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Speaker's Biography

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Educated at Trinity College (B.A., 1967) and Harvard University (Ph.D. Economics, 1971), Dr. Heller was a staff member of the International Monetary Fund from 1977 to 2006, serving as Deputy Director of the Fiscal Affairs Department from 1995. Previously, he was an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor (1971-77). He is presently Senior Adjunct Professor of International Economics at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at The Johns Hopkins University, teaching courses on public finance, international monetary theory, and international financial institutions. In the spring term of 2009, he will teach a seminar on how different industrial countries are addressing various long-term fiscal policy issues. He also teaches regularly at the Graduate School of Governance of the University of Maastricht.

He is the author of the book *Who Will Pay? Coping with Aging Societies, Climate Change, and Other Long Term Fiscal Challenges* (IMF, 2003) and has published in journals and lectured extensively on issues relating to fiscal policy, long-term fiscal budgetary challenges, aging populations, pension reform, public expenditure policy, adaptation to climate change, economic development and poverty reduction, health care in developing countries, privatization, and globalization.

He has participated in the World Economic Forum at Davos (2004-7) as well as the Global Economic Symposium (Kiel, 2008). He has recently been nominated by the Assistant Secretary for Aging of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Aging of the National Institutes of Health. He was a participant in the World Health Organization's Commission on Macroeconomics and Health as well as the United Nations Millennium Task Force.