

## Newsletter

Dear members,

This tuesday, the Economist's Society is very proud to have Vince Cable in UCL to present on 'The Storm: The World Economic Crisis and What It Means'. It is an extremely rare opportunity to have him in UCL. He is one of the most respected Economic policy makers in the UK today and definitely has interesting insights to learn from. Be sure not to miss this event.

Our Christmas Party tickets are still on sale, and you can get them at <http://econsocparty.eventbrite.com>. In addition, you can also get the tickets from any committee member. All you need to do is to approach them and they will help you with obtaining a ticket.

Hope to see you at the talk by Vince Cable, and also at the Christmas Party.

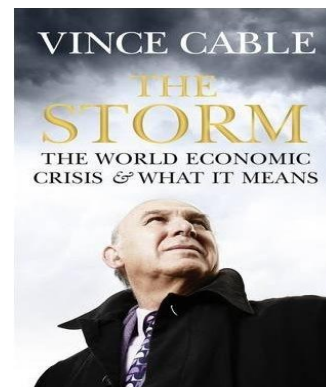
### Vince Cable - 'The Storm: The World Economic Crisis and What it Means'

To end the 2012 year with a BANG- The Economist's Society is proud to present: Vince Cable – 'The Storm: The World Economic Crisis and What It Means'.

In 2003, around about the time that Gordon Brown claimed to have brought an end to the era of 'boom and bust', Vince Cable was alone in suggesting that the strength of the British Economy resulted from the way in which rising house prices were allowing consumers to borrow as though there were no tomorrow. Brown would have done well to heed the warning.

On Tuesday 4th December, the senior British Liberal Democrat politician and economist who is currently the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills will be coming to UCL to share his insights into the fundamental causes of the World Economic Crisis and the future measures required to ensure that we avoid the same fate again.

His influence cannot be overstated and he is, without question, one of the most respected Economic policy makers in the UK today. So come along and join us for an event that is (for anybody at least vaguely interested in the state of the British Economy, now and into the future) simply un-missable.



Vince Cable is the MP for Twickenham and has been a member of the government since the Conservative/ Liberal Democrat coalition was formed following the 2010 general election. He has taught at the University of Cambridge, University of Glasgow and the LSE and was previously an Economic Advisor to the Nigerian Government and the Chief Economist of Royal Dutch Shell.

**Date: Tuesday, 4th December 2012**

**Time: 17:30-18:15**

**Venue: Archaeology Lecture Theatre**

**Free Entry; No Need for Registration.**

Facebook Event Page:  
<http://www.facebook.com/events/514302528589422/>

Campus Route Finder  
<http://crf.casa.ucl.ac.uk/screenRoute.aspx?s=1309&d=21&w=False>

## Christmas Party

Tickets are selling fast, so get yours soon to avoid disappointment!

As the first term draws to a close, exams are complete and the holidays are around the corner, it becomes the great pleasure of The Economist's Society to invite all Economics and joint-honours students to our Christmas Party.

The Party will take place on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at Ruby Blue on London's world-famous Leicester Square**, where we have an exclusive area for all our guests to enjoy themselves late into the night.

Tickets are just **£11** and include free entry into the club, access to our exclusive area overlooking Leicester Square for the whole evening, complimentary drinks and of course an excellent night with fellow Economists.

**Tickets are available from**

**<http://econsocparty.eventbrite.com>**

As usual, tickets are limited and we wouldn't want anybody to miss out, so please ensure that you get yours as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

**Dress Code: Smart Casual**

**Date: Wednesday, 12 December 2012**

**Time: 20:00 onwards**

**Venue: Ruby Blue**

**Tickets: £11, available from**  
**<http://econsocparty.eventbrite.com>**

**Facebook event page:**

**<http://www.facebook.com/events/139017776246352/?fref=ts>**

*Each Economics/ Joint Honours student can bring up to one additional guest at the same price. UCL ID & Official ID is mandatory for entry and all guests must be at least 18 years old. Free club entry is before a certain time, all guests will be notified via email. After this time all guests will have to pay for entry. Number of complimentary drinks is minimum two.*

## Green Economy Society: Towards a circular economy

In a world of high and volatile resource prices, efficient use of resources is critical to future economic competitiveness - for countries and companies alike. New models of industrial organization are needed to detach rising prosperity from a growth in resource consumption.

The Green Economy Society would like to invite the members of the Economist's Society's coming event. The Green Economy Society is proud to invite Neil Harris from Cisco to give a talk about the concept of the 'Circular Economy':

A 'circular economy' is an approach that would transform the function of resources in the economy. Waste from factories would become a valuable input to another process - and products could be repaired, reused or upgraded instead of thrown away. Today, the recycling of many materials does not occur because it is uneconomical relative to the production of virgin material. With incentives that encourage careful planning all the way from the product design stage to the consumer, the economics of recovery and reuse could be transformed.

Harris's role is to develop and lead company initiatives within Cisco's European Markets theatre. As part of this role, Harris is tasked with aligning strategic business, operational functions and processes within Cisco to achieve green targets set by Corporate and European leadership teams.

An equally important responsibility is promoting awareness of how enabling technologies such as collaboration and virtualization can help clients implement and drive sustainability initiatives.

His belief, with the aid of technology, organizations can transform their approach to critical issues such as climate change. With a background in high-tech over the last 12 years and a keen interest in the environment, he is one of Cisco's leading spokesmen on Green IT and sustainability.

Find out more about the GES at <http://www.facebook.com/ucluges>

**UCL Thai Society: Talk by Former Prime Minister and Former Finance Minister of Thailand**

*UCL The Economist's Society welcomes its members to the upcoming academic event organised by UCL Thai Society.*

The UCL Thai Society is proud to be hosting a talk by Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, former Prime Minister of Thailand and former Minister of Finance Mr. Korn Chatikavanij (notably named Finance Minister of the Year 2010 by the FT).

The talk will be split into three sections:

1. Yingluck on Top? Democrat Party's strategy for 2015 Elections

This will focus on the Party's new strategies such as the youth program primaries for gubernatorial election as well as older strategies, i.e. the primacy of sound economic policy over populism.

2. The Curse of "Thainess" and the Future of Thai Democracy

This covers the identification of certain Thai values that are hindering the development of democracy in the country - the influence of the patronage system, money politics and a tendency to value short-term gains over long-term policies, to name a few.

3. Abhisit on Abhisit: Thoughts on my student life in the UK, career in politics and future plans  
Relatively straightforward; the former Prime Minister talks about himself and this is a great opportunity to find out more about the man who governed Thailand for some 3 years.

Questions from audience are available after the talk.

**Date: December 9th Sunday**

**Time: 18:00 - 19:30**

**Venue: UCL Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre**

**Dress Code: Smart casual**

**Registration : Attendance is strictly first come first serve. Please note that clicking "Attending" on this event DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE REGISTERED. Response is expected to be quite high so please come as soon as possible!**

**Facebook**

**Event:** <http://www.facebook.com/events/448897378501132/>

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