



Society of Business Economists

Information for prospective members

The Society of Business Economists (SBE) is the leading organisation serving business economists in the UK. Established originally as the Business Economists Group in 1953, the Society grew rapidly and adopted its present name in 1969. As a member, you will have access to a wide network of professional economists.

The Society offers its members a lively programme of meetings and other activities including an essay prize, conference, journal and newsletter. Together these enable members to keep in touch both with developments in economics and with professional colleagues.

Members are drawn from all areas of the profession including finance and commerce, industry, government departments, private sector consultants, business schools and universities. The Society welcomes both established economists and younger members, including recent graduates and students intending to follow a career in economics.

Details of activities and publications are provided on the following pages, along with the programme for the current SBE year.

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Special offer for those joining in Spring 2012

The first half of 2012 is an excellent time to join the Society. The Society's year runs from July to June. New members joining now will, however, for the current annual subscription – £80 for a full member, and £35 for a student member – enjoy membership both for the rest of the current year and the year to June 2013.

Activities

The Society provides members with the ideal way of keeping in touch with current issues in economics and with fellow economists. Its wide range of activities include:

- **Monthly Meetings**
The core of the SBE's activities, these take place from September to June at lunchtimes or evenings. Distinguished guest speakers from the UK and abroad address a wide range of issues, with ample time for questions and discussion. Evening meetings are followed by drinks and the opportunity to socialise with other members, and there is also the chance to dine with the speaker at a central London venue. The calendar of meetings for the 2011-12 year is outlined on page 4.
- **Educational Seminars**
The Society organises masterclasses on topical issues and new developments and techniques, led by recognised experts in their field.
- **Conferences**
The Society's annual conference brings together members and expert speakers for an informed and lively discussion of key issues affecting the business environment.
- **Annual Dinner**
An excellent opportunity to meet colleagues and make new acquaintances, and hear leading after-dinner speakers on topical issues. Previous guest speakers have included Sir John Vickers, Sir Gus O'Donnell, Sir Howard Davies, Jean-Claude Trichet, Sir Edward George, Sir Peter Sutherland, Mario Draghi, Charlie McCreevy, Lucas Papademos, William C Dudley and Prof Axel Weber.

Publications

- **The Business Economist**
The Society's respected journal is published three times a year and is free to members. It features articles on practical research and recent theoretical advances, and contains an extensive book review section.
- **The Newsletter**
The monthly newsletter keeps members informed of all the Society's activities, with regular news of related groups and developments of interest to business economists. Recruitment advertisements are also circulated.
- **Salary Survey**
Each year the Society surveys members' salaries. Details and analysis are published in *The Business Economist*.
- **Yearbook**
The SBE Yearbook contains a full listing of all members by name and organisation. This information is distributed **only** to members.

Essay Prize

Since 2000 the SBE has awarded an annual prize in memory of the late Tad Rybczynski, an eminent economist and long-serving former Chairman of the Society. The prize, sponsored by KPMG and worth £3000, is for the best piece of writing during the year – published or written specifically for the competition – on an important issue meriting wide attention among business economists.

Other information

- **Website**
The Society's website, www.sbe.co.uk, provides information about activities and access to resources for members.
- **International**
The SBE maintains links with business economists' groups in western Europe and North America, and keeps members informed of relevant events and international conferences.
- **Organisation**
The SBE is governed by a Council of 12 elected members; all Full Members and Fellows are eligible for election. The Chair is elected by Council members, as are the President and Vice Presidents. Administration is undertaken by a Secretariat under the direction of Katie Abberton, SBE Secretary.

Membership and how to apply

The SBE is for those with a professional interest in business economics. The normal qualifications for full membership are either a degree with a substantial economics content and evidence of a continuing professional interest in economics; or a degree in another subject together with professional experience of economics, normally including current employment.

Full Membership is appropriate for most economists. *Student Membership* is open to undergraduates and those studying for a Masters degree in the UK. *Fellowship* is at the discretion of the SBE Council, with Fellows elected from the more senior members. Membership is individual and non-transferable. As a professional body, subscriptions paid by SBE members working in or using economics in their work can be offset against tax.

