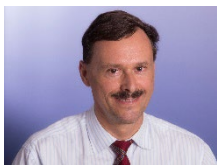




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Speakers Bios



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She was previously Global Head of Fixed Income Research and began her career as an Emerging Markets Strategist. From 1997 through 2012, Joyce held top rankings in Institutional Investor surveys for Emerging Markets research, earning 25 #1 individual rankings. In 2014, she was inducted into the Fixed Income Analyst Society Hall of Fame. In 2022, J.P. Morgan was named the top Global Research Team, #1 Global Equity Research Team, and the #1 Global Fixed Income Research team by Institutional Investor.

Joyce was a Managing Director at Merrill Lynch and Salomon Brothers prior to joining J.P. Morgan Chase in 1999. She is the Executive Sponsor for J.P. Morgan Chase's network for employees of Asian heritage (AsPIRE) and on the Executive Committee of the Corporate and Investment Bank's Women on The Move network. She serves on the Board of Directors of the German Marshall Fund, Trickle Up and the Fixed Income Analyst Society as well as the advisory boards for the Bretton Woods Committee, Center of Financial Stability and the RayDallo Health Justice Center at New York Presbyterian. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Inter-American Dialogue. She has been named as one of the Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Finance by American Banker and included in Barron's 100 Most Influential Women in Finance lists in past years. Joyce holds an M.P.A. from Princeton and serves on its External Advisory Council for the Center for Public Policy, and has a B.A. from Columbia from where she was awarded the John Jay award for professional achievement and serves on its Board of Visitors and the Board of Directors for the Asian Columbia Alumni Association. She is also a member of Georgetown's Global Business Advisory Board.



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Haber is OeNB's representative in the Cross-Border Stability Group. Until 2020 he was President of the Austrian Fiscal Advisory Council, the Austrian independent fiscal institution, acting as a watchdog for the European Commission and advising the government in fiscal policy matters. Prior to joining OeNB, he held several academic positions in economics and business administration, and served in supervisory boards in various companies, institutions, and committees. Mr Haber is Professor (on leave since 2019) at Danube University Krems, Austria.



Robert Holzmann is an Austrian economist, Governor of the Austrian Central Bank und member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank (since 2019), and elected member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (since 2014). He holds honorary positions at the South-Western University in Economics and Finance, Chengdu, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur and University of New South Wales, Sydney. Before his return to academia in 2011, he held various positions at the World Bank including for 12 years Sector Director and acting Senior Vice President. Before joining the World Bank in 1997 he was academic in

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Mr. Kandrác was appointed as Deputy Governor of the Magyar Nemzeti Bank (the Central Bank of Hungary) in October 2019. In this capacity he is responsible for financial institutions supervision – including credit institutions, insurance and pension funds and capital markets – and consumer protection. While his responsibilities include leading the work on green finance within the central bank, Mr. Kandrác is also a member of the Presidential Committee for Sus-tainable Development of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. In addition to that he also serves as a member of the Monetary Council. Since 2015 he is a member of the European Banking Authority's Board of

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Prior to his current role Mr. Kandrác served as Executive Director of the Central Bank of Hungary from 2016, where he was responsible for the supervision of financial institutions. He is also a member of the Financial Stability Council. In 2013 he was appointed as a member of the Monetary Council, then he became the Chairman and CEO of MARK Ltd., the asset management company established by the Central Bank of Hungary. Before joining to the Central Bank of Hungary, Mr. Kandrác was appointed as a Deputy State Secretary of the Hungarian State Treasury at the Minis-try for National Economy in 2012 and later that year he became the President of the Hungarian State Treasury. He started his professional career as a financial expert at the Hungarian Ministry of Finance in 2003, after which Mr. Kandrác joined the Budapest 5th District Local Government in 2009 as Head of the Financial Unit.



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In July 2017, she was appointed as Senior Advisor to the President of the Republic of Türkiye. Between 2021 and 2023, she was also a visiting scholar of economics at Harvard University and Columbia University, respectively.

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Michael began his career as an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He subsequently joined the Fed's Foreign Exchange Desk and was appointed an Officer of the Federal Reserve as well as Manager and Chief Dealer of the Foreign Exchange Desk (which conducts foreign exchange intervention operations on behalf of the U.S. monetary authorities). Following eight years at the Federal Reserve, Michael moved to the private sector where he focused on developing hedge fund, prime brokerage and asset allocation businesses at J.P. Morgan and Bank of America.

In January 2000, Michael was appointed by President Clinton as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Finance at the U.S. Treasury Department. His primary responsibility was managing the debt of the U.S. government as well as advising the Secretary of the Treasury and other senior Administration and Treasury officials on financial market developments. Michael also served as the Vice Chairman, and Acting Chairman, of the Steering Committee of the President's Working Group on Financial Markets. The Bush Administration asked him to remain with the Treasury Department to help with the transition following the 2000 elections.



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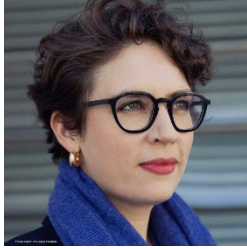
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