Welcome from the Director

Welcome to the MPA in Economic Policy Management (MPA-EPM) program at the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs. The MPA-EPM brings together leading mid-career policymakers and private sector practitioners from around the world and exposes them to state-of-the-art techniques and ideas for a better understanding of modern economies.

Patricia Mosser
Director, MPA in Economic Policy Management
Columbia SIPA

The MPA-EPM program draws upon the many strengths of Columbia University, one of the foremost institutions of higher learning in the world, particularly its prime location in New York City, a global financial center and home of the United Nations, leading foundations, and civil society organizations. It also benefits from a long-standing partnership with the World Bank, which provides fellowship support.

The MPA-EPM places special emphasis on economic policy issues that are relevant for developing and emerging market countries. We train students in the most up-to-date analytical methods and tools, emphasizing those needed to confront today’s ever more complex policy challenges. The program encourages faculty and students to share their diverse experiences and points of view, both through classroom discussions and informal conversations. Frequent seminars, lectures, and workshops bring in outside experts who offer their specialized knowledge of various regions and spheres of economic policy. In this brave new globalized world, country-specific knowledge and experience is important, but exposure to the trends and practices of other countries is equally, if not more, valuable.

After completing the MPA-EPM program, graduates become part of a broad and growing network of policymakers and practitioners with similar training and motivation, namely, the community of MPA-EPM alumni and professors. In today’s dynamic global economy, being part of such a network is indispensable for achieving long-term professional success.
MPA-EPM Curriculum

The core of the one-year MPA-EPM program consists of two three-semester course sequences in Macroeconomic Policy Management and Econometrics. This core is supplemented by courses in microeconomic policy, management skills, and political economy. Students may choose additional elective courses offered at SIPA and other graduate schools at Columbia.

MPA-EPM Focus Areas

**Economic Policy Management (EPM)**
Builds students’ technical competence with the tools of economic management and policymaking and their application; educates students about current thinking on the global economic environment, as well as its history and institutions.

**Student background:** Accomplished professionals from national and international development agencies, national economic policy agencies, international financial institutions, and banks, as well as those with legal and consulting backgrounds

**Global Energy Management and Policy (GEMP)**
Teaches the fundamentals of the energy industry, including international energy systems and business organizations involved in the production, transportation, and marketing of energy products.

**Student background:** Accomplished professionals from energy ministries, national oil companies, and energy-producing firms, and other professionals from around the world who are involved in various aspects of the global energy markets.

**Central Banking and Financial Markets (CBFM)**
Builds an in-depth understanding of corporate finance, capital markets, and central banking, covering both emerging and advanced economies; examines the process of building sound capital markets in emerging economies.

**Student background:** Mid-career professionals working at central banks, finance ministries, financial institutions, regulatory agencies, international financial institutions, and development banks.
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Certain courses may take place in the fall or spring semesters. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information.

Students may choose electives from a set of courses offered throughout the University. The following list provides examples of currently-offered courses that have been of interest to students in the MPA in Economic Policy Management:

- Asian Financial Markets
- Japanese Financial Policy and Economy
- Electricity Markets
- Emerging Market Investment Climate
- Energy Business and Economic Development
- Energy Industry in the BRICS
- Energy Policy
- Financial Regulation
- Emerging Financial Markets
- International Banking
- International Finance and Monetary Theory
- International Trade
- Petroleum Markets and Trading
- Political Economy of Finance
- Renewable Energy Markets and Policy
- Unconventional Monetary Policy
MPA-EPM graduates are uniquely prepared to meet the challenges of economic policymaking and management in today’s complex economic environment. After receiving their degree, many are selected for leadership positions in the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors. A more extensive list of where MPA-EPM graduates work can be found on our website: sipa.columbia.edu/epm.

- Action Against Hunger
- African Development Bank
- Asian Development Bank
- Barclays
- BlackRock
- Bloomberg
- BNP Paribas
- British Petroleum
- Central Bank of Brazil
- Children’s Authority of Trinidad and Tobago
- Deloitte
- Deutsche Bank
- China Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- European Central Bank
- Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- Goldman Sachs
- HSBC
- International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Lazard
- McKinsey & Company
- Ministry of Finance, Japan
- National Development and Reform Commission, China
- OPEC
- People’s Bank of China
- PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- Santander
- Saudi Aramco
- Save the Children, Myanmar
- Standard Chartered
- Standard & Poor’s
- United Nations Development Programme
- (UNDP)
- United States Federal Reserve Board
- U.S. Treasury
- World Bank

The following table shows examples of career advancement for our graduates.

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<td>Director, Herkules Capital (a leading Norwegian private equity firm)</td>
<td>State Secretary to Prime Minister of Norway, Erna Solberg</td>
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<td>Economic Policy Adviser to Britain’s Leader of the Opposition, Ed Miliband</td>
<td>Senior Economist, Bank of England</td>
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<td>Economist, Central Bank of Paraguay</td>
<td>Former Minister of Finance of Paraguay</td>
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<td>Manager of Control Management, Telefónica Colombia</td>
<td>Minister of Housing, Colombia</td>
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<td>Senior Adviser to the Minister of Economy and Finance of Côte d’Ivoire</td>
<td>Senior Adviser, IMF</td>
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<td>Technical Assistant for the Economic Adviser Team to the Prime Minister of Egypt</td>
<td>Former Minister of Finance, Egypt</td>
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<td>General Manager, Planning and Finance Department, China Construction Bank</td>
<td>Deputy Governor, People’s Bank of China</td>
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<td>Vice President, Trust Investment Branch of China Cinda Asset Management Co., Ltd.</td>
<td>President, China Merchants Bank</td>
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<td>Economist, Bank of Jamaica</td>
<td>Senior Deputy Governor, Bank of Jamaica</td>
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<td>Head of the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, Ministry of Finance, Moldova</td>
<td>State Secretary for the Minister of Finance, Moldova</td>
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<td>Economist, Ministry of Finance, Ghana</td>
<td>CEO for Southern Africa at Standard Chartered Bank</td>
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<td>Economist, Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan</td>
<td>Deputy Governor, Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan</td>
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<td>Head of External Sector Division, Central Bank of Armenia</td>
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<td>Economist, Poverty and Development, UNDP</td>
<td>Deputy Minister of Finance, Columbia</td>
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Applying to the Program

Admission to the MPA in Economic Policy Management is competitive, based on academic excellence and superior professional qualifications. The size of the entering class is limited to ensure that participants receive the individual attention that this intensive program demands. For admission, applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

• Hold an undergraduate degree with a record of superior academic accomplishment, and preferably with strong economics content.

• Demonstrate proficiency in the English language adequate for study at the master’s level. We accept the TOEFL, the IELTS, and Pearson’s PTE Academic scores as proof of proficiency in English.

• Demonstrate verbal and quantitative aptitude by taking the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).

• Have had a meaningful professional exposure to economic policymaking.

• Demonstrate an intention to pursue a career in economics or finance with a strong policy focus.

Applicants with less than two years of relevant work experience may not be considered for admission to the program. Significant experience of at least four or five years is preferred.

For admissions information, visit sipa.columbia.edu/admissions.

For information about SIPA’s other degree programs, visit sipa.columbia.edu.
Select Faculty

PATRICIA MOSSER
Director, MPA in Economic Policy Management
Senior Research Scholar in the Faculty of International and Public Affairs
Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs

Patricia C. Mosser is a senior research scholar and senior fellow at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs and director of the Initiative on Central Banking and Financial Policy. Previously, Mosser was head of the Research and Analysis Center at the Office of Financial Research, U.S. Treasury Department.

Mosser spent over 20 years at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, where she was a senior manager at the Fed’s open market desk overseeing market analysis, monetary policy implementation including many crisis-related facilities, foreign exchange operations, and analysis of financial stability and reform. She previously served as an economist and manager in the New York Fed Research Department and as an assistant professor in the Economics Department at Columbia. Mosser has written on monetary policy and financial stability topics including crisis policy tools, the monetary transmission mechanism, and financial reform. She was previously a member of the Deputies Committee of the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC), the Board of the American Economic Association’s Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP) and numerous international central banking and financial policy committees. She received a BA from Wellesley College, an MSc with distinction from LSE, and a PhD in economics from MIT.

WILLEM BUITER
Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs
Adjunct Senior Research Scholar

Willem Buiter CBE, FBA, is global chief economist of Citigroup since January 2010. He has a BA from Cambridge and a PhD from Yale. He has held full-time academic appointments at Princeton, the University of Bristol, the LSE, Yale and Cambridge. He is an adjunct senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and a part-time senior research fellow at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs.

He has published on macroeconomics, monetary and exchange rate management, financial markets and institutions, fiscal policy, social security reform, economic development, emerging markets, and transition economics.

He was a member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England from 1997-2000, chief economist and special counselor to the president at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development from 2000-2005, and an adviser to Goldman Sachs from 2005 till 2009. He has been a consultant or adviser to the IMF, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, European Commission, central bank and finance ministries across the world. He is a frequent contributor to the public policy debate and, until the day job got in the way, an avid blogger.
GUILLERMO CALVO
Professor of International and Public Affairs

Focus areas: Macroeconomics of emerging market and transition economies, capital flows and balance-of-payments crises in emerging market economies.

