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Ufuk Akcigit
Professor
University of Chicago

Ufuk Akcigit is the Arnold C. Harberger Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago, where he has taught since 2015. He also directs the Global Center for Economic Growth, a collaborative initiative between the University of Chicago and the World Bank. He previously taught at the University of Pennsylvania. His research interests include macroeconomics, economic growth, firm dynamics, innovation and entrepreneurship.

Mr. Akcigit is a senior research fellow at the Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis, a research network fellow of CESifo, a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research and a research affiliate of the Center for Economic Policy Research.

Andrew Bailey
Governor
Bank of England

Andrew Bailey was appointed governor of the Bank of England in March 2020 to a term that expires in 2028. Before becoming governor, Mr. Bailey had been chief executive officer of the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), which he joined in 2016. As chief executive of the FCA, Mr. Bailey also was a member of the Prudential Regulation Committee, the Financial Policy Committee and the Board of the Financial Conduct Authority. Prior to joining the FCA, Mr. Bailey worked more than 30 years for the Bank of England.

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Steven Davis
Professor
Stanford University

Steven Davis is the Thomas W. and Susan B. Ford Senior Fellow and director of research at the Hoover Institution and a senior fellow at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR). Previously, Mr. Davis taught at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, where he joined the faculty in 1985. His research interests include working arrangements, business dynamics, economic fluctuations and policy uncertainty.

Mr. Davis is a research associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research, a senior academic fellow and member of the executive committee at the Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research, an IZA research fellow and a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Karen Dynan
Professor
Harvard University

Karen Dynan is a Professor of the Practice in the Harvard University Department of Economics and at the Harvard Kennedy School. She is also a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics and the chair of the American Economic Association Committee on Economic Statistics. Her research interests include macroeconomic policy, consumer behavior and household finances.

Ms. Dynan previously served as assistant secretary for economic policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, where she was the chief economist. Before that, she was vice president and co-director of the Economic Studies program at the Brookings Institution and on the staff of the Federal Reserve Board.

Janice Eberly
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Janice Eberly is the James R. and Helen D. Russell Distinguished Professor of Finance in the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Her research focuses on finance and macroeconomics, including firms' investment decisions and household consumption and portfolio choice.

Ms. Eberly was a distinguished senior fellow and visiting faculty at the Golub Center for Finance and Policy at the Sloan School of Management at MIT. Before that, she served as the assistant secretary for economic policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, where she was the chief economist.

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Jordi Galí
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Jordi Galí is a professor of economics at Pompeu Fabra University and a research professor at the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics. He is also a senior researcher at the Center for Research in International Economics (CREI), where he was formerly director. His research interests include macroeconomics and monetary theory.

Mr. Galí previously taught at New York University and Columbia University. He is a research fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research, a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research and a fellow of the Econometric Society.

Claudia Goldin
Professor
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Claudia Goldin is the Henry Lee Professor of Economics at Harvard University. Previously, she was the director of the National Bureau of Economic Research's Development of the American Economy program. Her research interests include the female labor force, immigration, income inequality, technological change and education.

Ms. Goldin is a 2023 recipient of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences. She is also a fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Society of Labor Economists, the Econometric Society and the Cliometric Society.

Chad Jones
Professor
Stanford University

Chad Jones is the STANCO 25 Professor of Economics at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. He previously taught at the University of California-Berkeley. His research interests include health, inequality, innovation and technology.

Mr. Jones is a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research and a fellow of the Econometric Society. He has also been a fellow of the Hoover Institution, the John M. Olin Foundation and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

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Lawrence Katz
Professor
Harvard University

Lawrence Katz is the Elisabeth Allison Professor of Economics at Harvard University. He previously served as co-scientific director and co-founder of J-PAL North America and as chief economist for the U.S. Department of Labor. His research interests include labor economics and the economics of social problems.

Mr. Katz is a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, president of the American Economic Association, and has been elected a fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Econometric Society and the Society of Labor Economists.

