

Fondazione Edison Cycle of Conferences on Innovation, Institutions and Economy during Expo 2015

Coordinators: Alberto Quadrio Curzio and Marco Fortis

AMARTYA KUMAR SEN

Harvard University; Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences 1998

15 May 2015 10.30 Famines and food security: sustainability and crises

MICHAEL LANDESMANN

*The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies;
Johannes Kepler University of Linz*

8 June 2015 15.00 Convergence, divergence and the problems
of external imbalances in the European economy

JACKIE KRAFFT

Centre national de la recherche scientifique – CNRS

25 June 2015 11.00 Anything new on governance and growth of firms in a
context of innovation and eco-innovation? Issues and results

JOEL MOKYR

Northwestern University; Eitan Berglas School of Economics at the University of Tel Aviv

14 September 2015 11.00 Is technological change a thing of the past?

PAUL ALLAN DAVID

Stanford University; University of Oxford, UNU-MERIT/University of Maastricht

23 September 2015 11.00 Global warming and the world's food supply: must we
choose between designing "tech fix" policies for timely
climate stabilization or for mitigating the damage?

BINA AGARWAL

University of Manchester; International Society for Ecological Economics

19 October 2015 11.00 Institutions, property, and gender inequality

Short Biographies

*(Bios have been summarized by the conferences organizers.
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AMARTYA KUMAR SEN



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Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences 1998. Reason for the Prize:

"for his contributions to welfare economics"

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Amartya Sen, a citizen of India, is considered one of world's top economists, and a leading global voice for the alleviation of poverty, inequality and the deprivation of women. Sen has served as President of the Econometric Society, the American Economic Association, the Indian Economic Association, and the International Economic Association. He was until 2004 the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. Professor Sen has received more than a hundred honorary degrees and been awarded various prizes.

His main research topics are: welfare economics; social choice theory; decision theory; economic measurement; development economics, moral and political philosophy, ethics and human rights.

MICHAEL LANDESMANN



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Michael Landesmann research focuses on East-West economic integration, structural change, economic growth. He was a member of the Group of Economic Policy Advisors for the EU and participated in and coordinated a wide range of EU projects on different aspects of European integration. He has a D.Phil. from Oxford University, was a Lecturer, Fellow and Senior Research Officer at Cambridge University and held visiting Professorships at Harvard University and a wide range of other universities.

Key subjects of his research are: macroeconomic analysis, international economics, economic growth, applied economics, industry, trade and economic growth; international economic integration; structural change and economics dynamics.

JACKIE KRAFFT



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Jackie Krafft is a French economist recognized among the Top 25% authors in the EU. She is working in a multi-disciplinary research institute regrouping economics, law, and management (CNRS-Gredeg, Groupe de Recherche en Droit, Economie, Gestion). She is at the origins of the research network 'Eurkind' analysing how knowledge, innovation and development should articulate for a better society in Europe. She is chair of the scientific committees of the international conference Governance of a Complex World (GCW), and of the summerschool Knowledge Innovation and Development (KID) of the network.

Her main research topics are economics of the firm, economics of knowledge and innovation.



■ JOEL MOKYR

Robert H. Strotz Professor of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Economics and History, Northwestern University (United States of America)
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Joel Mokyr has taught at Northwestern since 1974, and has been a visiting Professor at Harvard, the University of Chicago, Stanford, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the University of Tel Aviv, University College of Dublin, and the University of Manchester. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a foreign fellow of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences and the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, and Editor in Chief of Princeton Economic History of the Western World. He has been Editor in Chief of Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History and President of Economic History Association.

He specializes in economic history and the economics of technological change and population change and currently working on the intellectual and institutional origins of modern economic growth and interactions with technological elements.



■ PAUL ALLAN DAVID

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Paul Allan David is also Professor Emeritus of Economics and Economic History in the University of Oxford, Emeritus Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford and currently Senior Fellow of the Oxford Internet Institute. He was among the pioneering practitioners of the “new economic history”. Investigation of the conditions that give rise to ‘path dependence’—the persisting influence of historical events in micro and macro economic phenomena—is a recurring theme in his research. His research interests include the economics of technological, demographic, and institutional change, theoretical and empirical research on the nature of path-dependence in economic processes; economic history, with special reference to long-term productivity growth and development.



■ BINA AGARWAL

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Bina Agarwal until recently was Director of the Institute of Economic Growth (Delhi University) and President of the International Society for Ecological Economics. Educated at the Universities of Cambridge and Delhi, she has lectured worldwide and held distinguished positions at many universities, including Harvard, Princeton, Michigan, Minnesota (where she held the Winton Chair), and the NYU School of Law. She served two terms on the UN Committee for Development Policy. Her research, with a particular focus on the most disadvantaged, includes subjects such as land, livelihoods and property rights; environment and development; food security; the political economy of gender; poverty and inequality; law; and agriculture and technological change.

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