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"The Euro: An Uphill Struggle to Survival"

Featuring



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As the European Union faces yet another critical junction in the struggle to contain its sovereign debt crisis, what are the chances of survival for the monetary union? What are the possible outcomes? Why the crisis can not be handled in a more decisive and efficient manor? And how did the geo-political and economic interplay amongst the European countries led us here? In this presentation, you will learn from Mr. Laurenti, a native of Italy and a leading expert in European economies about the history and the cause of the European debt crisis as well as his views on the future of Euro.

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5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The Union League Club of Chicago Colonial Room 830, 8th Floor 65 West Jackson Blvd Chicago, Illinois

Agenda: 5:00 – 5:30pm Registration 5:30 – 6:00pm Networking (Light Hors d'oeuvres served) 6:00 – 6:40pm Formal speech 6:40 – 7:00pm Q&A



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Speakers' Bio:

Adolfo Laurenti, Deputy Chief Economist and Managing Director of Mesirow Financial, is responsible for developing ongoing economic research and commentary for Mesirow's clients. As an expert on the European economies, Adolfo is a new face in demand by the financial press and among local media. He also lectures at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. Prior to joining Mesirow Financial in July 2007, Adolfo served as associate economist at LaSalle Bank/ABN AMRO.

Adolfo is a graduate of Bocconi University Business School in Milan, Italy. He specialized in industrial organization as a visiting scholar at the Center for Industrial Economics in Copenhagen, Denmark, and concentrated in financial economics at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. Adolfo earned his Master of Arts degree in economics from George Mason University, where he also pursued doctoral studies.

Adolfo serves on the board of the National Association for Business Economics and is a member of both the American Economic Association and the Chicago Association for Business Economics. He is also a board member for the Collaborative Arts Institute of Chicago.

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