

# Economic Development of the Global Main Economy

## (Afternoon Discussion Topics)

### Lecture 1 The Importance of Productivity and National Saving

1. How Can We Encourage Capital Formation and Capital Usage?
2. Why Does the US Save Very Little?
3. What Factors Determine the Successful Growth of an Economy?
4. Why is Productivity Growth So Difficult to Understand?
5. How Can We Encourage an Increase in National Saving?
6. Does Sustained Growth in Productivity Need Freedom and Democracy?

### Lecture 2 Problems with the US Economy

1. The Depressed State of the US Housing Market
2. Continuing Uncertainties in US Financial Markets
3. Exploding American Health Care Costs
4. Retirement Concerns of Baby Boomers and Social Security in the US
5. Persistently High US Fiscal Deficits and National Debt
6. What to do with Illegal Immigrants in America

### Lecture 3 Problems with the EU Economy

1. The EU Banking and Financial Crisis
2. The Current Greek Debt Crisis
3. Declining Growth of Population in the EU
4. Eurosclerosis
5. EU Integration – Legal, Economic, and Political
6. Is the Euro Succeeding?

### Lecture 4 Problems with the Japanese Economy

1. Excessive Government Debt in Japan
2. Aging of the Japanese Population
3. Rising Value of the Yen against the USD

4. Japan's Rising Conflict with China
5. Problems of Stagnating Japanese Innovation
6. Japanese Deflation

#### Lecture 5 Problems with the Chinese Economy

1. Issues Surrounding the RMB
2. Dealing with China's State Run Enterprises
3. China's Housing Bubble
4. China's Problems with Pollution
5. Taiwan-China Economic Relations
6. China's Need for Natural Resources