

Panel 4: Analysing Big Shifts in Global Issues

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Tyler Cowen is Holbert L. Harris Professor of Economics at George Mason University and also Director of the Mercatus Center. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University in 1987. He was named in an Economist poll as one of the most influential economists of the last decade, and three years ago Bloomberg BusinessWeek in a feature story dubbed him 'America's Hottest Economist'. Foreign Policy magazine named him as one of its 'Top 100 Global Thinkers' of 2011.

His book, *The Great Stagnation: How America Ate the Low-Hanging Fruit of Modern History, Got Sick, and Will (Eventually) Feel Better*, was a New York Times best-seller. His latest book, *Average is Over: Powering America out of the Great Stagnation*, focused on the implications of growing inequality and is being translated into numerous languages. His other books have covered topics as diverse as business cycle theory, monetary economics, economic growth, neuro-diversity and human diversity, the economics of fame, the economics of philanthropy, globalisation, the economics of food, and the economics of culture. Currently, Tyler is working on a book on the parallels (or not) between the economic development of America and China.

He co-writes a blog at www.marginalrevolution.com, which has been dubbed by The Wall Street Journal as the leading economics blog; he has blogged there every day for the last twelve years. With Alex Tabarrok, he has recently initiated an on-line economics education project, MRUniversity.com. That site is considered the leading on-line resource for economics education in video form and it now offers full principles of microeconomics class.

Tyler enjoys travel, reading, ethnic food, and cinema. He was born in New Jersey and now lives in Fairfax, Virginia with his wife. They have one daughter, who has visited Singapore and is a big fan.