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Speaker Bios

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Danny Quah is Li Ka Shing Professor in Economics and Dean at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. Quah’s current research is primarily in two areas: first, inequality and income mobility, and second, the supply and demand of world order. His earlier work concerned technical research in economic growth and econometrics. He was previously Professor in Economics and International Development at the London School of Economics.

Conference Speakers

Chong-En Bai is Mansfield Freeman Chair Professor, Dean of the School of Economics and Management of Tsinghua University and Director of its National Institute for Fiscal Studies. He was a member of the monetary policy committee of the People’s Bank of China from 2015 to 2018.
Muhamad Chatib Basri is a former Minister of Finance of Indonesia. Previously he was the Chairman of the Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board. He is also a Chairman of the PT Bank Mandiri Tbk and Chairman of the PT XL-Axiata Tbk. He teaches at the Department of Economics, University of Indonesia, and cofounded CREco Research Institute, a Jakarta-based economic consulting firm, in 2010.

Karan Bhatia is Vice President, Government Affairs and Public Policy, at Google. He previously was President of GE’s Government Affairs & Policy function. He also served in senior positions in the US government, including at the Departments of Commerce and Transportation. His last role was as Deputy US Trade Representative. Prior to his government service, he was a partner in the Washington, DC law firm Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, where he was a member of the firm’s international and corporate groups.

Chad P. Bown is Reginald Jones Senior Fellow of the Peterson Institute for International Economics. He previously served as a lead economist at the World Bank, senior economist for international trade and investment in the White House on the Council of Economic Advisers, and professor of economics at Brandeis University. He has also spent a year in residence as a visiting scholar in economic research at the World Trade Organization Secretariat in Geneva.

Markus K. Brunnermeier is a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Economics at Princeton University, and Director of Princeton’s Bendheim Center for Finance. He recently published a book, *The Resilient Society: Lessons from the pandemic for recovering from the next major shock*.

Michael Buchanan is Head of Portfolio Strategy & Risk Group; Head, Macro Strategy; and Head, Australia & New Zealand, at Temasek International Private Limited Singapore. He was most recently the Chief Asia-Pacific Economist at Goldman Sachs, Hong Kong, where he was previously the Co-Director of the Global Macro & Markets Research Group.
Martin Chorzempa, Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, is a former Fulbright Scholar and researcher at the Association of German Banks. He previously studied at Peking University's China Center for Economic Research and held positions at the China Finance 40 Forum, China's leading independent think tank. His forthcoming book is *The Cashless Revolution: China’s Reinvention of Money and the End of America’s Domination of Finance and Technology*.

Tsai Ming-Kai is the Chairman of MediaTek Incorporated, a fabless semiconductor manufacturing company established in Taiwan in 1997. Under his leadership, MediaTek has become an industry leader in innovative systems-on-chip platforms for mobile, home, connectivity, IoT and automotive products. In 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2018, Chairman Tsai was recognized among “The Best-Performing CEOs in the World” by *Harvard Business Review*.

Elina Noor is Director of Political-Security Affairs and Deputy Director at the Washington, DC office of the Asia Society Policy Institute. She was Associate Professor at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. She serves on the International Committee of the Red Cross’s Global Advisory Board on digital threats during conflict.

Jacqueline Poh was appointed Managing Director of the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) on October 4, 2021. She was Deputy Secretary in the Prime Minister’s Office Strategy Group. Poh was the founding Chief Executive of the Government Technology Agency of Singapore (GovTech) and was the Managing Director of the Infocommunications Development Authority. She has also held key positions in the Ministry of Manpower, the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Defense.

Gina M. Raimondo is US Secretary of Commerce and formerly the 75th Governor of Rhode Island and its first woman governor. She previously served as General Treasurer of Rhode Island, a statewide elected position. She was founding employee and senior vice president at Village Ventures and founder of Point Judith Capital, Rhode Island’s only venture capital firm.
Tharman Shanmugaratnam is Senior Minister in Singapore, having served for several years as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister. He is concurrently Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies. Tharman also co-chairs the G20 High Level Independent Panel on financing pandemic security, together with Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala and Lawrence Summers. He also chairs the Group of Thirty, an independent global council of economic and financial leaders from the public and private sectors and academia.

Martin Wolf CBE is Chief Economics Commentator at the Financial Times, London. He was awarded the CBE (Commander of the British Empire) in 2000. He was a member of the UK government’s Independent Commission on Banking between June 2010 and September 2011. His most recent book is The Shifts and The Shocks: What we’ve learned—and have still to learn—from the financial crisis.