

Glen Hodgson

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Turning the Telescope Around: Get the bigger picture on how macroeconomics influences public policy and the financial health of your country

Description

Glen Hodgson brings nearly 30 years of experience and a specialization in international economic and financial issues to the position of Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist of The Conference Board of Canada.

Mr. Hodgson is responsible for overseeing the Board's macro-economic outlook products, tourism, custom economic research, and is the Board's chief spokesperson on economic issues.

He has published over 170 articles and briefings and is the editor and a contributing author of the book *Crisis and Intervention: Lessons from the Financial Meltdown and Recession*, published in November 2010. He has written extensively on Canadian tax reform and is co-authoring a series of briefings on the economics of pro sports in Canada. Glen is leading a high-profile research initiative at the Conference Board, the Canadian Alliance for Sustainable Health Care (CAHSC), just as he led the creation of the Board's International Trade and Investment Centre.

Mr. Hodgson joined the Board in September 2004, after 10 years at Export Development Canada (EDC). He also spent a decade with the federal Department of Finance. From 1984 to 1988, Mr. Hodgson served at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington D.C., as Advisor/Assistant to the Executive Director for Canada, Ireland and the Caribbean.

Mr. Hodgson has an M.A. in Economics from McGill University and pursued Ph.D. studies at McGill. He is currently the president of the Ottawa Economics Association. He resides in Ottawa with his wife and younger of two sons, and coached youth sports for many years.

Availability

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Host/MC, Author Appearance, Corporate Training

Industry Expertise

Think Tanks, Research, Writing and Editing, Management Consulting, Information Services, International Trade and Development, Government Administration, Public Policy, International Affairs

Topics

Economic Forecasting, International Business, Productivity and Innovation, Economic Analysis

Affiliations

Sample Talks

Canada and the Global Agri-Food Economy

The Conference Board of Canada provides comprehensive economic forecasts and analysis of the global and national economy and of key sectors like agri-food. Glen Hodgson's presentation will examine current developments in the global economy, such as the financial crisis in Europe; the Canadian economic outlook; Canada's agri-food sector, domestically and globally; and future prospects.

Intellectual Property Rights and the Global Economic Slowdown

Does Canada's Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) regime foster and reward innovation? How can IP policies promote business innovation, competitiveness, and productivity? Glen Hodgson will connect the findings of the latest economic and IPR research as he sets the scene for the conference. Glen will be joined by the IPR research collaborators for a dynamic question and answer session on today's IPR challenges and opportunities.

The Economic Outlook: A Tepid Recovery in Turbulent Times

This workshop is for everyone who would like to better understand the current economic climate, why our current tepid economic recovery is not typical, and why we need to be careful how we interpret the numbers. The presentation will begin with an overview of developments in the global economy, particularly euro-zone and U.S. developments and implications for global growth, and will be followed by an overview of the Canadian economy, and where businesses should focus to remain competitive.

Pensions Now and in the Future – The Economy, Investment, and Society

Between the ongoing Euro crisis, the possibility of a Japan style "lost decade" in the U.S., and a prolonged period of low growth and low interest rates in Canada, economic uncertainty abounds. Glen Hodgson will provide his expert perspective on the current economic environment, and the likely impact on pension fund performance.

The Economic Context for the Food Sector

Glen Hodgson will provide vital insight into the economic and demographic factors that are increasing pressures on the Canadian and global food systems and having a profound affect on the production, processing, and consumption of food in Canada. He will also identify global opportunities arising for Canadian food producers as demand changes in emerging economies.

Past Talks

Energy and the Economy of Alberta

Conference Board of Canada Speaker Series

KEYNOTE SPEECH

2011 Employer Council of Champions Summit

Conference Board Perspectives on Canadian Competitiveness

Conference on Canada's Prosperity 2010

KEYNOTE INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS

Sustainable Prosperity 2012 Spring Policy Conference

KEYNOTE SPEECH: Canada and the Global Agri-Food Economy

FarmTech 2012

What To Expect From Upcoming Federal and Provincial Budgets

Government Relations Institute of Canada Event Series

Older, Greener, and Leaner: Canada's Key Challenges and What They Mean For You

McGill on the Move

Open Markets for Trade and Investment

OECD Forum 2008: Climate Change, Growth, Stability

The Canadian Economy: Are We Back to Normal Yet?

Beef 2010: Raising Optimism. Global Strategies

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Young Canadians in Finance Speaker Series

KEYNOTE SPEECH "The New Economy: How Will the World be Different After the Recession?"

Pragma Council 2009 Spring Conference

KEYNOTE SPEECH: IPR and the Global Economic Slowdown

Intellectual Property Rights: Innovation and Commercialization in Turbulent Times

KEYNOTE SPEECH: A Multi-Speed Recovery in a Risky World

Economic Outlook Breakfast

The Economic Forecast and Social Outlook for Saskatchewan in 2022

Saskatchewan Forum 2012

KEYNOTE SPEECH "The Saskatchewan Economic Outlook: Opportunities Ahead"

Saskatchewan Forum 2012

The Economic Outlook: A Tepid Recovery in Turbulent Times

APEGGA Summit 2012

KEYNOTE SPEECH: From Global Crisis to the Next Generation Economy for Canada and Alberta

Minister's Workforce Forum

Pensions Now and in the Future: The Economy, Investment, and Society

Pension Summit 2012: De-Risking for Long-Term Success

Canada in 2011: The Business Case for Change
Workplace Diversity and Inclusiveness Forum

The Economic Context for the Food Sector
Canadian Food Summit 2012

KEYNOTE SPEECH – “Growth and Stability in Times of Economic Constraint: Building the Long-term Strength of the Toronto Region”
Greater Toronto Summit 2011

KEYNOTE INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS
2012 Spring Policy Conference: Raising Canada’s Game in Turbulent Times

Education

University of Manitoba
B.A. (Honours) Economics

McGill University
MA Economica

McGill University
PhD studies ABD

Accomplishments

Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist – “The Conference Board of Canada”
The Conference Board of Canada (CBoC) is the foremost independent, not-for-profit applied research organization in Canada. Since 1954, the Board has been committed to researching innovative practices, designing new strategies and providing our members with the most up-to-date information, analysis and expertise to help them excel in Canada and around the world. The CBoC builds leadership capacity by creating and sharing insights on economic trends, public policy and organizational performance.

Editor and Contributing Author

Crisis and Intervention: Lessons From the Financial Meltdown and Recession is a book that describes what caused the 2008 meltdown and resulting global recession, and identifies 10 key lessons.

These insights serve as a valuable guide for leaders in Canada and around the world – in business, government, labour, academia, the media – who need to know what caused the global crash and what can be done to prevent another.

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