by BBC's Evan Davis, the conference is one of the highlights in the SBE calendar. Our distinguished speaker panel includes Claudio Borio, Head of the Monetary and Economic Department at the Bank of International Settlements; Spencer Dale, BP's Group Chief Economist; 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.

The conference is an excellent professional development opportunity, so do encourage work colleagues to attend – especially as bookings of 4 or more from the same organisation will benefit from a 20% discount on each booking, so definitely an occasion not to be missed by anyone!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENING MEETING & AGM

Wednesday 11 November

6.00pm, Ashurst

**JOHN PULLINGER,
Government Statistical
Service**

KEVIN DALY, Goldman Sachs

EVENING MEETING

Tuesday 17 November

6.00pm, Ashurst

**LORD TURNER,
Institute of New Economic
Thinking**

EVENING MEETING

Tuesday 12 January 2016

6.00pm, Ashurst

**MARTIN BECK, Oxford
Economics**

NEVILLE HILL, Credit Suisse

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

A reminder that membership subscriptions were due for renewal on 1 July.

Thanks to the many of you who have renewed your SBE membership for the coming year, and a reminder to those who have yet to do so that your renewal is now due. Just call the Secretariat on 01264 737552 to renew by credit card or, if you prefer, send back the renewal form in the pre-paid reply envelope recently posted.

Whichever approach you prefer, do let us know at the same time if any of your membership details need amending so we can update the Society's Yearbook accordingly.

And the start of the new membership year is of course the ideal time to introduce a colleague to the Society. Copies of the membership leaflet and application form can be downloaded from the SBE website or are available from the Secretariat.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome new graduate member, Tim Laurence, The Wellcome Trust; and welcome back Thea Hutchinson, NATS.

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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