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John Plender

The Global Economy – Up or Down?

TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2016

Picture Room, The Athenaeum, London, SW1Y 5ER.

6.30pm for 7.00pm Tickets: £20 (HFA members) £23 (non-members)

Special price of £15 per head for second and further guests)

John Plender is a British writer, broadcaster and journalist who is based at the Financial times in London. He will focus his remarks on the state of the global economy and on global prospects. Why has the global economic recovery been so anaemic? Why are more and more countries confronting negative interest rates? Are central banks capable of extracting us from this uncharted territory without the risk of a further and greater financial crisis?

After Oxford University, he qualified as a chartered accountant before moving into journalism. In 1974 he became financial editor of The Economist, where he remained until joining the UK Foreign Office policy planning staff in 1980. On leaving the Foreign Office, he became a senior editorial writer and columnist at the Financial Times, a role he combined for a time with broadcasting for BBC Television and Chanel Four. He served on the UK government's Company Law Review steering group, which provided the basis for the Companies Act 2006. He is chairman of the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum and a member of the World Bank/OECD Private Sector Advisory Group on corporate governance. Recent books include Going Off The Rails: Global Capital and the Crisis of Legitimacy, which anticipated the financial crisis of 2008, and Capitalism: Money, Morals and Markets (2015).

There will be a reception from 6.30pm; wine, soft drinks and light snacks will be on offer. This should be an interesting and highly topical event so please put the date in your diary, and let Rachel know as soon as possible if you can attend. Guests are, of course, most welcome. The dress code is suits and ties for men and “elegant” for women.

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