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Symposium on

## The Outlook for Future Productivity Growth

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12<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom  
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### Agenda

- 7:45-8:55**    **Continental breakfast**
- 8:55**        **Opening Remarks**  
John C. Williams, *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*
- 9:00-9:50**    **“Projecting World Economic Growth”**  
Dale Jorgenson, *Harvard University*  
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- 10:05-10:55** **“Explaining a Productive Decade: An Update”**  
Stephen Oliner, *Board of Governors*
- 11:10-12:00** **“The Slowest Potential Output Growth in U. S. History: Measurement and Interpretation”**  
Robert Gordon, *Northwestern University*  
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- 12:00-1:30**    **Lunch**  
**“Computer Mediated Transactions”**  
Speaker: Hal Varian, *Google and the University of California, Berkeley*
- 1:40-2:30**    **“What Do We Know and Not Know about Potential Growth of the United States Economy?”**  
John Fernald, *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*
- 2:40-3:45**    **Panel Discussion: Productivity Growth in Real Time**  
Moderator: John C. Williams, *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*  
Daniel Sichel, *Board of Governors*  
Peter McGoldrick, *European Central Bank*  
Robert Gordon, *Northwestern University*  
Dale Jorgenson, *Harvard University*
- 3:45-5:00**    **Reception**

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