

newsletter

APRIL 2014

EVENING MEETING

**Thursday 15 May 2014, 6pm Ashurst
JENS NORDVIG, Nomura Securities Intl.**

The Future Euro: Hard or Soft?

We are delighted to welcome Jens Nordvig, Head of Currency Strategy and Fixed Income Research for Nomura Securities to this meeting to discuss that ever topical but always changing subject of the future of the Euro.

Jens began his finance career at Goldman Sachs where he went on to lead the Global Strategy Group before joining the hedge fund Bridgewater Associates.

In 2012 he received international recognition as a finalist in the Wolfson Economics Prize. His work has been published in the Financial Times and widely read VOXeconomics blog, and he will be familiar to members from a wide range of print and other media channels. Jens grew up and studied in Denmark, and currently resides in New York.

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

EVENING MEETING

**Wednesday 18 June 2014, 6pm Ashurst
HENRY OVERMAN, London School of
Economics**

The Future of British Cities and the Role of Urban Policy

Join us to discuss this fascinating and wide-ranging issue with Henry Overman, Professor of Economic Geography in the Department for Geography and Environment at the LSE. Professor Overman is director of the What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth, and his current research interests include the causes and consequences of spatial disparities and the impact of urban and regional policy.

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
9am-1pm
Hold the date!
15 Hatfields, London SE1**

SOCIETY OF BUSINESS ECONOMISTS ANNUAL DINNER

Around 150 members and guests gathered on 27 March for the Society's Annual Dinner in Plaisterers' Hall at One London Wall. Our guest speaker this year was Christian Noyer, Governor of the Banque de France who spoke about monetary policy in the current context of low inflation.

The Chairman, Kate Barker thanked on behalf of the Society both Standard Life Investments for, once again generously sponsoring the dinner and KPMG for their continuing sponsorship of the Rybczynski Prize. Dave Ramsden, as SBE President, welcomed the guest speaker after presenting this year's Rybczynski Prize for the best piece of business economics writing in 2013.

Congratulations go to Ian Mulheirn, whose prize-winning essay, *'Just Deserts? Risk, Reward and Incentives in Criminal Justice'* will appear in the next online edition of *The Business Economist*.



Kate Barker, Christian Noyer, Dave Ramsden





Ian Mulheirn, Kate Barker, Dave Ramsden

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome the following new Members and Student Members to the Society: Mark Falcon, Hutchison 3G UK; Richard Harries, Reform Research Trust; Ian Harrison, UK Trade & Investment; Karen St Jean-Kufuor, Westminster Business School; James McCann, Standard Life Investments; Phyllis Papadavid, BNP Paribas CIB; Tariq Pasha, Reddington Reeve Ltd; Helen Solomon, De Montfort University; and Sumra Ahmed, Maria Attard, Faiza Chowdhary, Nehal Das, Carlos Da Silva, Joe Eskinder, Sevdije Hasani, Ferdi Ilkan, Shahela Kodabuckus, Atifa Mohmoodi, Callum McCormack, Sebastian Sawicki, Siam Simpson, Farah Surooprajally Doreena Tabuh, Marco Vallozzi and Benard Vukaj, all from the University of Westminster; and Christ Nzau-Mampiasa, Greenwich School of Management.

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT ECONOMISTS ASSOCIATION

Paul Lewington will speak on *Energy Overseas* on Wednesday 21 May and Peter Abelson will speak on *The Economy of Australia* on Wednesday 18 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

UK STATISTICS AUTHORITY

The Short Term Economic Output Indicators are among the most important statistics produced by the Office for National Statistics. The UK Statistics Authority recently published an assessment of these indicators; this reports, alongside a statement from Ed Humpherson, Head of Assessment, can be found at <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk>