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The SNB's Karl Brunner Distinguished Lecture Series: Raghuram Rajan announced as next speaker

The Swiss National Bank (SNB) has named Raghuram Rajan as this year's speaker for its Karl Brunner Distinguished Lecture Series. Professor Rajan has made outstanding contributions to both economic practice and economic research on the global stage. His roles have included Governor of the Reserve Bank of India from 2013 until 2016 and Chief Economist at the IMF between 2003 and 2006. He has held a professorship at the University of Chicago since 1995. In particular, Professor Rajan has distinguished himself through influential contributions to financial economics. In 2005, he warned the Jackson Hole central banking conference about the growing complexity of the financial system and the risks of a potential financial crisis. In his book *Fault Lines: How Hidden Fractures Still Threaten the World Economy*, he looks back at the causes and effects of the 2008 financial crisis. Professor Rajan also co-authored the book *Saving Capitalism from the Capitalists*, in which he stressed the importance of financial markets in fighting poverty.

The Karl Brunner Lecture will be held at 5.30 pm on 19 September 2019 in the Audi Max room at the ETH Zurich. It will be conducted in English and be open to the general public. The event will also be broadcast live via the SNB website. *The Karl Brunner Distinguished Lecture Series was established by the SNB in 2016 to mark the 100th birthday of the internationally renowned Swiss economist Karl Brunner (1916–1989), and honours academics whose research has particular relevance to central banking practice.*

