

newsletter

JUNE 2014

EVENING MEETING

Wednesday 18 June 2014, 6pm Ashurst

HENRY G. OVERMAN, London School of Economics

The Future of British Cities and the Role of Urban Policy

We are delighted to welcome Henry G. Overman, Professor of Economic Geography at the London School of Economics and Director of the What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth to discuss the subject of the future of British Cities and urban policy.

Formerly Director of the Spatial Economics Research Centre, Henry's current research interests include the causes and consequences of spatial disparities, and the impact of urban and regional policy. His research has been published in leading economics journals, and he has provided policy advice to numerous Government departments and the European Commission.

Henry was awarded the August Loesch Prize in 2006 and the Geoffrey J D Hewings Award in 2009 for outstanding research and distinguished contributions to Regional Science.

We are grateful to Ashurst for kindly hosting this event. Registration is required; please contact admin@sbe.co.uk to reserve your place. Ashurst is at Broadwalk House, 5 Appold Street, London EC2A 2HA. For directions, see www.ashurst.com/office.aspx?id_Content=20

BOOK NOW! ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

This year's annual conference once again brings together an impressive cast of speakers, including Ben Broadbent, Deputy Governor at the Bank of England and Robert Chote of the Office for Budget Responsibility in the morning, followed by Gavyn Davies of Fulcrum Asset Management, Stephanie Flanders from JP Morgan Asset Management, and finally Jeffrey Currie. Goldman Sachs. Evan Davis of the BBC's Today Programme will be in the chair, so don't miss the boat! Register for your place now; details are attached with this newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENING MEETING

Tuesday 9 September

6pm, Ashurst

**Joint SBE/PRO-BONO
Economics Meeting**

ANDY HALDANE

Bank of England

LUNCHTIME

MASTERCLASS

Tuesday 16 September

12-2pm, BBA

AMELIA FLETCHER

University of East Anglia

With thanks to the British Bankers' Association for supporting this masterclass

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday 23 October

London

**Details accompany this
newsletter**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome the following new Members to the Society: James Pomeroy, HSBC Bank plc; Tom Pybus, Office for Budget Responsibility.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

An important deadline is approaching once again; membership subscriptions are due for renewal on 1 July. Beat the deadline the easy way by calling the Secretariat and renewing over the phone by credit card, or send back the renewal form in the pre-paid reply envelope that will be posted to you over the next few days.

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.

With the imminent start of a new membership year, now is an excellent time to introduce a colleague to the Society. The SBE's thriving and diverse membership network is one of its key assets, with members enjoying a full calendar of meetings and master classes. Copies of the membership leaflet and application form can be downloaded from the SBE website or are available from the Secretariat.

NEW! SBE AFFILIATE

As members will know, membership of the Society is restricted to individuals with a professional interest in business economics and who apply their knowledge in the context of their work, or to students studying for a relevant degree. There are, therefore, a large number of people who have an interest in business economics but are unable to take part in events or support the Society. We are therefore going to launch, from July, a new SBE Affiliate status open to individuals who do not meet the Society's membership standards; acceptance as an SBE Affiliate will be at the Council's discretion.

Affiliate status will not be a new membership category. SBE Affiliates will not have voting rights or access to the Society's membership list, and Affiliate fees will not (unlike membership subscriptions) be tax deductible. SBE Affiliates will, however, have access to meetings, events and masterclasses; and the extension of the Society's reach in this way will, we hope, be of considerable benefit to members' own networks.

The fee for SBE Affiliate status will be £120 for the year beginning July 2014, so if you have colleagues who may be interested, do tell them the good news. Details will be on the SBE website shortly, and the Secretariat will be happy to help with questions or applications in the meantime.

DID YOU JOIN THE SOCIETY RECENTLY?

If so, we'd like to say a particular 'hello' to you at our September meeting. As regular attendees will know, our evening speaker meetings are always followed by the chance to meet the speaker – and even more importantly, other members – over a glass of wine. We'd like to extend a special welcome on the 9 September to our newer members, and encourage you to stay after Andy Haldane's talk and meet Council members and Society colleagues. Looking forward to seeing you then – and, of course, at our June meeting with Henry Overman!

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS ECONOMICS (NABE), US

The 55th NABE Annual Meeting and Conference will be held in Chicago on 27-30 September, taking as its theme *Beyond the Business Cycle; Strategies for the Long Term*. For further details, see www.nabe.com