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**Conference on High-Skilled Immigration
and the Global Competition for Talent**

The Academies' Keck Center
Room 100
Washington, DC

September 22-23, 2014

Agenda

Monday, September 22, 2014

1:00PM Welcome: Stephen Merrill, STEP Program

Introduction: Jennifer Hunt, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Microeconomic Analysis, Department of Treasury; and Professor of Economics, Rutgers University

1:15PM Skilled Migration in a World of Global Collaborations & Exchanges

Keynote speaker: Richard Freeman, Professor of Economics, Harvard University; and Director, Science and Engineering Workforce Project, National Bureau of Economic Research

1:45PM Audience Q&A

2:15PM Panel 1: Skilled Migration Trends & Policy Evolution: A Multilateral Overview

Chair Jennifer Hunt, Department of Treasury; Rutgers University

Presentation: Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of International Migration Division, Directorate for Employment, Labor and Social Affairs, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

Discussants: Mark Giralt, Minister-Counsellor for Immigration, Embassy of Canada;
Miranda Lauman, Acting Director, Americas, Embassy of Australia

- 3:15PM Audience Q&A
- 3:25PM Break
- 3:40PM Panel 2A: Comparative System Design & Effects: Canada and Europe
- Chair: Subhash Singhal, Battelle Fellow Emeritus, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- Presentations: Charles Beach, Emeritus Professor, Queens University
- Madeline Zavodny, Professor of Economics, Agnes Scott College
Jonathan Wadsworth, Professor, Royal Holloway, University of London
- Discussant: Francis Cissna, Director of Immigration Policy, Department of Homeland Security
- 4:50PM Audience Q&A
- 5:30 Adjourn Day 1

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

- 8:30AM Panel 2B: Comparative System Design & Effects: Australia, Middle East & Asia
Chair: Jennifer Hunt, US Department of Treasury
- Presentations: Graeme Hugo, ARC Australian Professorial Fellow, Professor of Geography, Director of the Australian Population and Migration Research Centre, University of Adelaide
- Lesleyanne Hawthorne, Professor, International Workforce, University of Melbourne, Victoria
- Discussant: Ana Maria Mayda, Associate Professor, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University
- 9:30AM Audience Q&A
- 10:00AM Break
- 10:15AM Panel 3: Flows of Students, Computer Workers & Entrepreneurs

Chair: Paula Stephan, Professor of Economics, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University

Presentations:

Leslyanne Hawthorne, University of Melbourne, Victoria

Jean-Christophe Dumont, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

Lindsay Lowell, Director of Policy Studies, Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University

11:25PM Audience Q&A

12:00PM Lunch

1:15PM Panel 4: Immigration Effects on Innovation & Labor Markets

Chair: Ellen R. Dulberger, Managing Partner, Ellen Dulberger Enterprises, LLC

Presentations: Daniele Paserman, Professor of Economics, Boston University
Herbert Brücker, Professor of Economics, University of Bamberg; Head, Department for International Comparisons and European Integration, Institute for Employment Research (Nuremberg)

William Kerr, Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School

Discussant: William Lincoln, Assistant Professor of International Economics, John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

2:30PM Audience Q&A

3:00PM Break

3:15PM Panel 5: Policy Implications: A Panel Discussion

Chair: Edward Alden, Bernard L. Schwartz Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

Discussants:

Felicia Escobar, Special Assistant to the President on Immigration, White House
William Kamela, Senior Federal Policy Lead, Workforce Readiness and Immigration, Microsoft Corporation

Pia Orrenius, Vice President and Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Madeleine Sumption, Director of International Research, Migration Policy Institute

Michael Teitelbaum, Senior Research Associate, Labor and Worklife Program, Harvard University

4:30PM Audience Q &A

5:00PM Adjourn