25TH SIR ARTHUR LEWIS MEMORIAL LECTURE

"Deglobalisation: Implications and Imperatives for Emerging Markets and Small States"

Keynote Speaker: Professor Ian Goldin, University of Oxford

Biography: 

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The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank welcomes you to the Sir Arthur Lewis Memorial Lecture.

The ECCB’s Inaugural Sir Arthur Lewis Memorial Lecture took place on November 14, 1996 at the National Insurance Scheme Conference Centre in Castries, Saint Lucia. Professor Ralston Milton “Rex” Nettleford, the Caribbean intellectual and cultural giant, was the keynote speaker at this event. The Sir Arthur Lewis Memorial Lecture is held in honour of the memory of Sir William Arthur Lewis, a significant contributor to Caribbean regional integration, global economic development and a Nobel Laureate in the field of Economics.

A son of Antiguan parents who immigrated to Saint Lucia several years before, Sir William Arthur Lewis was born in Saint Lucia on January 23, 1915. He attended the London School of Economics, eventually graduating in 1937 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and then once more in 1940 with a Ph.D. in Industrial Economics. He lectured at the London School of Economics, the University of Manchester, Princeton University and also the University College of the West Indies – now the University of the West Indies (UWI). He was the first black student and the first black teacher at the London School of Economics; the first black faculty member – and Britain’s first black professor – while at the University of Manchester; the first black full professor at Princeton University; and the first Vice Chancellor of UWI. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1963.

At the ECCB, we celebrate and immortalise Sir Arthur’s contribution to economic development. His seminal work entitled Economic Development with Unlimited Supplies of Labour helped to guide our understanding of ECCU economies as we transitioned from primarily agrarian-based economies to more modern economies. His work has also helped guide our understanding of trade between advanced and developing economies and even of how foreign investment affects economic development. We even saw the Lewis Model being applied in countries and jurisdictions such as Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Today, we therefore take the opportunity to honour the life, legacy and intellectual prowess of Sir William Arthur Lewis.
Ian Goldin is Oxford University Professor of Globalisation and Development and the founding Director of the Oxford Martin School, the world’s leading centre for interdisciplinary research into critical global challenges. Ian leads research groups on Technological and Economic Change, Future of Work and Future of Development. Ian previously was World Bank Vice President and the Group’s Director of Policy, and served on the World Bank Executive and other key committees. He previously was Chief Executive of the Development Bank of Southern Africa and Economic Advisor to President Nelson Mandela, accompanying President Mandela on all major international engagements and serving as Finance Director for South Africa’s Olympic Bid.

Ian is an advisor to a wide range of businesses, governments and international agencies and has been a non-executive director of leading Fortune 100 firms, serving as the Senior Independent Director on CDC (now British International Investment), and key committees. Ian was knighted by the French Government for his services to development and is Chair of the core-econ.org initiative to transform economics, as well as a trustee of Comic Relief and other charities. He has written and presented three BBC series, After the Crash, Will AI Kill Development? and The Pandemic that Changed the World and his BBC Analysis The Death of Globalisation? was broadcast in March 2023. The most recent of Ian’s 24 books, Age of the City, was published in June 2023. His previous books include Rescue: From Global Crisis to a Better World; Terra Incognita: 100 Maps to Survive the Next 100 Years; Age of Discovery: Navigating the Storms of our Second Renaissance; The Butterfly Defect: How globalisation creates systemic risks; and The Pursuit of Development: Economic Growth, Social Change and Ideas. He tweets on @ian_goldin and his website is iangoldin.org.
AGENDA

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm   Musical Prelude (Steel Pan)

6:00 pm – 6:03 pm   Prayer

6:03 pm – 6:06 pm   Welcome Remarks
Deputy Governor Dr. Valda F. Henry (Master of Ceremonies)

6:06 pm – 6:13 pm   Cultural Item

6:13 pm – 6:15 pm   Introduction of the Speaker
Martina Regis, Deputy Director,
Research, Statistics and Data Analytics Department (RSDAD)

6:15 pm – 7:00 pm   Keynote Speech
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7:00 pm – 7:15 pm   Question and Answer

7:15 pm – 7:25 pm   Sir Arthur Lewis Memorial Book Award
D. Tracy Polius, Chief Director (Policy)

7:25 pm – 7:30 pm   Closing Remarks
Governor Timothy N.J. Antoine

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm   Cocktails & Live Band