

Panel I The 'Big Think' on Jobs and Growth (30 March, 11:30-1pm)

BIOGRAPHIES



Mr. Richard Quest

Quest Means Business, CNN (Moderator)

Richard Quest is CNN's foremost international business correspondent and presenter of Quest Means Business; the definitive word on how we earn and spend our money. Quest Means Business, which airs weekdays at 4:00 pm GMT on CNN International, destroys the myth that business is boring, bridging the gap between hard economics and entertaining television.

Quest's dynamic and distinctive style has made him a unique figure in the field of business broadcasting. He has regularly reported from G20 meetings and attends the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland each year. Quest has covered every major stock market and financial crisis since Black Monday in 1987 and has reported from key financial centers globally including Wall Street, London, Sao Paolo, Tokyo and Hong Kong.

In 2012 Quest covered the US Election campaign with his own series, American Quest, in which he travelled across the country interviewing a diverse range of voters. Quest is also the face of CNN's coverage of major UK events. His coverage of breaking news, which has spanned two decades, has seen him report on a range of stories from, the death of Yasser Arafat, the Lockerbie Pan Am 103 crash to the death of Michael Jackson. Prior to joining CNN he worked at the BBC, where he was the North America business correspondent, based on Wall Street for 12 years.



H.E. Ms. Marianne Thyssen

European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

H.E. Ms. Marianne Thyssen is the European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. Her portfolio includes overseeing European Union policy on employment, vocational training, skills, labour market reforms and social inclusion, including workplace equality legislation. Prior to that, she was the party leader of the Flemish Christian-Democratic Party from 2008 to 2010. She also served as a member of the European parliament and as vice-chair of the economic committee.



Mr. Guy Ryder

Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Mr. Guy Ryder has served as the ILO Director-General since 2012. Mr. Guy Ryder started his professional career in 1981 as assistant at the International Department of the Trade Union Congress in London. From 1985, he held the position of Secretary of the Industry Trade Section of the International Federation of Commercial, Clerical, Professional and Technical Employees (FIET) in Geneva.

In 1988, Guy Ryder became Assistant Director and – from 1993 - Director of the Geneva office of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU). Guy Ryder first joined the International Labour Organization in 1998 as Director of the Bureau for

Workers' Activities and, from 1999, as Director of the Office of the Director-General. It was during this time that the ILO's Decent Work Agenda was launched and won support from the international community.

In 2002, he moved to Brussels where he was appointed General Secretary of the ICFTU, leading the process of global unification of the democratic international trade union movement. He was elected as first General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) when it was created in 2006. He headed international trade union delegations to high level talks with the UN, IMF, World Bank and WTO and to the G20 Leaders' Summits.

In September 2010, Guy Ryder came back to the ILO in Geneva as Executive Director, responsible for international labour standards and fundamental principles and rights at work. Among other activities, he supervised the application of ILO Conventions and Recommendations. He also headed several high-level ILO missions to address a range of issues related to labour standards in countries such as Bahrain, Colombia, Fiji, Georgia, Greece, Myanmar and Swaziland.



Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz

Executive Director and Co-founder, Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University

Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz has taught at Princeton, Stanford, MIT and was the Drummond Professor and a fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. He is now University Professor at Columbia University in New York, where he is also the founder and Co-President of the university's Initiative for Policy Dialogue, and a member and former chair of its Committee on Global Thought.

In 2001, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in economics for his analyses of markets with asymmetric information, and he was a lead author of the 1995 Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. He is now serving as President of the International Economic Association. Professor Stiglitz was a member of the Council of Economic Advisers from 1993-95, during the Clinton administration, and served as CEA chairman from 1995-97.

He then became Chief Economist and Senior Vice-President of the World Bank from 1997-2000. In 2008 he was asked by the French President Nicolas Sarkozy to chair the Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress, which released its final report in September 2009 (published as *Mismeasuring Our Lives*). He now chairs a High Level Expert Group at the OECD attempting to advance further these ideas. In 2009 he was appointed by the President of the United Nations General Assembly as chair of the Commission of Experts on Reform of the International Financial and Monetary System, which also released its report in September 2009 (published as *The Stiglitz Report*).

Since the crisis, he has played an important role in the creation of the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), which seeks to reform the discipline so it is better equipped to find solutions for the great challenges of the 21st century. Stiglitz serves on numerous boards, including the Acumen Fund and Resources for the Future. Stiglitz helped create a new branch of economics, "The Economics of Information," exploring the consequences of information asymmetries and pioneering such pivotal concepts as adverse selection and moral hazard, which have now become standard tools not only of theorists, but also of policy analysts.



Mr. Min Zhu

Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund

Mr. Min Zhu assumed the position of Deputy Managing Director on July 26, 2011. Previously he served as Special Advisor to the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund from May 3, 2010 to July 25, 2011. Mr. Zhu, a native of China, was a Deputy Governor of the People's Bank of China. He was responsible for international affairs, policy research, and credit information.

Prior to his service at China's central bank, he held various positions at the Bank of China where he served as Group Executive Vice president, responsible for finance and treasury, risk management, internal control, legal and compliance, and strategy and research. Mr. Zhu also worked at the World Bank and taught economics at both Johns Hopkins University and Fudan University.
