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## REGISTRATION FORM – AUTUMN SEMINAR SERIES 2009

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All seminars will be held at *the Royal Society of Edinburgh, George Street* and will be followed by a wine reception to which all participants are invited.

**Tuesday 3 November 2009 6pm**

□ £20

***"We are here in a very melancholy Situation". Financial crisis and competition policy***

**Speaker: Peter Freeman, Chair, Competition Commission**

**Chair: Kyla Brand**

**Sponsor: ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council)**

In a letter to Adam Smith in the summer of 1772, in relation to the crisis surrounding the failure of the Ayr Bank, David Hume referred to "Continual Bankruptcies, universal Loss of Credit, and endless Suspicions" and asked the great philosopher and putative founder of competition economics "Do these Events any-wise affect your Theory?" It was a fair question then and remains so today. This lecture discusses how competition policy may be affected by the present financial and economic downturn.

**Thursday 12 November 2009 6pm**

□ £20

***"The economics of public service delivery: competition, incentives and ownership"***

**Speaker: Professor Tim Besley**

**Chair: Robert Black, Audit Scotland**

**Sponsor: Scottish Institute for Research in Economics (SIRE)**

Providing high quality public services at reasonable cost in the face of limited public budgets and ever rising expectations is one of the great challenges for policy. This lecture will provide an overview of current economic thinking on this topic. Besley will also discuss how these insights can be applied concretely.

**Wednesday 25 November 2009 6pm**

□ £20

**In association with The Royal Society of Edinburgh**

***"The World after the Financial Crisis"***

**Speaker: Martin Wolf, chief economics commentator, Financial Times**

**Chair: Bill Jamieson**

**Sponsor: Walter Scott and Partners**

Martin Wolf is a renowned and respected economic commentator, who's Financial Times column is essential reading for all those seeking an authoritative and accessible view on current and prospective developments at home and across the economic globe. This lecture comes at a time when we can begin to hope for a clearer vision of the economic outlook for 2010 and beyond.



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