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MEETING OF THE BARCELONA GSE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMPOSED OF 30 INTERNATIONAL ACADEMICS

## **The Barcelona GSE brings together international leaders in economics in Barcelona to explain how the world has changed**

**The “What has changed?” roundtable will be held this Friday, March 22, with participation from two Nobel Laureates in economics and leading academics**

International experts in economics such as Nobel Laureates Robert E. Lucas and Edward C. Prescott, leading social media economist Matthew O. Jackson, international trade expert Anne Krueger, and labor market specialist Orley Ashenfelter are some of the members of the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Scientific Council who will be in Barcelona on Friday to participate in the "What has changed?" roundtable. The roundtable, moderated by UAB professor and Barcelona GSE research professor Inés Macho-Stadler, will share various perspectives on changes the world is experiencing from an economic point of view and tackle issues that will be crucial in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, such as the automation of the labor market, financial crises and new central bank policies, how social networks influence the formation of opinions, international trade in a changing environment, and the difficulties of growth in the current economic context.

The roundtable is one of the events taking place during the visit of the thirty academics comprising the Barcelona GSE Scientific Council, which periodically meets in Barcelona to provide strategic guidance to the institution and ensure the quality and performance of its academic programs and research activities. The Scientific Council is chaired by Professor Hugo Sonnenschein, President Emeritus of the University of Chicago, and composed of thirty leading academics, including eleven Nobel Laureates in economics.

The roundtable will take place Friday, March 22 at 12 p.m. in the auditorium of the Ciutadella Campus of Pompeu Fabra University. It is free and open to the general public with prior registration at [bgse.eu/tablersvp](http://bgse.eu/tablersvp).

## La Barcelona Graduate School of Economics

The Barcelona Graduate School of Economics was created in 2006, led by the economist Andreu Mas-Colell with the objective of bringing together the frontier economic research established in Barcelona, and with the aim to compete with the large institutions of international prestige focusing on economic research. It offers three Masters with seven specialised programmes, a flagship summer school, and various training sessions continuously throughout the year.

It has a team of researchers, among which 26 have received research grants from the European Union given by the European Research Council (ERC), and a Scientific Board made up of 30 reputable economists from all over the world, 11 of which are winners of the Nobel Prize for Economics. The school is based in two campuses: the Ciutadella Campus of the UPF and the UAB Campus in Bellaterra, and it is lead by the economist Teresa Garcia-Milà.

According to the international ranking of the RePEc (Research Papers in Economics), the Barcelona GSE is the top research institution in Spain, the tenth in Europe, and is among the top twenty worldwide, and on two consecutive occasions it received the distinction from the Severo Ochoa Centre of Excellence in research, granted by the Spanish Ministry of Economics.

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