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Benjamin M. Friedman to hold the 2022 Karl Brunner Distinguished Lecture

The Swiss National Bank has named Benjamin M. Friedman as the next speaker for its Karl Brunner Distinguished Lecture Series. Benjamin M. Friedman is Professor of Political Economy at Harvard University and the author of numerous influential publications in the field of monetary and fiscal policy. One focus of his research has been on which monetary policy strategies central banks should follow to best fulfil their mandate. Apart from his academic activities, Benjamin M. Friedman has served in various roles, for example as a former member of the Economic Advisory Panel of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and a former member of the Panel of Economic Advisers of the Congressional Budget Office.

In his more recent work, Benjamin M. Friedman increasingly focused on the relationship between economics, ethics and religion. He is the author of the books *The Moral Consequences of Economic Growth* (2005) and *Religion and the Rise of Capitalism* (2021). In his contribution to the Karl Brunner Lecture Series, he will explore how religion has shaped economic thinking.

The sixth Karl Brunner Distinguished Lecture will be held at 5.30 pm on Thursday, 22 September 2022, in the Audi Max room at the ETH Zurich (format depending on the pandemic situation). The lecture will be conducted in English.

The Karl Brunner Distinguished Lecture Series was established by the SNB in 2016 to mark the centenary of the birth of the Swiss economist Karl Brunner (1916–1989). Speakers invited are academics whose research has proven to be particularly relevant to central bank monetary policy practice.

