

Press release

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BGL's “Doers & Thinkers” conference series turns to the unresolved challenges of the economic crisis

BGL hosts Professor James K. Galbraith, an outstanding economist combining intellectual brilliance and a willingness to question prevailing opinion

As part of its “**Doers & Thinkers**” series, on 3 June BGL organized a presentation entitled “**The Unresolved Challenges of the Crisis**”, a theme that in itself presents a real challenge. The conference series, organized twice a year, features either a *Doer* — an entrepreneur — or a *Thinker*, such as an academic or a researcher. Thus, it calls on speakers whose eyes are firmly set on the future — precisely the sort of individuals who are shaping tomorrow's world. From entrepreneurs to researchers and other passionate people with a firm belief in their vision, these are men and women who always think out of the box.

In the face of the global upheavals that have brought profound changes to our environment, we are all looking for solutions. And BGL has naturally played its part with a variety of measures in support of its individual and business clients it has accompanied for many years.

Against this backdrop it was only natural for BGL to invite Professor James Galbraith, who is uniquely placed to discuss the issues involved and answer questions from his target audience. Only someone so involved at the heart of the action can fully apprehend the issues and thus be able to point the way ahead.

The son of the celebrated economist John Kenneth Galbraith, Professor Galbraith has distinguished himself in a variety of roles:

- **an adviser on Barack Obama's campaign**, he is well acquainted with the most powerful man in the world;
- **a regular consultant** for the US Senate on matters regarding the economic crisis, he is a genuine “insider”;
- **a successful author**, he has won an extensive audience in the US with his two recent books, “Unbearable Cost: Bush, Greenspan and the Economics of Empire” and “The Predator State: How Conservatives Abandoned the Free Market and Why Liberals Should Too”;
- **a “trouble-maker”** and indefatigable reformer, he has been calling for an overhaul of the American financial and economic system since the 1970s.

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James Galbraith, a fierce opponent of Timothy Geithner's recovery plan, which he has called “extremely dangerous”, has never been afraid to address the problems we need to solve.

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