



2009 IZA PRIZE IN LABOR ECONOMICS POLICY FORUM AND AWARD CEREMONY

October 22 – Washington, D.C. – Renaissance Mayflower Hotel



2009 IZA Prize Laureate: Richard A. Easterlin

This year's IZA Prize in Labor Economics will be awarded to Richard A. Easterlin (University of Southern California). With this prestigious award, endowed with 50,000 euros, the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA Bonn, Germany) recognizes Easterlin's outstanding research on subjective well-being and on the relationship between demographic developments and economic outcomes. In both fields, his work laid the foundations for broadening the scope of traditional economic analysis and thus contributed to advancing our understanding of behavior in a wide variety of economic settings such as education, labor supply decisions and the economics of the family.

Easterlin's new book on "Happiness, Growth, and the Life Cycle" will be published soon within the IZA Prize Book Series.

The IZA Prize in Labor Economics has been awarded since 2002. Past prize winners are Jacob Mincer, Orley Ashenfelter, Edward Lazear, David Card, Alan Krueger, Dale Mortensen, Christopher Pissarides, Richard Freeman, Richard Layard and Stephen Nickell.

Program

IZA Policy Forum

“The Global Economic Crisis and the Labor Markets”

11:00 Registration

12:00 Buffet Lunch

13:00 Welcome and Introduction

Amelie F. Constant

Klaus F. Zimmermann

Keynote Address

“What to Do about Rising Unemployment in the OECD?”

David G. Blanchflower

14:00 Panel Discussion I

“The Economic Crisis: Labor Market Impacts on Developing Countries”

Introduction: *Jan Svejnar*

Tilman Brück

Carol Graham

Theresa K. Osborne

Sonia Plaza

15:15 Coffee Break

15:45 Panel Discussion II

“The Job Crisis: Do Governments Matter?”

Introduction: *Rebecca M. Blank*

David G. Blanchflower

Alan B. Krueger

Lord Richard Layard

Andrew J. Oswald

IZA Prize Ceremony

17:00 Welcome Reception and IZA Prize Book Series Presentation

18:00 Official Award Ceremony

Introduction: *Klaus F. Zimmermann*

“Happiness and the Measurement of Economic Performance”

Andrew J. Oswald

Laudation on *Richard A. Easterlin*

Lord Richard Layard

Chamber Music Interlude

John S. Earle, Upjohn Institute (Piano)

J. David Brown, U.S. Census Bureau (Violin)

Banquet Dinner

21:00 Informal Get-Together



Prof. Dr. David G. Blanchflower
Dartmouth College
Former Committee Member, Bank of England



Prof. Dr. Rebecca M. Blank
Under Secretary for Economic Affairs,
U.S. Department of Commerce



Prof. Dr. Tilman Brück
German Institute for Economic Research
(DIW Berlin)
Humboldt University of Berlin



Prof. Dr. Amelie F. Constant
DIW DC
George Washington University



Prof. Dr. Carol Graham
The Brookings Institution
University of Maryland



Prof. Dr. Alan B. Krueger
Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy and
Chief Economist of the U.S. Treasury Department
IZA Prize Laureate 2006



Prof. Lord Richard Layard
London School of Economics
IZA Prize Laureate 2008



Dr. Theresa K. Osborne
Lead Economist
Millennium Challenge Corporation



Prof. Dr. Andrew J. Oswald
University of Warwick
Commission on the Measurement of Economic
Performance and Social Progress



Sonia Plaza
Senior Economist
Development Prospects Group
The World Bank



Prof. Dr. Jan Svejnar
Ross School of Business
Ford School of Public Policy
University of Michigan



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