

Philippe Chalmin

Professor of Economic History and Director of the Master of International Affairs at Paris-Dauphine University

Founder of the Cercle Cyclope



Born in 1951

Married with three daughters

Education

graduate from HEC business school (1974)

“Agrégation” in history (1977)

doctorate in economic history (doctorat d'état es lettres) from the Sorbonne University (1981)

Career

2010 – Today: Chairman of observatory on agricultural and food prices and margins (French ministries of Agriculture and Finance)

2006 – Today: Member of the Council of Economic Advisers (Office of the Prime Minister)

1994 – Today: Chair Professor of Economic History at Paris-Dauphine University, head of the Master of International Affairs since 1999

1985 – Today: Founding chairman of “CyclOpe” commodity research institute

1991 – 2003: Chief economist of Euler, the world's leading credit insurance company

1976 – 1991: Professor at the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (Paris)

Main fields of competence

Commodity markets

- General editor of “CyclOpe”, a commodity yearbook published in France since 1985. This book is translated in English and published since 1998 first by Simon and Schuster, then by United Nations and since 2008 in partnership with Brookings institution.
- Member of the International Task Force (ITF) set up by World Bank on commodity markets.

- Member of the group of “eminent persons” set up by UNCTAD on commodity stabilization programs (2003).
- Consultant for World Bank (most recently on Ivory Coast cocoa production), European Commission (on grain markets and in 2003/2004 special advisor to the Commissaire on economic external affairs), ITC (in Niger and Tunisia) and for private or semi-public partners in Egypt, Madagascar, Cameroon, Greece, Morocco, etc.
- Consultant for French and International Companies, most recently Veolia, Arcelor, Michelin, OCP...
- Author of (only books translated in English)
 - . Traders and Merchants, panorama of international Commodity Trading (London, 1985)
 - . The making of a sugar giant: Tate and Lyle 1859 – 1989 (London, 1990).
 - . From Waste to resources: world waste survey, (two editions 2006 and 2009)

Trade and agricultural policies

- Adviser to some leading French agricultural unions and cooperatives
- Member of the think tank set up by the French ministry of agriculture
- Member of the Committee on Biotechnologies set up in 2009 by the French government.
- Numerous academic publications on agricultural markets and on the future of CAP and of developing countries agricultural policies.

Macroeconomic policies and outlook

- For twelve years (1991 – 2003), head of the economic research department of Euler
- General editor of Euler’s economic monthly bulletin published in French, English and Italian
- Chairman of the Conference Board – Europe council of economists (1999 – 2001)
- Founding chairman of “Club Ulysse”, a club of twenty leading French economists.
- Past chairman of “Société d’Economie Politique”, French oldest economic debating club

Other activities and fields of competence

Chairman of OAO, an investing fund specialized on emerging countries set up by Lazard Frères (Paris)

Member of the agency regulating the French auction market set up by the French government (CVV)

Publications

More than 40 books authored or directed of which

- CyclOpe commodity year book

Most recently:

- The world is hungry (2009)
- A 21st century hand book for my grand son (2010)