

Keynote Speakers



David Card

David Card is the Class of 1950 Professor of Economics at the University of California, Berkeley and Director of the Labor Studies Program at the National Bureau of Economic Research. His research interests include inequality, racial disparities, education, and immigration. He co-authored the 1995 book *Myth and Measurement: The New Economics of the Minimum Wage*, and co-edited *The Handbook of Labor Economics* (1999), *Seeking a Premier Economy: The Economic Effects of British Economic Reforms* (2004); and *Small Differences that Matter: Labor Markets and Income Maintenance in Canada and the United States* (1992). He has also published over 100 journal articles and book chapters. Card was co-editor of *Econometrica* from 1991 to 1995 and co-editor of the *American Economic Review* from 2002 to 2005. He taught at Princeton University from 1983 to 1996, and has held visiting appointments at Columbia University and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. In 1992 he was elected a fellow of the Econometric Society, and in 1998 he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1995 he received the American Economic Association's John Bates Clark Prize, which is awarded every other year to the economist under 40 whose work is judged to have made the most significant contribution to the field. He was a co-recipient of the IZA Labor Economics Award in 2006, and was awarded the Frisch Medal by the Econometric Society in 2007. In 2015 he received the BBVA Frontiers of Knowledge Award for his contributions to evidence-based economic policy.



Swati Dhingra

Swati Dhingra is Assistant Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and joined LSE in 2011. Dhingra specialises in international trade and industrial development and has taught international trade to undergraduate, masters and PhD students. Before coming to LSE, she obtained her PhD in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2010 and was a research fellow at Princeton University in 2010-2011. Her research has been published in leading journals such as the *American Economic Review*. She is also an associate editor of the *Journal of International Economics*, and was awarded the FIW Young Economist Award and the Chair Jacquemin Award by the European Trade Study Group for her work on firms and globalization. She is co-author of the recent "Life after Brexit" report by the Centre for Economic Performance at LSE, which looked at the UK's options outside the EU. Dhingra's work has informed bodies such as the Parliamentary International Trade Committee, CBI, Treasury, Social Enterprise UK, Credit Suisse, Welsh National Assembly and Sunderland City Council, and has featured regularly in media such as BBC, Financial Times, The Economist, The Times, The Guardian, Foreign Affairs and Business Standard.



Edward P. Lazear

Edward P. Lazear, the Morris A. and Nona Jean Cox Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution since 1985, is also the Jack Steele Parker Professor of Human Resources Management and Economics at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business, where he has taught since 1992. Lazear taught previously at the University of Chicago's Economics Department and Graduate School of Business, where he was the Brown Professor of Urban and Labor Economics. Lazear served as Chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers and served at the White House from 2006 to 2009. In his position as the chief economic advisor to the President, he advised on a broad range of matters that involve both the macroeconomy and microeconomic issues. In addition to his former duties in Washington, Professor Lazear has been an advisor to the governments of Czechoslovakia, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, and Georgia. Founding Editor of the *Journal of Labor Economics*, Lazear is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, the Econometric Society, and the Society of Labor Economists of which he was president. Lazear is a Visiting Distinguished Fellow of the Becker Friedman Institute at the University of Chicago and heads the economics initiative at the George W. Bush Institute. He is also a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, where he co-chairs the program in personnel economics. Lazear has been a mutual fund board director for funds associated with Dimensional Fund Advisors since 2010. Lazear has written extensively on labour markets and personnel issues; microeconomic theory; issues involving worker compensation and effects on productivity; entrepreneurship; governmental policies on discrimination, affirmative action, and comparable worth; educational policy; unemployment; culture, language, and diversity issues; the doctrine of employment at will; distribution of income within the household; pricing and marketing policies; and other issues involving labour markets and the macroeconomy. He has over 100 published academic articles, he is a frequent contributor to the popular press, and has written or edited twelve books. Lazear's book *Personnel Economics* (MIT Press, 1995) expands on his 1993 Wickcell Lectures. In 1998, he received the Melamed Prize, which cited this book as the best research by a business school professor anywhere in the world during the previous two years. He received the Distinguished Teaching Award from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business, the PhD Faculty Distinguished Service Award and the Davis Award for Lifetime Distinguished Service. Lazear won the IZA Prize in Labor Economics, which is given to the person viewed to have made the most significant contributions to labour economics in the world. This was primarily for his work in personnel economics. In June 2006, Lazear was awarded the Jacob Mincer Prize given by the Society of Labor Economics for lifetime contributions to the field. He holds four honorary doctorates. Born in 1948, Professor Lazear grew up in Los Altos, California. He received his AB and AM degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles, and his PhD from Harvard University in economics.



