



# A Systemic Recovery

## Biographies

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## OECD



## Angel Gurría

## Secretary General of the OECD

As Secretary-General of the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) since 2006, Angel Gurría has firmly established the Organisation as a pillar of the global economic governance architecture including the G7, G20 and APEC, and a reference point in the design and implementation of better policies for better lives. He has broadened OECD's membership with the accession of Chile, Estonia, Israel, Latvia and Slovenia, and has made the Organisation more inclusive by strengthening its links with key emerging economies. Under his watch, the OECD is leading the effort to reform the international tax system, and to improve governance frameworks in anti-corruption and other fields. He has also heralded a new growth narrative that promotes the well-being of people, including women, gender and youth, and has scaled up the OECD contribution to the global agenda, including the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals

Born in Mexico, Mr. Gurría came to the OECD following a distinguished career in public service in his country, including positions as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Finance and Public Credit in the 1990s. Mr. Gurría holds a B.A. degree in Economics from UNAM (Mexico) and a M.A. degree in Economics from Leeds University (United Kingdom). He has received Honorary Degrees from the Universidad de Valle de México, Rey Juan Carlos University, European University of Madrid, and the Universities of Leeds, Haifa and Bratislava.

Mr. Gurría has received several awards and decorations from more than 30 countries, including the titles of Grand officier de la Légion d'honneur and Chevalier dans l'ordre du Mérite agricole, awarded by the French Government. He has also received a Medal from the French Senate and the Ridder Grootkruis in de Orde van Oranje-Naussau awarded by the Netherlands. Most recently, he was distinguished by the President of Korea with the Gwangwha Medal for Diplomatic Service, and also received recognition to his longstanding contribution to the development of public administration in Mexico, the Medalla al Mérito Administrativo Internacional "Gustavo Martínez Cabañas", awarded by the Instituto Nacional de Administración Pública (INAP). In 2007, Mr. Gurría was the first recipient of the Globalist of the Year Award of the Canadian International Council to honour his efforts as a global citizen to promote trans-nationalism, inclusiveness and a global consciousness. His awards include the Ben Gurion Leadership Award, the Award Isidro Fabela by the Mexican Association of International Studies, the Nueva Economía Award, the Orden Bernardo O'Higgins en el Grado de Gran Cruz, and the Medalla Rectoral from the University of Chile.

Mr. Gurría has participated in various international not-for-profit bodies, including the Population Council, based in New York, and the Center for Global Development based in Washington. He chaired the International Task Force on Financing Water for All and continues to be deeply involved in water issues, being a member of the United Nations Secretary General Advisory Board for Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB) and of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Water Security. He is also a member of the International Advisory Board of Governors of the Centre for International Governance Innovation; based in Canada, the Advisory Board for the Global Green Growth Forum (3GF), co-hosted by Korea and Denmark, and the Advisory Board to the International Forum on Genomics, Innovation and Economic Growth, and was recently appointed as a member of the Royal Academy of Economic and Financial Sciences of Spain.



### Juan Yermo

#### Chief of Staff to the OECD Secretary-General

Mr Yermo supports the Secretary-General's strategic leadership and ensures that the Organisation delivers on its mandates. He oversees the functioning of the cabinet, which includes the team of advisors, two horizontal policy units (New Approaches to Economic Challenges (NAEC) and Strategic Foresight), and the Sherpa Office. He also steers a whole-of-Organisation initiative to provide targeted policy advice and reform support to countries, leads efforts to strengthen strategic partnerships with other international organisations and foundations. He also coordinates the Organisation's Voluntary Contributions (VC) focal point.

Mr Yermo supports Deputy Secretary-General Jeffrey Schlagenhaut in overseeing the OECD Action Plan on the SDGs and the Strategic Approach to Anti-Corruption and Integrity. He also co-chairs the OECD's Friends of Gender Equality +, and is a member of the Directors' Group steering the recently established Centre on Well-Being, Inequalities, Sustainability and Equal Opportunities (WISE).

