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Panel on “The Economics of New Borders: Implications for Scotland”

Thursday, 26 June 2014 at 18:00

St. Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street, Cowgate, EH1 1NQ*

As the Scottish independence referendum approaches, economic questions have come to dominate the public debate on Scotland's future. Would a new border affect Scotland's trade with the rest of the UK and, if so, by how much? What new economic policies could an independent Scotland pursue? And how would independence affect Scotland's per-capita income and prospects for economic growth?

The School of Economics at the University of Edinburgh, together with the Scottish Institute for Research in Economics (SIRE), is pleased to announce that it will host a public panel discussion on the economics of new borders. The aim of the event is to showcase what methods economists use to evaluate the possible costs and benefits of independence, discuss the experience of other countries and explore the implications for Scotland.

The Panellists

James E. Anderson is a Professor of Economics at Boston College. He is a research associate at the distinguished National Bureau of Economic Research in the United States, and serves on the editorial board of the *Review of International Economics*. Among other topics, his research explores the relationship between trade within and across country borders.

Enrico Spolaore is a Professor of Economics at Tufts University. He is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, and editor of a forthcoming book on *Culture and Economic Growth*. Among other topics, his research explores the economic determinants of country size.

Stephen Farrington is Deputy Director of the Economics Group at HM Treasury, and responsible for the Treasury's analytical work on the Scotland independence debate. Previously, he served as the head of the economy forecast team at the Office of Budget Responsibility.

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