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SPRING SEMINAR TO EXPLORE ECONOMIC CRISES

The New York School has announced plans for its annual seminar series beginning May 2. Every Wednesday evening for six weeks, "Economic Crises in the Eighties" will present a panel discussion on a basic issue in the news. These programs are free and open to the public.

The series kicks off with a session on world hunger -- focusing especially on the ongoing African famine which has received scant attention in the media. Meghan Keita of Church World Service, and Ken Hackett of Catholic Relief Service's Africa Division will examine the questions of trade vs. aid and how conditions can be improved beyond shipping care packages.

The following Wednesday, May 9, the deregulation of American industries will be explored, with a primary focus on the airline industry. John Kerrigan (Transport Worker's Union) and Noah Furman (Consumer Cause, Inc.) will debate the pros and cons of deregulation; whether lower prices now mean unemployment later.

The feasibility of a national industrial policy will be the topic of the May 16 program. A number of presidential candidates have espoused the wisdom of such a plan, often referring to Japan's emergence in high-tech industries as a prime example. Others have maintained that the government is already meddling too much in the marketplace. Steven Wooley of the United States Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Edwin Reubens of the City University of New York will offer differing views on the subject.

On May 23, Mark Bazin and Dr. Oscar Johannsen will examine the international debt crisis. Mr. Bazin represents the World Bank at the United Nations. Dr. Johannsen is the vice president of the HGS and a banking expert.

The question of how to finance the restoration of our crumbling infrastructure is the topic of the May 30 program. Tony Shorris of the New York City Office of Management and Budget and the author of the city's ten-year-plan for financing public works will share the podium with Dr. Lowell Harriss, the distinguished Columbia University economist.

The last program, June 6, will present alternative solutions to many of the problems explored in the previous programs. HGS Director Stan Rubenstein will speak at the finale.

Additional speakers may be added as program details are finalized.

The spring seminar series is offered to help HGS graduates further their understanding of our economy and the basic social problems of our day. It is also of considerable interest to the members of organizations concerned with the above topics.

A complete schedule of the series is on page four.