If you have any questions concerning eligibility or other aspects of membership, please contact the Secretariat (details, below).

To apply for membership, please print and complete the application form at the end of this document and send it with credit card details or a cheque for the appropriate amount to:

Society of Business Economists

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Vernham Dean
Andover, Hants
SP11 0JZ**

Telephone: +44 (0)1264 737552 Fax: +44 (0)20 7900 2585
Email: admin@sbe.co.uk

SBE meetings 2011-12

Meetings take place either at lunchtime or early evening. Unless otherwise indicated they are held in central London.

2011

Wednesday 14 September

DR SUSHIL WADHWANI CBE, Chief Executive Officer
Wadhvani Asset Management LLP

The new Financial Policy Committee; how we could do better

Tuesday 11 October Lunchtime Masterclass

JOHN FINGLETON, Chief Executive, OFT
Behavioural economics and competition

Thursday 24 November

AGM, 5.15pm

MARTIN WOLF CBE, Chief Economics Commentator, The Financial Times; member
of the Independent Commission on Banking

The recommendations of the Independent Commission on Banking

2012

Wednesday 11 January

JOE GRICE, Chief Economist, Office for National Statistics
Recent economic indicators - puzzles and dilemmas

Tuesday 28 February

ANNUAL DINNER 2012 *Sponsored by Standard Life Investments*

PAUL TUCKER, Deputy Governor, Financial Stability, Bank of England

Tuesday 13 March

THOMAS MAYER, Chief Economist, Deutsche Bank
HUW PILL, Goldman Sachs

The euro area at a crossroads

Thursday 19 April Lunchtime Masterclass

DANNY GABAY, Director, Fathom Consulting

Thursday 24 May 9.00am-1.00 Institute of Civil Engineers, London SW1

SBE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June

To be confirmed

SBE Application for Membership: Year to 30 June 2013

Please complete and return to:
 Society of Business Economists
 Dean House, Vernham Dean, Andover, Hampshire SP11 0JZ
 Tel: 01264 737552 Fax: 020 7900 2585



Please tick category of Membership:				Full <input type="checkbox"/>	Student <input type="checkbox"/>
EMPLOYMENT DETAILS - TO BE INCLUDED IN SBE YEARBOOK					
Surname				Title: <i>Mr/Ms etc</i>	
First Names					
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Department:					
Organisation:					
Address:					
Postcode:		Email:			
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*INDEPENDENT CONSULTANTS - Please tick here if you wish to be listed under <i>Consultants</i> in the index, instead of by organisation <input type="checkbox"/>					

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How would you prefer to receive the monthly newsletter and other occasional mailings?*					
Email (pdf attachment) <input type="checkbox"/>	Post <input type="checkbox"/>	*The Society's Journal, <i>The Business Economist</i> , will be sent by post			

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (office records only)					
Scope of duties in employment:					
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Previous Firms in reverse date order					
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SBE Application for Membership: Year to 30 June 2013

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Academic & Professional Qualifications		
University	Degrees etc and class	Graduation Date

Main Subjects in each Qualification

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Please indicate how you came to contact the Society

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Concessionary Subscription Rates to 30 June 2013		
Category of Membership		Subscription
Full	See page 3 for qualifications	£80.00
Student	Undergraduates and those studying for a Masters' degree full time, UK only	£35.00

DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED BY APPLICANT

In the event of my admission to membership of the Society of Business Economists, I agree to observe the rules of the Society and hereby give formal consent to membership of the SBE.

Signed:		Date:	
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PAYMENT DETAILS							If you require a receipt tick here <input type="checkbox"/>
Please find enclosed a cheque for £80 (Full) or £35 (Student), made payable to The Society of Business Economists							<input type="checkbox"/>
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I am paying by bank transfer or online please contact the Secretariat							
OR							
If you require an invoice for your company to pay please tick here and let us have full address details and a purchase order number if necessary							<input type="checkbox"/>
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