Previously, Mr Yermo served as Deputy Chief of Staff since October 2014, supporting the Secretary-General and the Chief of Staff and G20 Sherpa in steering the strategic agenda of the Secretary-General, and in managing the cabinet and day-to-day operations.

Mr Yermo joined the OECD in July 1999 as head of the private pensions unit. He oversaw the Working Party on Private Pensions and led the launch of the OECD Pensions Outlook, among other publications. Before joining the Office of the Secretary-General, Mr Yermo was Deputy Head of the Financial Affairs Division of the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs. He supported the organisation's input to the G20 project on investment financing, including the development of the G20-OECD High-level Principles of Long-term Investment Financing by Institutional Investors.

Prior to joining the OECD, Mr Yermo was a consultant for the Latin America and Caribbean Department of the World Bank, a risk analyst at Bankers Trust, and an economist at SBC Warburg.

Mr Yermo holds a Ph.D. (DPhil) and MPhil in Economics from Oxford University, and an MA in Economics from Cambridge University. He is a Spanish national.



**William Hynes**

**NAEC Co-ordinator, OECD**

William Hynes is the Acting Head of the New Approaches to Economic Challenges Unit (NAEC) which provides a space to question traditional economic ideas and offer new economic narratives, new tools, methods and policy approaches. He previously worked as an Advisor in the Sherpa and Global Governance Unit, a policy analyst in the Development Co-operation Directorate and an economic affairs officer at the World Trade Organisation. William is an Adjunct Professor in International Economics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, has a doctorate from Oxford University and was a Marie Curie Fellow at the London School of Economics.



## OECD AMBASSADORS



### Irena Sodin

#### Ambassador to the OECD, Permanent Representative of Slovenia

Ambassador Irena Sodin took up her duties as Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the OECD on 13 February 2017.

Ms. Sodin holds a degree in Economics from the University of Ljubljana; she took part in the Executive Development Programme of the World Bank at Harvard University in 1999 as well as the International Visitor Leadership Programme at the US State Department in 2003.

In 1983, Ms. Sodin joined Ljubljanska banka, the largest Slovenian bank, as a member of the Export Credit Department promoting Slovenian exporters chiefly in the Western markets. In 1996, Ms. Sodin joined the Ministry of Finance where she held a number of high-ranking positions: from 1997 to 2001, she was Senior Adviser and Undersecretary of State at the Office of the Minister and the International Department; from 2001 to 2005, Ms. Sodin was Head of the International Department, from 2001 to 2005, she was a member of the Administrative Council of the CEB, then Vice-Chairperson and Chair of the Board of the Centre of Excellence in Finance.

From 2005 to 2014, Ms. Sodin joined the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development as an Adviser and Alternate Director in the Constituency Office of Belgium, Luxembourg and Slovenia.

From 2014 until her appointment as Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the OECD, she was State Secretary at the Ministry of Finance and member of the Economic and Financial Committee for Slovenia at the EU.



## GUEST SPEAKERS



**Thomas P. Bostick**

**Former Chief Engineer and Commanding General, US Army Corps of Engineers  
and Affiliated Scholar, Stanford University**

Lieutenant General (Retired) Thomas P. Bostick recently served as Chief Operating Officer and President, Intrexon Bioengineering at Intrexon Corporation (NASDAQ: XON, Now Precigen: PRGN). Gen. Bostick served as the 53rd Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He helped lead the nation's response following Superstorm Sandy. He served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, for Personnel responsible for the human resource requirements for over 1 million soldiers and 330,000 civilians; Bostick served as the Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command; and Assistant Division Commander of Maneuver, then Assistant Division Commander of Support for the 1st Cavalry Division. He deployed with the division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom before commanding the Gulf Region Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers where he was responsible for an \$18B construction program.

During 9/11, he served as the senior watch officer in the National Military Command Center as the nation responded to the crisis. Gen. Bostick was an Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at West Point and was a White House Fellow, working as a special assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Gen. Bostick serves on the Boards of CSX Corp. (NASDAQ: CSX), Perma Fix (NASDAQ: PESI), HireVue and Streamside, both private companies, and American Corporate Partners, a 501c3 assisting Veterans. He is a Forbes Contributor.

