

The Development of the Global Economy

(Afternoon Discussion Topics – 15 Minute Reports)

Lecture 1—Overview of the Global Economy and Major Issues

1. Are Equity Markets around the World in a Bubble ?
2. What are the Global Demographic Trends and Why are they Important ?
3. Is Secular Stagnation the Cause of Low Growth and Low Inflation ?
4. Is Fiscal Austerity or More Stimulus the Best Policy for Governments Today ?
5. Why is Income Inequality Worsening throughout the World and is this Bad?
6. What is Globalization and How To Make It Work for Everyone ?

Lecture 2—Problems with the US Economy

1. What is the Current State of the US Housing Market ?
2. What is Happening to The US Fiscal Deficit and National Debt ?
3. Can Obamacare Work in the US?
4. Are Social Security and Medicare Solvent for the Future ?
5. What is US Monetary Policy, Is it Working, and Will Policy Change Soon ?
6. What is Washington doing about US Immigration Policy ?

Lecture 3—Problems with the Eurozone Economy

1. How Will Brexit Affect the Eurozone and the EU
2. Is the Eurozone Recovering ?
3. Falling Births and Ageing in the EU - What are the Facts ?
4. What are Recent ECB Policies and are They Working?
5. Is Germany's Role in the EU Becoming Too Big
6. Are immigration Policies in the EU Working ?

Lecture 4—Problems with the Japanese Economy

1. Is Japanese Debt Out of Control ?
2. Japan's Elderly - What to Do ?
3. Is Abenomics Working ?
4. How Can Japan Raise Its Birth Rate ?
5. Japan and TPP - Why is It Important ?
6. Can Japan Use Nuclear Power After Fukushima ?

Lecture 5—Problems with the Chinese Economy

1. Is China Controlling the RMB (Chinese Yuan) ?
2. Can We Explain China's Evolving Trade Structure ?
3. Does China Have a Housing Bubble ?
4. Rebalancing China's Economy - Is It Working?
5. China and Taiwan - What is the Current State and Probable Future ?
6. China and Asia - Are Relations Deteriorating?