

Economics Roundtable 2007

The 2007 Roundtable season has finished and the 2008 UCSD Economics Roundtable Lecture Series speaker information will be available shortly. Thank you for your interest and we very much look forward to seeing you in 2008!

The UCSD Economics Roundtable is organized by the UCSD Department of Economics in coordination with UCSD Extended Studies and Public Programs. The purpose of the Roundtable is to provide top business professionals and community leaders in the San Diego region with the opportunity to share the views and opinions of renowned experts in the fields of economics, finance, business and public policy. Members of the Roundtable will share insights with their counterparts in the business community and with members of the UCSD faculty.

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Wednesday, February 21, 2007

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM (Continental Breakfast)

UCSD Faculty Club

Eli Berman, Professor of Economics

University of California, San Diego

"Terrorism, Economics, and Religion "

"While most economists spend their days mulling over the fluctuations of the dollar, or extracting meaning from Ben Bernanke's latest utterance, Eli Berman spends his days trying to decipher the motivations of a suicide bomber." 12/05 San Diego Union Tribune

Berman is among the world's leaders in a small but growing field of study that uses economic principles to gain deeper understanding of radical religious groups. Not happy doing conventional work he states

"if you work on risky projects, you want to be as diverse as possible."

An example would be his study of Israel's ultra-orthodox Jewish community where he asked why father would study in religious seminaries, rather than work, until an average age of forty. The answer to that question ultimately led to his work on radical Islamic terrorist groups. He has shown that religious radicals are typically excellent providers of social services within their communities, which surprisingly enough makes them deadly effective as militants as terrorists.

Eli Berman received his Bachelor's degree in Economics and Computer Science at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and his Ph.D. in Economics at Harvard. He is an Associate Professor of Economics at UCSD and Director of Security Studies at the UCSD Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation.



*Monday, April 30, 2007
7:30 - 9:00 AM (Continental Breakfast)
UCSD Faculty Club*

*Lawrence H. Summers, President of Harvard University, 2001-2006
Charles W. Eliot Professor, Harvard University*

"The United States and the Global Economy"

Lawrence H. Summers took office as the 27th president of Harvard University on July 1, 2001 and served until June 30, 2006. He is now the Charles W. Eliot University Professor at Harvard University.

Dr. Summers was awarded his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1982 and in 1983, as professor of economics, was one of the youngest individuals to be named a tenured member of the university faculty. In 1991 Dr. Summers took leave from Harvard to be Vice-President of Development and Chief Economist of the World Bank where his research featured an influential report demonstrating the very high return on investing in educating girls in developing countries.

In 1993 he was named the nation's Undersecretary of the Treasury of International Affairs and in 1999 was confirmed by the Senate as Secretary of the Treasury. In this capacity he served as the Principal Economic Advisor to the President and as the Chief Financial Officer of the U.S. Government presiding over a civilian workforce of nearly 150,000 employees.

In his 2006 announcement to step down as Harvard's President Summers said "believing deeply that complacency is among the greatest risks facing Harvard, I have sought for the last five years to prod and challenge the University to reach for the most ambitious goals in creative ways. My sense of urgency has stemmed from my conviction that Harvard has a special ability to make a real difference in a world desperately in need of wisdom of all kinds."



Wednesday, July 18, 2007

7:30–9:00 AM (Continental Breakfast)

UCSD Faculty Club

Douglas Holtz-Eakin , Former Chief Economist of the White House Council of Economic Advisors

“Five Steps Toward American Competitiveness ”

Douglas Holtz-Eakin is the former Director of the congressional Budget Office and the Former Chief Economist of the White House Council of Economic Advisors.

When Dr. Holtz-Eakin was selected to head the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office in 2003, some Democrats and Independents were concerned: his previous job was serving as President Bush's Chief Economist. At the time The Washington Post said it was "a bit jittery" about the appointment. But during his nearly three years heading the Congressional Budget Office, Holtz-akin won a reputation for being fair and candid when discussing tough financial issues. Liberal columnist Mark Shields called him "one of the most intellectually honest men in Washington." And The Washington Post stated "we are sorry to see him go."

In 2005, Holtz-Eakin left Congress to become the Director of the Maurice R. Greenberg Center for Goeconomic Studies and the Paul A. Volker Chair in International Economics at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, DC. In early 2007, he left the Council to serve as the Economic Policy Chair of Senator John McCain's Exploratory Committee.



Thursday, October 18, 2007

7:30-9:00 AM (Continental Breakfast)

UCSD Faculty Club



Julio de Quesada, Head of Banamex Corporate and Investment Banking, CEO Grupo Financiero Citibank and Citibank S.A.

"Mexico 2007 Main Priorities: Real Estate and Infrastructure"

In 2001 Citigroup purchased Grupo Financiero Banamex, a transaction in which de Quesada played a key role. Since that time he has headed up the combined Corporate and Investment Banking activities of Banamex and Citibank in Mexico.

Immediately prior to coming to Mexico, de Quesada was the CEO for Citibank in Pakistan. During his 30 year career at Citibank, he has held numerous positions in New York, Central America, Greece, and Saudi Arabia.

Mr. de Quesada is past-president and active member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico, member of the Mexican Bankers Association, Mexico City Historic Downtown Restoration Foundation, and the Mexican Health Foundation.

Julio de Quesada was born in Cuba and is a naturalized U.S. citizen. He holds his MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Registration

Full Series (25% discount) \$150.00

Eli Berman \$50.00

Lawrence H. Summers \$50.00

Douglas Holtz-Eakin \$50.00

Julia de Quesada \$50.00

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