Calvo’s main field of expertise is macroeconomics of emerging market and transition economies. His recent work has dealt extensively with capital flows and balance-of-payments crises in emerging market economies. He has published several books and more than 100 articles in leading economic journals. Calvo’s recent positions include director of the Center for International Economics and Distinguished University Professor at the University of Maryland; chief economist at the Inter-American Development Bank; senior adviser in the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund; and research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

Calvo is the former president of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), and the former president of the International Economic Association. Calvo has testified before the United States Congress on dollarization and on the 1994 Mexican crisis and has served as an economic adviser to several governments in Latin America and Eastern Europe. He has received honors including the Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship in 1980–1981 and the King Juan Carlos Prize in Economics in 2000. Calvo received his PhD from Yale in 1974.

CHRISTINE CUMMING
Adjunct Senior Research Scholar in the Faculty of International and Public Affairs
Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs

Christine Cumming retired from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in June 2015, having served as first vice president, the organization’s second-ranking officer and also its chief operating officer, since 2004. In over 36 years at the bank, Cumming has held numerous leadership positions and played a strategic role in various Federal Reserve System initiatives. As first vice president, she led the bank in the development of a comprehensive risk management program, implementation of the Fedwire modernization program, and establishment of an Office of Diversity and Inclusion. She is the professor for the MIA/MPA program’s Reining in the Big Banks: Supervision and Regulation course and MPA in Economic Policy Management (MPA-EPM) program’s Financial Stability Monitoring course.

AUGUSTO DE LA TORRE
Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs

Augusto de la Torre was recently the World Bank’s chief economist for Latin American and the Caribbean. Before his appointment as the region’s chief economist, Augusto de la Torre was a senior adviser responsible for financial matters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Since joining the Bank in October 1997, he has published extensively on a broad range of macroeconomic and financial development topics.

Prior to joining the Bank, Augusto was president of Ecuador’s Central Bank and an International Monetary Fund economist, including the IMF’s resident representative in Venezuela (1991-1992). He is currently a co-professor for the MPA in Economic Policy Management (MPA-EPM) program’s Financial Development in Emerging Economies course.
LUIS FELIPE CÉSPEDES  
Professor of Economics at the Business School of Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez-Chile

Luis Felipe Céspedes served as Minister of Economy, Development and Tourism of Chile between March 2014 and August 2017.

Mr. Céspedes was Chief of Economic Research at the Central Bank of Chile between 2009 and 2011. Earlier, in 2006-2009, Mr. Céspedes was Chief Economic Advisor and Director of Economic Policy at the Ministry of Finance of Chile. Previously, he was an economist at the Research Department of the Central Bank of Chile and of the International Monetary Fund.

Mr. Céspedes has been Visiting Scholar in the Research Department at the International Monetary Fund and at the Inter-American Development Bank and in the Department of Economics at Rutgers University and Visiting Professor at Columbia University. He has taught at Universidad de Chile and Universidad Católica de Chile.

He has written extensively on international economics, macroeconomic policy and financial crises. He has been the editor of three books and of the academic journal Economía Chilena.

Mr. Céspedes holds a Ph.D. in Economics from New York University (NYU) and a B.A. in Economics and Business Administration from Universidad Católica de Chile.

NOHA EMARA  
Adjunct Assistant Professor of International and Public Affairs

Noha Emara received her MA and her PhD in economics from Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick. Upon finishing her PhD, Emara served as a term assistant professor of economics at Barnard College, Columbia University where she has taught Economic Reasoning, Econometrics, Money and Banking, Labor Economics, and Development Economics. Emara joined the faculty of SIPA in spring 2013 teaching two courses, Macroeconometrics and Microeconometrics. She also taught courses at Drew University, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, and Helwan University. Among the course she has taught are Econometrics, Mathematical Economics, Economic Fluctuations, Money and Banking, and Intermediate Macro.

Her current research program includes five streams of research suitable for peer-review: explorations of the impact of governance and economic freedom on economic growth; explorations of development in developing countries; examinations of monetary and financial issues; papers related to predictions and forecasting; and co-authored microeconomics papers in which she supplied the econometrics part.
MICHAEL K. GAVIN
Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs

Michael Gavin is a managing director and head of asset allocation research for the Americas at Barclays Capital, based in New York. Gavin joined Barclays Capital in 2009 as head of Global Emerging Markets Strategy. Previously, he served as an emerging markets economist at Citadel Investment Group, responsible for economic and market analysis underlying the emerging market desk’s currency, local rates, external debt, and equity markets investments. Before joining Citadel, Gavin was a managing director at UBS, where he served as head of Latin American Research. Prior to joining UBS, he was an economist at the Inter-American Development Bank. He has also worked at the Federal Reserve Bank and been a visiting researcher and consultant at the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Mr. Gavin works with G10 and Emerging Markets economists and strategists to identify trends in international asset flows and valuation, economic policy and currency movements, highlighting investment opportunities and implications for global asset allocation.

