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Legrain Joins 2007 Speaker Line-up

The **Adelaide Festival of Ideas** (FOI 07) has announced leading economist, financial writer and author **Philippe Legrain** (UK) will join the speaker line-up for the 2007 Festival along with **Riaz Hassan**, Australian Research Council Professorial Fellow and Emeritus Professor, Department of Sociology, Flinders University and **Tim Harcourt**, Chief Economist, Australian Trade Commission.

Jagdish Bhagwati, **Ahmed Rashid** and **Barbara Ehrenreich** have withdrawn from the program, as they are now unable to travel for personal reasons.

Philippe Legrain is the author of *Immigrants: Your Country Needs Them* (2007) and *Open World: The Truth about Globalisation* (2002). He is a contributing editor to *Prospect* magazine and a freelance writer for a variety of publications such as the *Financial Times*, *The Guardian*, *The New Republic* and *Foreign Policy*. He blogs at www.philippelegrain.com. In 1999, he was highly commended as Young Financial Journalist of the Year in the Harold Wincott Press Awards. He is also a commentator for BBC TV and radio on globalisation and trade. He was previously trade and economics correspondent for *The Economist* and special adviser to World Trade Organisation director-general Mike Moore. He has a first-class honours degree in economics and masters in politics of the world economy, both from the London School of Economics. Philippe is thirty-two and lives in London.

The theme for FOI 07, is **Which way to the future?** with around forty leaders in their fields across the disciplines of science, economics and environment, religion, human rights and journalism coming together to discuss and think with the public on major topics of concern today including **global warming**, **China** and **India's** growing economies, **migration**, **terrorism**, **health**, **trade**, **modern working life**, **obesity** and **whistle blowing**. The carbon neutral FOI 07 will comprise fifty-four free public sessions and four paid evening sessions.

A free program of events with information on all sessions and participating speakers will be available from June 2007 through selected bookstores. A list of stockists is available on the Festival's website: www.adelaidefestivalofideas.com.au

The Adelaide Festival of Ideas is a biennial event, which was first conducted in July 1999. Since it began FOI has opened debate on leading issues of our times. FOI has become hugely popular harnessing ideas, experience and intellect and attracting attendance from all states of Australia and from overseas.

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