

CFR Virtual Symposium Agenda

## Robert B. Menschel Economics Symposium

Monday, March 15, 2021

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EDT)

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EDT)

This symposium is on the record.

### Monday, March 15, 2021

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EDT) *Virtual Keynote*

#### Virtual Keynote Session: A Conversation With Richard H. Thaler

Richard Thaler will discuss how the coronavirus pandemic has altered human behavior and economic choices, as well as how behavioral economics can inform public health policy to incentivize people to socially distance, wear masks, and accept a vaccine.

*Speaker:*

[Richard H. Thaler](#), Charles R. Walgreen Distinguished Service Professor of Behavioral Science and Economics, University of Chicago Booth School of Business; Coauthor, *Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness*; 2017 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences Recipient

*Presider:*

[Eduardo Porter](#), Economics Reporter, *New York Times*; CFR Member

### Tuesday, March 16, 2021

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EDT) *Virtual Plenary*

#### Session Two: Economic Behavior in a Pandemic

Panelists will discuss how the pandemic has altered consumer decision-making and economic behavior, how these trends affect the U.S. and global economies, and how policymakers can use behavioral economics to address these shifts.

*Speakers:*

[Ravi Dhar](#), George Rogers Clark Professor of Management and Marketing, Director of the Center for Customer Insights, and Professor of Psychology, Yale University

[Wendy Edelberg](#), Director, The Hamilton Project and Senior Fellow, Economic Studies, Brookings Institution; Former Chief Economist, Congressional Budget Office

[Fiona Greig](#), Managing Director and Copresident, JPMorgan Chase Institute

*Presider:*

[Terry L. Babcock-Lumish](#), Executive Secretary, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation; CFR Member

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