Christine Lagarde
President
European Central Bank

Christine Lagarde has been president of the European Central Bank since 2019. She also serves as chair of the European Systemic Risk Board and is a member of the board of directors at the Bank of International Settlements.

Previously, Ms. Lagarde served as managing director of the International Monetary Fund, as the minister of economy and finance for the French government and as chair of both the Global Executive Committee and Global Strategic Committee for international law firm Baker McKenzie.

Emi Nakamura
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Emi Nakamura is the Chancellor's Professor of Economics at the University of California-Berkeley. Previously, she taught at Columbia University. Her research interests include monetary and fiscal policy, business cycles and macroeconomic measurement.

Ms. Nakamura is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and co-director of the monetary economics program at the National Bureau of Economic Research. She also serves on the Congressional Budget Office's Panel of Economic Advisers and the Executive Committee of the American Economics Association.

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Maurice Obstfeld
Professor
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Maurice Obstfeld is the C. Fred Bergsten Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics and a Professor of Economics Emeritus at the University of California-Berkeley. Previously, he served on the Council of Economic Advisers and as chief economist at the International Monetary Fund. His research focuses on the global economy.

Mr. Obstfeld is a distinguished fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research, a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, and a fellow of the Econometric Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Ruth Porat
President and Chief Investment Officer
Alphabet and Google

Ruth Porat is the president and chief investment officer of Alphabet and Google. Previously, she served as chief financial officer at Morgan Stanley.

Ms. Porat is a member of the Board of Directors of Blackstone Inc., the Council on Foreign Relations, Bloomberg Philanthropies and the Board of Trustees of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Jerome Powell
Chair
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Jerome Powell is chair of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Mr. Powell also is chair of the Federal Open Market Committee, the System's principal monetary policymaking body. Mr. Powell has been a member of the Board of Governors since 2012 and chair since 2018.

Prior to his appointment to the Board, Mr. Powell was a visiting scholar at the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C., where he focused on federal and state fiscal issues. From 1997 through 2005, Mr. Powell was a partner at the Carlyle Group. Mr. Powell was an assistant secretary and undersecretary of the Treasury under President George H.W. Bush. Prior to joining the administration, he worked as a lawyer and investment banker in New York City.

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Ludwig Straub
Professor
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Ludwig Straub is a professor of economics at Harvard University. His research interests include the relationship between rising economic inequality and macroeconomic trends as well as the study of fiscal and monetary policy in heterogeneous-agent models.

Mr. Straub is a fellow of the National Bureau of Economic Research, a research affiliate of the Center for Economic Policy Research and a fellow of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

Linda Tesar
Professor
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Linda Tesar is the Alan V. Deardorff Collegiate Professor of Economics at the University of Michigan. Previously, she taught at the University of California-Santa Barbara. Her research interests include the international transmission of business cycles and fiscal policy, capital flows to emerging markets, the determination of long-run interest rates, international tax competition and labor mobility.

Ms. Tesar is the co-director of the International Finance and Macroeconomics Program at the National Bureau of Economic Research. She is also a research affiliate of the Centre for Economic Policy Research, the Asian Bureau of Finance and Economic Research and the Bellagio Group.

Kazuo Ueda
Governor
Bank of Japan

Kazuo Ueda was appointed governor of the Bank of Japan in April 2023. He is also a professor emeritus at the University of Tokyo, where he joined the faculty as professor of economics in 1989. His research interests include unconventional monetary policy, monetary economics, macroeconomics and international finance.

Since 2022, Dr. Ueda has served as an ex-officio alternate member of the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund. He previously served as president of the Japan Economic Association and as a member of the policy board of the Bank of Japan.

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Laura Veldkamp
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Laura Veldkamp is the Leon G. Cooperman Professor of Finance and Economics at Columbia University's Graduate School of Business. Her research interests include macroeconomics, finance, the data economy and information choice.

Ms. Veldkamp is a fellow of the National Bureau of Economic Research, the Centre for Economic and Policy Research, the Econometric Society, the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory and the Finance Theory Group. She is also an economic advisor for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Bank of International Settlements.