

## NOVEMBER 2014

### **EVENING MEETING (following AGM at 5.15pm)**

**Monday 24 November 2014, Ashurst**

**GEORGE MAGNUS, Economist and Author**

***Making sense of China***

Following the SBE's AGM, George Magnus – well known to SBE members as an independent economist, consultant and commentator – will be our guest speaker. George has had a distinguished career that started in teaching but has been spent primarily in the financial services industry. From Lloyds Bank International and Bank of America, he moved (with the Big Bang in the City of London in 1985) to the UK stockbroker Laurie Milbank, and then in 1987 to S G Warburg, where he was Head of Fixed Income Research and then Chief Economist. In 1995 he moved to UBS; first as their Chief Economist and then, from 2005, as appointed Senior Economic Adviser; a position he held until going solo in 2012. George's work will be familiar to many members, and he is well known for his commentaries and interviews in the media.

We are grateful to **Ashurst** for kindly hosting this event. Registration is required, so please contact [admin@sbe.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbe.co.uk) to reserve your place. Ashurst is at Broadwalk House, 5 Appold Street, London EC2A 2HA - see [www.ashurst.com/office.aspx?id\\_Content=20](http://www.ashurst.com/office.aspx?id_Content=20)

### **BREAKFAST MEETING**

***Kindly hosted by Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking***

**Thursday 4 December 2014**

**8.30-10.00am, Pewterers' Hall**

**DAVE RAMSDEN CBE, HM Treasury**

***The Autumn Statement***

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

The meeting will take place at Pewterers' Hall, Oat Lane, London EC2V 7DE Please email the SBE secretariat at [admin@sbe.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbe.co.uk) if you wish to attend. Light refreshments will be provided on arrival. We are very grateful to **Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking** for hosting this meeting.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **EVENING MEETING**

**Tuesday 13 January 2015**

**6.00pm**

**DANNY GABAY, Fathom  
Consulting**

**SAMUEL TOMBS, Capital  
Economics**

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### **EVENING MEETING**

**Tuesday 10 February 2015**

**6.00pm**

**PAUL JOHNSON  
Institute for Fiscal Policy**

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### **RYBCZYNSKI PRIZE**

**Have you written – or could  
you write – the best business  
economics essay of 2014?**

**Closing date for entries**

**8 December 2014**

**(see overleaf)**

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## **SBE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 24 November**

Council members play an important part in directing the Society's activities. The Council comprises 12 members elected for a 3-year term. One third of the Council retires each year by rotation, with the option of standing for re-election at the AGM. Nomination forms are available from the SBE Secretariat. Any SBE Fellow or Full Member may, with the support of a Fellow or Full Member seconder, nominate another Fellow or Full Member to serve. Nominations should be sent in writing, with the seconds name and the written consent of the nominee, to the Hon. Secretary, c/o SBE Secretariat, no earlier than 30 October and no later than 17 November.

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Please welcome, as new Members of the Society, Jonathan Humphrey, CRU Group and Sumedha Pathak, Which?; and as an SBE Affiliate, Finn Kemp.

## **DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SBE WHEN YOU WERE AT UNIVERSITY?**

If not, how can we change that for today's students? Membership of the SBE benefits young economists as they prepare to embark on their careers, and our student members are an important part of the life (and the future) of the Society. If you'd like to help students at the university where you studied find out about and engage with the Society, and help the Society better to serve its members, we'd like to hear from you! We will also be having some events at several London universities in the New Year and would welcome your help in presenting to these students what benefits there are of being a member of the SBE. Recent graduates and younger members would be particularly welcome; just contact the Secretariat to find out more.

## **SBE STUDENT EVENT, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE/ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY**

**Thursday 27 November, 6.45pm, St John's College, Cambridge**

Kate Barker will be speaking at this special evening for students at University of Cambridge/Anglia Ruskin University. Kate will be presenting on 'Economics and Public Policy: The Story of the Housing Market' - an always fascinating subject - with ample time for questions and the chance to continue the discussion over drinks. This event will be open to students from University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University economics societies, and we would welcome existing student and recent graduate SBE members who would like both to attend this event and meet and speak to potential new student members.

The meeting will be held at St John's College, St Johns St, Cambridge CB2 1TP. Please email [admin@sbe.co.uk](mailto:admin@sbe.co.uk) to reserve a place as numbers are limited.

## **RYBCZYNSKI PRIZE 2014**

There is still time to think about entering this year's competition for the Rybczynski Prize. A prize of £5000 is offered, generously sponsored by **KPMG**. Essays, which must be submitted by **8 December 2014**, can be written especially for the competition or have been published during the course of 2014. The judges will be looking for around 3000 (with an absolute maximum of 4000) well-written words. An entry form is enclosed.

## **MARIE-LOUISE ROSSI**

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death, on 26 October, of Marie-Louise Rossi, a member and supporter of the Society for many years. A graduate of Oxford University, Marie-Louise worked in the insurance and reinsurance industry for over 30 years, specialising in export credits and political risks, risk management and financial services regulation. For over 11 years, Marie-Louise was Chief Executive of the International Underwriting Association (IUA) (and its predecessor, LIRMA) representing the multi-billion pound international insurance and reinsurance market, centred on London, to governments and international institutions worldwide. She was a member of the Advisory Board of the New Security Foundation (formerly the NATO Forum for Business and Security) and was Head of Insurance and Risk Management. She was a former Chairman of the European Movement UK and a Trustee/Director of the Federal Trust. In recent years, Marie-Louise was engaged in setting up and advising new businesses as well as pursuing an active interest in politics. Our sincere sympathies and condolences go to Marie-Louise's family and friends.