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Dear Journalist Friends,

Welcome to the annual meeting of the American Economic Association (AEA). This gathering has always attracted interest from economics and business journalists, and this year's program includes many newsworthy panels and papers as well. We look forward to reconnecting with colleagues and old friends in 2023 after two long years of remote meetings!

Please check the ASSA [program](#) to review more than 500 scheduled sessions and events. There you will be able to search by title (session or paper), last name, or *Journal of Economic Literature* classification code to locate events of interest. An all-in-one ASSA [mobile app](#) tool allows you to build a schedule, locate participants, take session notes, and more. A conference registration ID and password is required to access the mobile app.

I have provided some key highlights for your consideration:

**-AEA Distinguished Lecture: Friday, January 6 at 4:45pm-6:00pm (CST)**

This year's lecturer, **Daron Acemoglu (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)**, will present "Distorted Innovation: Getting the Direction of Technology Wrong." Presiding: **Susan Athey (Stanford University)**

**-AEA Awards Ceremony and the AEA Presidential Address: Saturday, January 7 at 4:40pm-6:00pm (CST)**

The star attraction of the awards ceremony is the presentation of the **John Bates Clark Medal**, awarded annually to the person under 40 who has made the most significant contribution to economics research. This year's winner is **Oleg Itskhoki (University of California, Los Angeles)**. The AEA will also recognize the 2022 Distinguished Fellows and announce other prestigious awards. Presiding: **Susan Athey (Stanford University)**.

The presidential address occurs immediately following the awards ceremony.

**Christina Romer (University of California, Berkeley)** will present "The Narrative Approach to Macroeconomic Identification." Presiding: **Susan Athey (Stanford University)**

**-AEA Nobel Laureate Luncheon Honoring the 2021 Nobel Laureates: Joshua Angrist (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), David Card (University of California, Berkeley), and Guido Imbens (Stanford University) Fee Event: Saturday, January 7 at 12:30pm-2:15pm (CST)** Presiding: **Susan Athey (Stanford University)**. Janet Currie, Whitney Newey, Isaiah Andrews, and Cecelia Rouse will make remarks.

**-AEA/American Finance Association Joint Luncheon-Fee event: Friday, January 6 at 12:30pm-2:15pm (CST):**

**Susan Athey (Stanford University)** will preside. The lecture features **Gita Gopinath (Harvard University)**, speaking on "New Foundations for International Macro-Policy: Mundell-Fleming 60 years later."

There is also a full lineup of speeches and panel discussions on current economic events, including:

**Friday, January 6**

**8:00am-10:00am (CST)**

**"Working from Home: Global Trends and Consequences"**

Chair: **Johannes Wieland (University of California, San Diego)**. Presenters: **Cevat Giray Aksoy, Gabriele Ciminelli, Cyrille Schwellnus, and Elisa Guglielminetti**

**10:15am-12:15pm (CST)**

**“AEA/CSWEP Panel on Sexual Harassment in the Economics Profession: Lessons Learned and the Way Forward”**

Moderator: **Judy Chevalier, (Yale University and former CSWEP Chair)**. Panelists: **Christina Romer, Ben Bernanke, Audrey Anderson, and Billy Williams**

**2:30pm-4:30pm (CST)**

**“The Economic Implications of the Russian War in Ukraine”**

Moderator: **Jan Svejnar (Columbia University and former advisor to Vaclav Havel, Chechia’s President)**.

Panelists: **Roger Myerson, Oleg Itskhoki, Beatrice Weder di Mauro, and Yuriy Gorodnichenko**

**Saturday, January 7**

**8:00am-10:00am (CST)**

**“Gender in the Economics Profession”**

Chair: **Kasey Buckles, (University of Notre Dame)**. Discussants: **Serena Canaan, Alicia Modestino, Joanna Lahey, and Amanda Bayer**

**10:15am-12:15pm (CST)**

**“How Can Department Chairs Influence Diversity, Equity and Belonging in the Economics Profession?”**

Moderator: **Donna K. Ginther, (University of Kansas)**. Panelists: **Donna Gilleskie, Trevon Logan, Linda Hooks, and Joshua Rosenbloom**

**2:30pm-4:30pm (CST)**

**“New Evidence on the Surprise Surge in Inflation”**

Chair: **Lena Anayi, (Bank of England)**. Presenters: **Ricardo Reis, Yuriy Gorodnichenko, and Rüdiger Bachmann**

**Sunday, January 8**

**8:00am-10:00am (CST)**

**“Impacts of Curriculum, College, and Vocational Training on Educational Outcomes”**

Chair: **Francisca Antman, (University of Colorado-Boulder)**. Discussants: **Bryce Millet Steinberg, Laura Ahlstrom, Celeste K. Carruthers, and Tisha Emerson.**

The sessions above are only a small sample of the many opportunities to attend talks about relevant and important topics. Remember to check out the program for a complete listing. There will be several livestream sessions available at <https://www.aeaweb.org/conference/livecasts/2023>, including those listed above.

You can find additional meeting information on the [ASSA registration](#) pages on our website or follow us on Twitter [@ASSAMeeting](#) to receive program updates and other developments before and during the meeting.

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I hope you enjoy the conference and welcome your feedback!

With best wishes,

**Peter L. Rousseau**

AEA Secretary-Treasurer