Stephen Machin

Stephen Machin is Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics. Previously he has been visiting Professor at Harvard University (1993-1994) and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2001-2002). He is a Fellow of the British Academy, has been President of the European Association of Labour Economists, is a Fellow of the Society of Labor Economists and was a member of the United Kingdom Low Pay Commission from 2007-2013. His current research interests include inequality, education and crime, and the interactions between them.



Thomas Lemieux

Thomas Lemieux is a Professor at the Vancouver School of Economics at the University of British Columbia (UBC). He holds a BA in Economics from Université Laval (1984), an MA in Economics from Queen's University (1985) and a PhD in Economics from Princeton University (1989). Prior to moving to UBC in 1999, Professor Lemieux held appointments at the Université de Montréal and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He is a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research and a Fellow at the Royal Society of Canada and the Society of Labor Economists. Professor Lemieux is a past President of the Canadian Economics Association, which awarded him the Rae Prize for outstanding research in 1998. Lemieux has written extensively on labour markets and earnings inequality in Canada, the United States and other countries. He has made major technical contributions to the methodology of empirical research in labour economics. His current research focuses on exploiting regional variation within countries to answer a number of important questions connected to unemployment and the evolution of wage inequality.



Justin Yifu Lin

Justin Yifu Lin is Director of the Center for New Structural Economics, Dean of the Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development, and Honorary Dean of the National School of Development at Peking University. He is also Councilor of the State Council and Vice Chairman of the All-China Federation of Industries and Commerce. He was the Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of the World Bank, from 2008-2012. Prior to joining the Bank, Lin served for 15 years as Founding Director and Professor of the China Centre for Economic Research (CCER) at Peking University and is the author of 24 books including *Against the Consensus: Reflections on the Great Recession*, *The Quest for Prosperity: How Developing Economies Can Take Off*, *New Structural Economics: A Framework for Rethinking Development and Policy*, *Demystifying the Chinese Economy*, *Benti and Changwu: Dialogues on Methodology in Economics*, and *Economic Development and Transition: Thought, Strategy, and Viability*. He served on several national and international committees, leading groups, and councils on development policy, technology, and environment including: the Eminent Persons Council of the World Bank, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Steering Committee, the UN Millennium Task Force on Hunger, the Eminent Persons Group of the Asian Development Bank, the National Committee on United States-China Relations, the Global Agenda Council on the International Monetary System, the Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee, and the Hong Kong-U.S. Business Council. He received a PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago and honorary doctoral degrees from Université D'Auvergne, Fordham University, Nottingham University, City University of Hong Kong, London School of Economics, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, University of British Columbia, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Open University of Hong Kong and Macao University of Science and Technology. He is a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy and a Fellow of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World.



Yasuyuki Sawada

Yasuyuki Sawada is Chief Economist of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He is the chief spokesperson for ADB on economic and development trends, and serves as Director General of the Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, which publishes ADB's flagship knowledge products. Prior to assuming his current post, Sawada was a Professor at the University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Economics. A Japanese national, Sawada has over 20 years of experience as an economist, researcher, and academic. He has worked at the ADB Institute in Tokyo and served as consultant for various projects at the World Bank Group. A leading figure in development economics and applied microeconometrics, he has also served as a Visiting Professor at Stanford University's Stanford Center for International Development and Adjunct Professor of Economics at Korea University. Sawada has conducted many field studies in developing countries and has a deep insight about development issues. His research has contributed to the works of various development institutions including the Japan International Cooperation Agency, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Crawford School of Public Policy's Australia-Japan Research Center at the Australian National University, and the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics. He has published and reviewed numerous books, reports, and journal articles, particularly on the topics of economics, disaster resilience and recovery, foreign aid, and poverty dynamics. Sawada holds a PhD in Economics and a Master's degree in International Development Policy at Stanford University. He received Master's degrees in International Relations at the University of Tokyo and in Economics at Osaka University, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Economics at Keio University.

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