He is a 1978 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and holds Master of Science Degrees in both Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University, and a PhD in Systems Engineering from George Washington University. Gen. Bostick is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Construction, and the Hall of Fame of the George Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Science.



## Mark Carney

### United Nations Special Envoy for Climate Action Finance

Mark Carney is currently the UN Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance and UK Prime Minister Johnson's Finance Adviser for COP26.

Mark was previously Governor of the Bank of England (from 2013 to 2020), and Governor of the Bank of Canada (from 2008 to 2013). Internationally, Mark was Chair of the Financial Stability Board (from 2011 to 2018), he chaired the Global Economy Meeting and Economic Consultative Committee of the Bank for International Settlements (from 2018-2020) and was First Vice-Chair of the European Systemic Risk Board (from 2013-2020).

He is a member of the Group of Thirty, the Foundation Board of the World Economic Forum, as well as the boards of Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Peterson Institute for International Economics and the Hoffman Institute for Global Business and Society at INSEAD.

Mark was born in Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, Canada in 1965. After growing up in Edmonton, Alberta, he obtained a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard and masters and doctorate degrees in Economics from Oxford.

After a thirteen-year career with Goldman Sachs, Mark was appointed Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada in 2003. In 2004, he became Senior Associate Deputy Minister of Finance. He held this position until his appointment as Governor of the Bank of Canada in February 2008.



**Rana Foroohar**

**Business Columnist and an Associate Editor at *The Financial Times***

Rana Foroohar is Global Business Columnist and an Associate Editor at the Financial Times, based in New York. She is also CNN's global economic analyst. Her book, "Makers and Takers: The Rise of Finance and the Fall of American Business" (Crown), about why the capital markets no longer support business, was shortlisted for the Financial Times McKinsey Book of the Year award in 2016.

Prior to joining the FT and CNN, Foroohar spent 6 years at TIME, as an assistant managing editor and economic columnist. She previously spent 13 years at Newsweek, as an economic and foreign affairs editor and a foreign correspondent covering Europe and the Middle East. During that time, she was awarded the German Marshall Fund's Peter Weitz Prize for transatlantic reporting. She has also received awards and fellowships from institutions such as the Johns Hopkins School of International Affairs and the East West Center. She is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

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## Gita Gopinath

### Chief Economist, International Monetary Fund

Gita Gopinath is the Economic Counsellor and Director of the Research Department at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). She is on leave of public service from Harvard University's Economics department where she is the John Zwaanstra Professor of International Studies and of Economics.

Ms. Gopinath's research, which focuses on International Finance and Macroeconomics, has been published in many top economics journals. She has authored numerous research articles on exchange rates, trade and investment, international financial crises, monetary policy, debt, and emerging market crises.

She is the co-editor of the current Handbook of International Economics and was earlier the co-editor of the American Economic Review and managing editor of the Review of Economic Studies. She had also previously served as the co-director of the International Finance and Macroeconomics program at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, and member of the economic advisory panel of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. From 2016-18, she was the Economic Adviser to the Chief Minister of Kerala state in India. She also served as a member of the Eminent Persons Advisory Group on G-20 Matters for India's Ministry of Finance.

Ms. Gopinath is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the Econometric Society, and recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Washington. In 2019, Foreign Policy named her one of the Top Global Thinkers, in 2014, she was named one of the top 25 economists under 45 by the IMF and in 2011 she was chosen a Young Global Leader (YGL) by the World Economic Forum. The Indian government awarded her the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, the highest honour conferred on overseas Indians. Before joining the faculty of Harvard University in 2005, she was an assistant professor of economics at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business.

Ms. Gopinath was born in India. She is a U.S. citizen and an Overseas Citizen of India. She received her Ph.D. in economics from Princeton University in 2001 after earning a B.A. from Lady Shri Ram College and M.A. degrees from Delhi School of Economics and University of Washington.