As an associate professor of economics at Columbia University, he founded a new master’s program for mid-career policymakers from emerging markets. Gavin received a PhD in economics from MIT.

TAKATOSHI ITO
Professor of International and Public Affairs

Takatoshi Ito joined the faculty of SIPA as a professor of international and public affairs in January 2015. An internationally renowned economist, Ito is an expert on international finance, macroeconomics, and the Japanese economy who served from 2006 to 2008 as a member of the Prime Minister’s Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy. He also held senior positions in the Japanese Ministry of Finance and at the International Monetary Fund. Ito served as dean of the University of Tokyo’s Graduate School of Public Policy for the past two years and as professor at Japan’s National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies. He has served as a visiting professor at both Columbia and Harvard and taught at other institutions. He earned his PhD in economics at Harvard University.

Ito has had distinguished academic and research appointments such as president of the Japanese Economic Association in 2004; fellow of the Econometric Society since 1992; research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research since 1985; and faculty fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research since 2006. He was editor-in-chief of Journal of the Japanese and International Economies and is co-editor of Asian Economic Policy Review. In an unusual move for a Japanese academic, Ito was also appointed in the official sectors, as senior adviser in the Research Department, International Monetary Fund (1994–97) and as deputy vice minister for international affairs at the Ministry of Finance, Japan (1999–2001). He is an author of many books including The Japanese Economy (MIT Press, 1992), The Political Economy of the Japanese Monetary Policy (1997) and Financial Policy and Central Banking in Japan, with T. Cargill and M. Hutchison, (MIT Press, 2000), An Independent and Accountable IMF, with J. De Gregorio, B. Eichengreen, and C. Wyplosz (1999). He is also the author of more than 130 academic (refereed) journal articles in journals such as Econometrica, American Economic Policy Review, and Journal of Monetary Economics and chapters in books on international finance, monetary policy, and the Japanese economy. His research interests include capital flows and currency crises, microstructures of foreign exchange rates, and inflation targeting. He was awarded the National Medal with Purple Ribbon in June 2011 for his excellent academic achievement.
GEOFFREY JEHLE
Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs

Geoffrey A. Jehle began teaching in SIPA’s MPA in Economic Policy Management (MPA-EPM) program in 2004. His early work on the theory of bank regulation received the 1986 Iddo Sarnat Award from the European Finance Association and the Journal of Banking and Finance. Since then his research and writing have ranged widely over microeconomics. In addition to a popular graduate-level text, *Advanced Microeconomic Theory, 3e* (Pearson 2011), written with co-author Philip J. Reny of the University of Chicago, he has published articles on international trade theory, optimal labor contracts, and income inequality.

Jehle received his PhD from Princeton University in 1983 and is professor of economics at Vassar College. He has taught at Princeton University, Yale University, the European Institute of Business Administration (INSEAD), and the Lahore University of Management Science (LUMS). In 2001 he served as Fulbright senior scholar at the Universiti Sains Malaysia and, in 2013, as Fulbright senior scholar at the Foreign Trade University of Vietnam.

ARVID LUKAUSKAS
Executive Director, Picker Center for Executive Education
MPA in Economic Policy Management
Adjunct Associate Professor of International and Public Affairs

Arvid Lukauskas is the executive director of the Picker Center for Executive Education and the MPA in Economic Policy Management (MPA-EPM) program at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs. He also directs SIPA’s summer program offered in collaboration with the School of Continuing Education.

Lukauskas teaches and conducts research on international and comparative political economy, with a focus on the political economy of finance and trade policy. His books are the *Handbook of Trade Policy for Development*, edited with R. Stern and G. Zanini (Oxford University Press, 2013); *The Political Economy of the East Asian Crisis and its Aftermath*, edited with F. Rivera-Batíz (Edward Elgar, 2001); and *Regulating Finance: The Political Economy of Spanish Financial Policy from Franco to Democracy* (University of Michigan, 1997). His articles have appeared in various scholarly journals, including *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science* and *Review of International Political Economy*. He is currently working on a book-length project examining the links between economic and social development in East Asia.

