

# THE FUTURE OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

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### Martin Feldstein

Martin Feldstein is Professor of Economics at Harvard University and one of the world's leading macroeconomists. In the 1980s Mr. Feldstein was Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers and was President Reagan's chief economic adviser. He was instrumental in putting together the policies that would form the basis of the Reagan Revolution. He is also the winner of the prestigious Bate's Award and served on President George W. Bush's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. Mr. Feldstein is currently the President and CEO of the National Bureau of Economic Research. He writes regularly for *The Wall Street Journal*. To read a transcript, [click here](#).

NOVEMBER , 2008

### Niall Ferguson



British historian Niall Ferguson is the author of such critically acclaimed works as the *Pity of War*, *The House of Rothschild*, *The Cash Nexus* and *Colossus: The Rise and Fall of the American Empire*. He is a regular contributor to *The New York Times*, and the *Financial Times*. Professor Ferguson's impressive record of scholarship and public advocacy lead *Time Magazine*, in 2007, to single him out as among the world's one hundred most important thinkers. He is currently producing a PBS special on the future of the global economy based on his bestselling book, *The War of the World: Twentieth Century Conflict and the Descent of the West*. For a transcript, [click here](#).



FEBRUARY , 2009

### Paul Volcker

In 1979 Paul Volcker was nominated by President Jimmy Carter to fill the most powerful economic position in the U.S. government - chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. When Mr. Volcker took over in August 1979, inflation was running over 13 percent per year, the value of the dollar was falling, and financial markets were in a panic. He successfully combated inflation through a high interest rate policy that was deeply unpopular, however Mr. Volcker's reforms ushered in an era of financial deregulation and innovation that spurred economic growth and prosperity. He remains one of the most influential and respected commentators on U.S. and global financial matters. [Click here](#) to read a transcript.

MAY , 2009

### Hernando de Soto



Named as one of the world's top twenty thinkers by *Foreign Affairs* and the *Prospect Magazine*, Hernando de Soto is a leading advocate for the use of property rights to increase living standards in the developing world. His ideas rose to prominence in the 1980s with the publication of his ground-breaking work *The Other Path*, and more recently with *The Mystery of Capital*. He is an advisor on developing economies to the World Bank and has worked for the governments of Egypt, Mexico and Latin America. Professor de Soto is currently co-chairing the United Nations Development Program's landmark Commission on the Legal Empowerment of the Poor. [Click here](#) to read the transcript.