### Paul Krugman

#### Distinguished Professor of Economics at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York

Paul Krugman joined the Ph.D. Economics Program in 2015 as a Distinguished Scholar. Since 2014, he has served as a distinguished scholar at the Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality at the Graduate Center. Before joining the GC, he was a professor of economics and international affairs at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School; prior to his appointment at Princeton, he served on the faculties of MIT, Yale and Stanford.

In 2008, Professor Krugman was the sole recipient of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences for his work on international trade theory. He has also received the John Bates Clark Medal from the American Economic Association and the Asturias Award given by King of Spain, considered to be the European Pulitzer Prize.

He is the author or editor of more than 25 books and over 200 published professional articles, and well-known to the general public as an op-ed columnist and blogger for *The New York Times*. His four recent trade books, *End This Depression Now!*, *The Return of Depression Economics and the Crisis of 2008*, *The Conscience of a Liberal* and *The Great Unraveling* became *New York Times* bestsellers.

He has served as a consultant to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations, and to foreign countries including Portugal and the Philippines. His approach to economics is reaching a new generation of college students through his coauthored college textbooks on micro- and macroeconomics that are among the top-selling economics textbooks used in U.S. colleges.



**Barry C. Lynn**

## **Director, Open Markets Institute**

Barry Lynn directs the Open Markets Institute. Previously, he spent 15 years at the New America Foundation researching and writing about monopoly power. He is author of *Cornered: The New Monopoly Capitalism and the Economics of Destruction* (Wiley 2010) and *End of the Line: The Rise and Coming Fall of the Global Corporation* (Doubleday 2005).

Lynn's writings on the political and economic effects of the extreme consolidation of power in the United States have influenced the thinking of policymakers and antitrust professionals on both sides of the Atlantic. His work has been profiled on CBS and in the *New York Times*, and his articles have appeared in publications including *Harper's*, the *Financial Times*, *Harvard Business Review*, and *Foreign Policy*. He has appeared on CBS, PBS, CNN, the BBC, NPR, MSNBC, C-Span, and the Christian Broadcasting Network, among others. Prior to joining New America, Lynn was executive editor of *Global Business Magazine* for seven years, and worked as a correspondent in Peru, Venezuela, and the Caribbean for the Associated Press and Agence France Presse.

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## Mariana Mazzucato

**Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value at University College London (UCL), and Founding Director of the UCL Institute for Innovation & Public Purpose (IIPP)**

[Mariana Mazzucato](#) (PhD) is Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value at University College London (UCL), where she is Founding Director of the UCL [Institute for Innovation & Public Purpose](#) (IIPP). She received her BA from Tufts University and her MA and PhD from the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research. Her previous posts include the RM Phillips Professorial Chair at the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) at Sussex University. She is a selected fellow of the UK's Academy of Social Sciences (FACSS) and of the Italian National Science Academy (Lincei).

She is winner of international prizes including the [2020 John von Neumann Award](#), the 2019 [All European Academies Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values](#), and the 2018 [Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought](#). She was named as one of the '3 most important thinkers about innovation' by *The New Republic*, [one of the 50 most creative people in business](#) in 2020 by *Fast Company*, and [one of the 25 leaders shaping the future of capitalism](#) by *WIRED*.

She is the author of three highly-acclaimed books: [The Entrepreneurial State: debunking public vs. private sector myths](#) (2013) which investigates the critical role the state plays in driving growth; [The Value of Everything: making and taking in the global economy](#) (2018) which looks at how value creation needs to be rewarded over value extraction; and the newly released [Mission Economy: a moonshot guide to changing capitalism](#) (2021).

She advises policy makers around the world on innovation-led inclusive and sustainable growth. Her current roles include being Chair of the World Health Organization's Council on the Economics of Health for All and a member of the Scottish Government's Council of Economic Advisors, the South African President's Economic Advisory Council, the OECD Secretary General's Advisory Group on a New Growth Narrative, the UN High Level Advisory Board for Economic and Social Affairs, Argentina's Economic and Social Council, Vinnova's Advisory Panel in Sweden, and Norway's Research Council. Previously, through her role as Special Advisor for the EC Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation (2017-2019), she authored the high-impact report on [Mission-Oriented Research & Innovation in the European Union](#), turning "missions" into a crucial new instrument in the European Commission's Horizon innovation programme.