Through the Picker Center, Lukauskas has helped develop or direct several major executive training programs in Brazil, Chile, China, Egypt, Republic of Georgia, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Mexico, Singapore, and Thailand, as well as for UNDP and the World Bank. He was the principal investigator for a four-year USAID grant, in conjunction with the East-West Management Institute, to develop educational capacity in the Republic of Georgia. He has served as a consultant to UNDP and the World Bank Institute.

Lukauskas received a BA from University of Wisconsin, Madison, an MPA from University of Oklahoma, and his PhD from University of Pennsylvania.
LILIANA ROJAS-SUAREZ  
Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs  
Adjunct Senior Research Scholar

Liliana Rojas-Suarez is a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development with expertise on Latin America, financial regulation, Basel II and III, and the development impact of global financial flows. She is the co-author or editor of almost a dozen books. Her most recent book is *Growing Pains in Latin America: An Economic Growth Framework as Applied to Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico and Peru*. She also co-chaired the CGD Working Group on “Policy Principles for Expanding Financial Access.” Rojas-Suarez is currently teaches the MPA in Economic Policy Management (MPA-EPM) program’s Macroprudential Regulation course.

She has published widely in the areas of macroeconomic policy, international economics and financial markets in a large number of academic and other journals including *Journal of International Economics, Journal of International Money and Finance, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Contemporary Economic Policy, International Monetary Fund Staff Papers*.

YUMIKO SHIMABUKURO  
Lecturer in Discipline of International and Public Affairs

Yumiko Shimabukuro’s core research and teaching interests lie in the areas of political economy, comparative politics, and social welfare policy with a regional expertise in Northeast Asia. She currently teaches graduate-level courses for the MPA in Economic Policy Management (MPA-EPM) program, the Executive Master of Public Administration (EMPA) program, and the Urban and Social Policy concentration at SIPA. She received an MA in International Economics from Columbia University, a PhD in Political Economy from the Department of Political Science at MIT, and a Post-Doctoral Fellowship from Harvard University. She served in various capacities in investment banking and the non-profit sector working on issues ranging from financial product innovation to sustainable development practices.

She teaches six courses, including Political Economy Seminar, International Political Economy, Managing Socio-Economic Risk, Social Investment and Economic Growth in East Asia, and Comparative Social Welfare Policy. She is the recipient of the Harvard Teaching Excellence Award and the Columbia University Outstanding Teaching Award.
ANNE SIBERT  
Visiting Professor of International and Public Affairs

Anne Sibert is a professor of economics at Birkbeck, University of London. She is a fellow of CEPR, the European Economic Association and the Kiel Institute for World Economics. Her main research interests are central bank design, intertemporal open economy public finance, economic and political aspects of economic and monetary union in Europe, and the political economy of structural reform. She is a member of the London Times Shadow Monetary Policy Committee. She was an external member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Central Bank of Iceland, the Panel of Economic and Monetary Experts for the European Parliament’s Committee for Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Council of Economic Advisers to the Opposition Front Bench, U. K. She was an associate editor of the Economic Journal and Macroeconomic Dynamics. She earned her PhD in economics at Carnegie-Mellon University.

JAN SVEJNAR  
James T. Shotwell Professor of Global Political Economy

Focus areas: The effect of foreign investment on domestic firms, the effect of billionaires on economic performance, the determinants of corporate structure, ownership and performance, the effect of recession on wages and employment, global economic governance, economic policies, performance of countries at different levels of economic development.

Jan Svejnar is the James T. Shotwell Professor of Global Political Economy and director of the Center on Global Economic Governance at Columbia University. He focuses his research on the effects of government policies on firms, labor, and capital markets; corporate, national, and global governance and performance; and entrepreneurship. Professor Svejnar is also a founder and chairman of CERGE-EI in Prague (an American-style PhD program in economics that educates economists for Central-East Europe and the Newly Independent States) and he serves as co-editor of Economics of Transition. He is a fellow of the European Economic Association and research fellow of the Center for Economic Policy Research (London) and Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn. He was honored with a Neuron Prize for lifelong achievement from the Karel Janeček Endowment for Research and Science in 2012 and the 2015 IZA Prize in Labor Economics from the Institute for the Study of Labor. In 2008 he was one of two presidential candidates in the Czech Republic.

Prior to joining the faculty of Columbia University, Svejnar was the Everett E. Berg Professor of Business Administration and director of the William Davidson Institute at the Ross School of Business, as well as professor and director of the International Policy Center at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. Before Michigan, Svejnar was professor at the University of Pittsburgh and Cornell University. He received his BS from Cornell University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations and his MA and PhD in economics from Princeton University.