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Max Weber Lectures 2008-2009

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Max Weber Lectures

The monthly Max Weber Lectures are delivered by distinguished scholars representing the four disciplines present in the programme: Economics, History, Law and Political and Social Sciences. However, the programme aims to invite scholars who have a special interdisciplinary focus which will be of broad academic interest to all members of the academic community. The lectures are published in the *Max Weber Lectures Working Paper Series*, available at www.eui.eu/MaxWeberProgramme/Publications.shtml



All lectures are held on Wednesdays, 17.00 at Villa la Fonte, San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy. For organizational purposes, persons planning to attend should please register by email with Susan.Garvin@eui.eu



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October 15, 2008

Ute Frevert, Director of the Max Planck Institut, Berlin

November 19, 2008

Jared Diamond, Department of Geography, UCLA

December 17, 2008

Torsten Persson, Director of the Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm

January 21, 2009

Christine Jolls, Yale University Law School

February 18, 2009

Gøsta Esping-Andersen, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

March 18, 2009

Barry Weingast, Department of Political Science, Stanford University

April 15, 2009

Mireille Delmas-Marty, Collège de France, Paris

May 20, 2009

David Levine, Department of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis

June 10, 2009

Tony Judt, Department of History, New York University

The Speakers

Ute Frevert is a specialist in modern Germany, with an interest in social history. She has written or edited 14 books and countless articles, and is recognized as one of the leading German historians of her generation.

Jared Diamond is the author of popular science books that combine anthropology, biology, ecology, linguistics, genetics, and history. Among his best-known work is the non-fiction, Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Guns, Germs, and Steel* (1998).

Torsten Persson has interests that span political economics, macroeconomics and international economics. His recent work focuses on the origins of the state, the economic effects of constitutions, the nexus of political and economic change, as well as uncertainty and climate change.

Christine Jolls is a leading scholar in the emerging theory of behavioral law and economics. Her other areas of research include employment law and contracts. Jolls is Director of the Law and Economics Program at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Gøsta Esping-Andersen is the author of *Why We Need a Welfare State* (2002) and numerous other publications. His main research interest is in comparative public policies, inequality, employment and the labour market.

Barry Weingast has written extensively on the political-economy of development, federalism, and democracy. His most recent books are on *Violence and Social Orders: A Conceptual Framework for Interpreting Recorded Human History* (with North and Wallis, forthcoming) and *Handbook of Political Economy* (with Wittman).

Mireille Delmas-Marty is one of the great thinkers of our time on issues concerning law and society. She has written and edited many significant publications, including *European Criminal Procedures* (2002).

David Levine is an economic theorist who studies game theory and general equilibrium theory. He is currently President of the Society for Economic Dynamics. His most recent book is *Against Intellectual Monopoly* (with Michele Boldrin, 2008).

Tony Judt's research interests include French social history in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and French and European intellectual and political history since World War II. He is also the author or editor of 12 books, including the recent *Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945* (2005).