### William H. McRaven

#### Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

William H. McRaven, former University of Texas System chancellor and retired U.S. Navy four-star admiral, joined the Lyndon B Johnson School of Public Affairs at University of Texas at Austin as a professor in national security in 2018.

As the commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, Adm. McRaven led a force of 69,000 men and women and was responsible for conducting counter-terrorism operations worldwide. During this time, he created the Preservation of the Force and Family initiative to ensure the mental, spiritual and physical well-being of those who serve, as well as that of their families. He is a recognised national authority on U.S. foreign policy and has advised presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama and other U.S. leaders on defense issues.

Adm. McRaven oversaw the 2011 Navy SEAL raid in Pakistan that killed al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden. His book [Spec Ops: Case Studies in Special Operations Warfare: Theory and Practice](#), is considered a fundamental text on special operations strategy. He has received the Republic of France's Legion d'Honneur, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association's National Award and the National Intelligence Award. In 2016, he was named the recipient of the Ambassador Richard M. Helms Award by the Central Intelligence Agency Officers Memorial Foundation.

Adm McRaven is a 2018 recipient of the Center for BrainHealth and Brain Performance Institute's Legacy Award, which annually recognises individuals who have advanced the exploration of the human mind. He is a national spokesperson for [The BrainHealth Project](#) whose researchers collaborate across scientific disciplines to discover how brains can perform at their best and translate their research findings to create strategies for strength and well-being to enhance, preserve and restore brain health and performance across the lifespan.



### **Kenneth S. Rogoff**

#### **Thomas D Cabot a Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University**

Kenneth Rogoff is Thomas D. Cabot Professor at Harvard University. From 2001–2003, Rogoff served as Chief Economist at the International Monetary Fund. His widely-cited 2009 book with Carmen Reinhart, *This Time Is Different: Eight Centuries of Financial Folly*, shows the remarkable quantitative similarities across time and countries in the run-up and the aftermath of severe financial crises. Rogoff is also known for his seminal work on exchange rates and on central bank independence. Together with Maurice Obstfeld, he is co-author of *Foundations of International Macroeconomics*, a treatise that has also become a widely-used graduate text in the field worldwide. Rogoff's 2016 book *The Curse of Cash* looks at the past, present and future of currency from standardized coinage to crypto-currencies. The book argues that although much of modern macroeconomics abstracts from the nature of currency, it is in fact lies at the heart of some of the most fundamental problems in monetary policy and public finance. His monthly syndicated column on global economic issues is published in over 50 countries.

Rogoff is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Group of Thirty, and He is a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. Rogoff is among the top ten on RePEc's ranking of economists by scholarly citations. He is also an international grandmaster of chess.



### Martin Sandbu

#### European Economics Commentator, *The Financial Times*

Martin Sandbu is the Financial Times's European Economics Commentator. He also writes Free Lunch, the FT's weekly newsletter on the global economic policy debate. He has been writing for the FT since 2009, when he joined the paper as Economics Leader Writer.

Before joining the FT, he worked in academia and policy consulting. He has taught and carried out research at Harvard, Columbia and the Wharton School, and has advised governments and NGOs on natural resources and economic development. He is the author of three books, on business ethics, the euro, and on "the economics of belonging". He was educated at the universities of Oxford and Harvard.



## Jo Swinson

### Director of Partners for a New Economy (P4NE)

Director of Partners for a New Economy, Jo Swinson is the former leader of the Liberal Democrats in the United Kingdom. From 2012-2015, she served as Business Minister in the UK, and in 2009, she co-founded a cross-party group of MPs to work collaboratively on new economic thinking and well-being economics. As director of P4NE, Jo Swinson is responsible for the continued development and expansion of the donor collaborative, maintaining and expanding its network of organisations interested in economic systems change.