

newsletter

OCTOBER 2014

ANNUAL CONFERENCE – BOOK NOW!

Thursday 23 October 2014, 9.00am-1.00pm, 15 Hatfields, London

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The Long Road Back to Recovery

This year's annual conference once again brings together an impressive cast of speakers, including Andrew Sentance, PwC and Vice President of the SBE; Ben Broadbent, Deputy Governor at the Bank of England; Robert Chote of the Office for Budget Responsibility; Gavyn Davies of Fulcrum Asset Management; Stephanie Flanders from JP Morgan Asset Management; and Jeffrey Currie from Goldman Sachs.

Evan Davis of the BBC's Newsnight will be in the chair, so do not miss the boat! The event is also open to non-members so do share the attached brochure with interested colleagues.

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, Independent Economist, Consultant & 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 to reserve your place. Ashurst is at Broadwalk House, 5 Appold Street, London EC2A 2HA - see www.ashurst.com/office.aspx?id_Content=20

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Thursday 23 October
London**

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AGM and EVENING MEETING

**Monday 24 November
AGM 5.15pm**

Evening Meeting 6.00pm

**GEORGE MAGNUS
Economist and Author**

RYBCZYNSKI PRIZE

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

Closing date for entries

8 December

(see overleaf)

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ROYAL ECONOMIC SOCIETY POLICY LECTURE, Tuesday 4 November

The Rt Hon George Osborne MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer

George Osborne will give the RES Policy Lecture on 4 November at the Bank of England. The Policy Lecture provides an opportunity for leading economists to speak to academic, policymakers and others interested in the development of economic policy and Charlie Bean, the RES President, would like to extend an invitation to all members of the SBE. Space will be limited so if you are interested in attending, please contact Denise Rayner as soon as possible at denise.rayner@bankofengland.co.uk

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome, as new Members of the Society, Mark Ambler, PwC; Julian Callow, Catalyst Economics Ltd; Yang Liu, CRU Group; Philip McCrea, Department for Business, Innovation & Skills; Gareth Ward, Department for Business, Innovation & Skills; and Jamie Murray, Bloomberg Economics.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you're one of the few who have yet to renew your SBE membership for the coming year, a reminder that it's now well overdue. Please call 01264 737552 as soon as possible to renew by credit card and ensure you retain your membership and continue to receive future editions of this newsletter.

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! Recent graduates and younger members would be particularly welcome; just contact the Secretariat to find out more.

SBE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 24 November (papers to follow)

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 seconders 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.

RYBCZYNSKI PRIZE 2014

Now is the time to start thinking about entering this year's competition for the Rybczynski Prize. This prestigious award is given to the year's best piece of writing on an issue of importance to business economists, and offers the opportunity to help your own work gain a higher profile among professional colleagues. 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.

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT ECONOMISTS ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday 15 October, Nick Kochan will speak on *Money laundering; western countries' gift to corrupt politicians in the developing world*. The meeting 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