Keio University

Keio University to Confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor upon
Professor Hugo F. Sonnenschein,
the 11th President of the University of Chicago and
Charles L. Hutchinson Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus

Keio University will confer the Degree of Doctor of Economics, honoris causa, upon Professor Hugo F. Sonnenschein, President Emeritus and Charles L. Hutchinson Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of the University of Chicago, in high recognition for his significant academic contributions to the field of microeconomics and the game theory and to the education at Keio’s Faculty of Economics. The Conferment Ceremony and a Yukichi Fukuzawa Memorial Lecture in Economics delivered by Professor Sonnenschein will be held on Friday, October 9th.

1. Conferment Ceremony
Date: Friday, October 9th 14:00–14:40
(guests are requested to enter the hall by 13:50)
Venue: Mita Public Speaking Hall (Mita Enzetsu-kan)
Mita Campus, Keio University (2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo)
Language: English (interpretation not provided)

2. Yukichi Fukuzawa Memorial Lecture in Economics “Incentives and Efficiency”
Date: Friday, October 9th 15:00–16:00
Venue: Conference Hall, University Library (Old Building), 2F
Mita Campus, Keio University (2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku Tokyo)
Language: English (interpretation not provided)

3. About Professor Hugo F. Sonnenschein
Professor Sonnenschein graduated from the University of Rochester in 1961 and pursued his graduate studies at Purdue University where he received a Ph.D. in Economics in 1964. After teaching at the University of Minnesota, the University of Massachusetts,
Northwestern University, Princeton University, and the University of Pennsylvania, he was appointed as the Provost of Princeton University from 1991 to 1993 and was the President of the University of Chicago from 1993 to 2000. In 2000, he returned to teaching at the Department of Economics of the University of Chicago. Since 2015, he is a Charles L. Hutchinson Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus*. He has held numerous important positions in academia, including his appointment as the President of the Econometric Society (1988–1989), which is the most authoritative international society for economists.

Professor Sonnenschein is one of the world's top researchers of microeconomic theory and his academic contributions span many areas, but in particular he is well known for the Sonnenschein-Mantel-Debreu theorem for the general equilibrium theory and Mas-Colell-Sonnenschein Impossibility Theorem for social choice theory. In 2009, in recognition of his achievements, Professor Sonnenschein was jointly awarded with Professor Andreu Mas-Colell the BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Award, whose recipients include several who have gone on to win the Nobel Prize.

Professor Sonnenschein has a deep and longstanding association with Keio University. Not only has he engaged in collaborative research over the years with Keio University researchers, but he also delivered lectures at Keio University in 1989 and 2005.

*The title of Charles L. Hutchinson Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus is an honorary appointment that ranks above the title of Professor Emeritus.

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