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GLOBAL ECONOMICS

SIMON JOHNSON

Johnson is a co-recipient of the 2024 Nobel Prize in Economics for his work on the importance of societal institutions for a country's prosperity. His current research examines the ways that policy, technology, and geopolitics can ease or exacerbate inequality worldwide, with an emphasis on the future of work and the development of pro-worker artificial intelligence.

DATA & AI IN FINANCE

ANDREW LO

Lo's current research explores the ways in which artificial intelligence can be implemented in the financial landscape to provide financial advice and help people plan for retirement.

ERIC SO

So's current focus is on the ways in which humans can work alongside machines to harness the potential of generative AI to master the art of value investing.

ECONOMIC POLICY

KRISTIN FORBES

Drawing on prior roles with the World Bank, the U.S. Treasury Department, and the White House's Council of Economic Advisors, Forbes speaks to a range of international economic areas including changing interest rates and future monetary policy challenges and lessons, especially as they relate to inflation.

DEBORAH LUCAS

Lucas addresses the intersection of finance and policy, focusing on the assessment of government financial decisions. Lucas emphasizes that accurately measuring cost requires taking a fair value approach—one that considers the full range of future gains and losses, and that recognizes the cost of risk.

FIONA MURRAY

As Vice Chair of the NATO Innovation Fund, Murray has national and global experience in designing and evaluating economic policies. She also teaches successful methods of creating and engaging with innovation ecosystems—including navigating tax policies and market challenges.

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CONSUMER & HOUSEHOLD FINANCE

JONATHAN PARKER

Focusing on macroeconomics and household finance, Parker's research explores the evolution of household portfolios, risk taking and beliefs, and developing machine learning techniques to solve for optimal household portfolios.

ANTOINETTE SCHOAR

Schoar's research explores trading activity and investor behavior in the cryptocurrency market as well as household finance including retirement savings and the market for financial advice.

MARYAM FARBOODI

Farboodi is a researcher with the MIT Sloan Consumer Finance Initiative and focuses on the economics of big data and how big data technologies have changed trading strategies and financial outcomes.

ECONOMICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

ROBERTO RIGOBON

Rigobon's research targets the importance of assurance in carbon accounting for companies to accurately measure their CO2 emissions and the impact of ESG ratings on fund holdings, stock returns, and firm behavior.

CATHERINE WOLFRAM

As the former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Climate and Energy Economics at the U.S. Treasury, Wolfram can speak to an array of topics including carbon border adjustments, carbon pricing, climate tax policy, and tariffs as they relate to oil policy.

CHRISTOPHER KNITTEL

As director of the MIT Climate Policy Center, Knittel's research focuses on environmental economics, studying how firms and consumers respond to policies—including the likelihood of new tariffs, cuts to IRA subsidies, and a carbon tax.

FINANCIAL SYSTEMS & BIASES

TAHA CHOUKHMANE

Choukhmane's research focuses on the way households make their saving and investment decisions and examines people's behaviors in retirement savings plans including the behavioral biases that affect their investment and portfolio-allocation decisions.

CHRISTOPHER PALMER

Palmer's recent research focuses on the racial gap in debt relief, showing that Black filers were 31% more likely to have their Chapter 13 bankruptcy case dismissed in court than non-Black filers.

LAWRENCE SCHMIDT

Schmidt's work focuses on interracial wealth gaps and leveraging big data to uncover the critical role of risky human capital for asset markets and the real economy.

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