

Newsletter

Dear members,

We are nearly half way through the term! This week, we are proud to invite Jasper Becker to UCL to discuss about the popular misconceptions about China's role in the world economy now and in the past. The author of seven books, he spent nearly two decades reporting in China and has many valuable insights to share. It is definitely not a talk to be missed!

In addition, we would also like to inform you about UCL's upcoming large interdisciplinary conference on migration, and that the organizing team are looking out for interested students to help out at the conference.

Thank you, and hope to see you at our events!

Jasper Becker: China and Globalization: 7 key myths

As a growing international power, China has come a long way in establishing itself in the global market. No nation on Earth is as newsworthy as 21st-century China as world attention is focused on China's all-out effort to present itself as a modern world power. But amongst all the media coverage available, what exactly is the truth, and how much do you actually know about the Chinese Economy?

Following Guy de Jonquières's talk on Chinese power, The Economist's Society proudly brings to you a different perspective on the Chinese economy: 'China and Globalisation: 7 key myths.' Join Jasper Becker, a former correspondent who spent nearly two decades reporting in China, for an intriguing talk on popular misconceptions about China's role in the world economy now and in the past.

Jasper Becker was the China correspondent for The Independent and Beijing Bureau Chief of South China Morning Post. He has been writing on Asia for 25 years and is the author of seven books, the most recent being City Of Tranquility, which was released in June 2008. Described by the Financial Times as "An assiduous reporter and shrewd analyst", The Independent, (London), he has also contributed features to National Geographic Magazine, and many other periodicals.

<http://www.jaspermbecker.com/index.html>

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Get in touch at info@economistssociety.org

Date: 4th February 2013, Monday

Time: 17:00-18:30

Venue: UCL Roberts 508

Free Entry. No need for registration.

Facebook event

page:<http://www.facebook.com/events/329282987176701/?fref=ts>

Campus route finder:

<http://crf.casa.ucl.ac.uk/screenRoute.aspx?s=1309&d=128&w=False>

**Joint Debate: The Economist's Society and UCLU
Debating Society**

Motion: "This house would limit executive pay"

The extent to which executive pay should be regulated became a pertinent topic after the 2008/09 financial crisis that led to calls for cuts in bankers' bonuses. More recently, news of the large remuneration pay given to top executives in times of austerity, also known as the "Shareholder Spring", has resulted in greater dissatisfaction amongst the public, many of whom see this as highly unfair and controversial. Recently, the 'Executive Pay and Remuneration Bill' has just undergone the 2nd reading in the House of Commons. Today, some limits are already in place but the question is, should greater limits be put in place or will the enforcement of additional limits become overprotective of shareholders' interest?

Do you want to express your views on this or just listen to the experts argue it out amongst themselves? If yes, then join us on 18th February 2013 at Wilkins Gustave Tuck LT from 7pm to 9pm where you can have your say on this. This event is proudly brought to you by The Economist's Society and UCLU Debating Society.

Date: 18th February 2013, Monday
Time: 19:00-21:00
Venue: Wilkins Gustave Tuck LT
Free event, no need for registration

The Annual David Ricardo Ball

We are mere weeks away from the highlight of every UCL Economist's social calendar, the Annual David Ricardo Easter Ball! Any student who attended last year will tell you that it is an unforgettable and truly unmissable evening. We will be releasing more information over the coming weeks so do keep your eyes open for news about how you can get your tickets.

Migration: Global Development, New Frontiers

UCL will be hosting a large interdisciplinary conference on migration – "Migration: Global Development, New Frontiers" from 10th – 13th April 2013, and the CReAM will be organising this event. Around 500 delegates are expected to attend and to present their research. These will include distinguished scholars from all over the world as well as many brilliant young scholars, from subject areas such as Anthropology, Demography, Economics, Geography, Sociology, Political Sciences and Psychology.

The organizing team will need some help, and would like to invite you to participate and support us in this event. For this, you will have free access to all scientific and social events, giving you the opportunity to get to know some of the best scholars in the field of migration.

Keynote speeches and invited lectures will be given by the most influential international scholars in the field, among them: Francois Bourguignon (Paris School of Economics), David Card (UC Berkeley), Barry Chiswick (UI Chicago), Frederic Docquier (UC Louvain), David McKenzie (World Bank), Kaivan Munshi (Brown University). For more information, please visit <http://www.norface-migration.org/sites/index.php?site=5&page=1>

Please get in touch with Marco Alfano (m.alfano@ucl.ac.uk) or Simon Gorlach (joseph-simon.gorlach.09@ucl.ac.uk) if you are interested in helping out in this event.

LSE SU Economics Conference

The UCL Economist's Society would like to inform our members about the LSE SU Economics Conference. The LSE SU Economics Conference is a prestigious annual two day event, with the kind support of Craig Calhoun and the Economics Department. Through a series of keynote speakers, panel discussions and workshops, they bring together a gathering of prominent professionals, policy makers and academics to engage in intellectually stimulating discussions and presentations seeking to explain current global dilemmas. This year they have included the Economics Policy Challenge in the ticket. They also invite you to come along to their EPC Final on Friday 15/02/2013, a research-based essay competition where the finalists will present their papers, with judges including Professor Danny Quah.

For more information, please visit <http://www.lse-sc-ec.co.uk/>

Review of Diane Coyle Academic Event

The term sustainability conjures images of melting polar ice caps and smog-enveloped Beijing streets in the eyes of many people, but, argued Diane Coyle in her talk at UCL last Thursday, in reality it encompasses a lot more than the environment.

Throughout the course of the hour, Dr Coyle spelt out how we might go about addressing many of the issues facing society today - such as widening inequality and unethical business practices - and ensuring that the legacy we leave for future generations isn't one of economic, social and environment debt

The full review can be accessed from our website: <http://www.economistsociety.org/past-speakers.html>.

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