

## Bios for speakers at June 10<sup>th</sup> OECD Neuroscience and Productivity Seminar

### **George Vradenburg, Chairman and Co-Founder of UsAgainstAlzheimer's, co-chair of Brain Capital Investing Working Group of the OECD Neuroscience-inspired Policy Initiative (NIPI)**

George is Chairman of UsAgainstAlzheimer's, which he co-founded in October 2010. He was named by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to serve on the Advisory Council on Research, Care, and Services established by the National Alzheimer's Project Act and has testified before Congress about the global Alzheimer's pandemic. He is a member of the World Dementia Council. He and UsAgainstAlzheimer's co-convene both the Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease (LEAD) Coalition and the Global CEO Initiative on Alzheimer's Disease. With his wife Trish (1946-2017), George has long been a dedicated member of Washington's civic and philanthropic community. George served as Chairman of The Phillips Collection for 13 years and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and The Economic Club of Washington. He has served in senior executive and legal positions at CBS, FOX and AOL/Time Warner. George and Trish published Tikkun Magazine for 10 years. <https://www.usagainstalzhimers.org/staff/george-vradenburg>

Major initiative: <https://www.davosalzhimerscollaborative.org/> ;

### **Megan Greene, economist, columnist with the Financial Times, senior fellow at Harvard Kennedy School, senior advisor to OECD New Approaches to Economic Challenges Unit**

Megan Greene is a Global Chief Economist and Senior Fellow at the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government at Harvard Kennedy School, where she teaches and is writing a book on inequality. She is also the Dame DeAnne Julius Senior Fellow in International Economics at Chatham House, London UK and a Senior Advisor to the OECD. Ms Greene writes a regular column in the Financial Times on global macroeconomics, is a frequent keynote speaker and appears regularly in broadcast media. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/megan-greene-6311266/>

### **Andy Keller, CEO and President, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, founding supporter of OECD NIPI, member of Steering Committee for NIPI**

Andy Keller, PhD, is President, Chief Executive Officer, and Linda Perryman Evans Presidential Chair of the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, a Texas-based nonprofit that provides nonpartisan policy and program research, development, and advice to state and local leaders towards a single goal: improving mental health care delivery in Texas. Andy is a licensed psychologist with more than 20 years of experience in behavioral health policy, financing, and best practices. His work has centered on helping state and local health systems implement evidence-based and innovative care, as well as helping local and state governments develop the regulatory and financial frameworks to support them. Prior to moving full time into policy work, Andy was a managing partner for 15 years at a national behavioral health management consulting firm where he focused on health financing and system improvement. Before that, he worked in Colorado with a leading Medicaid HMO and the local community mental health system, where he directed and led a range of community-based and care management programs. <https://mmhpi.org/staff/andy-keller/>

Major initiative: <https://mmhpi.org/the-cloudbreak-initiative/>

**Andrew S. Nevin, Chief Economist and Partner of PwC Nigeria, Co-Founder of Flourishing Canada, co-chair of the OECD NIPI Brain Capital Index Working Group, member of Steering Committee for NIPI**

Dr. Andrew S. Nevin, PhD is a nation builder and public intellectual in Nigeria, playing a number of key roles to advance Nigeria's economy and society, including:

- Founding Director of the Africa Institute for Leadership and Public Administration
- Co-creator of the Self-Organising Naija concept ([www.selforganisingnaija.org](http://www.selforganisingnaija.org))
- Member of the Advisory Board at Lagos Business School
- Founding Governor of the Financial Centre for Sustainability (FC4S) Lagos
- Tireless advocate for innovation in Nigeria, including (i) a leading advocates for Blockchain technology adoption in the country, including sponsoring the Blockchain website [www.blockchainafrica.io](http://www.blockchainafrica.io); (ii) Co-founder of Binkabi, a blockchain-enabled trading platform trying to increase the incomes of the 500m farmers in developing countries ([www.binkabi.io](http://www.binkabi.io)); Co-founder of iKoN ([www.ikon.energy](http://www.ikon.energy)), a Nigerian company focused on bringing a unique solar energy technology to Nigeria ([www.i-kabin.com](http://www.i-kabin.com)).
- Member of the West Africa Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee
- Faculty Member of Nigeria's School of Politics, Politics, and Governance ([thesppg.org](http://thesppg.org))
- Advisory Partner and Chief Economist at PwC Nigeria; as Chief Economist, he is one of Nigeria's leading voices in unlocking the enormous potential of Nigeria's young people

Overall, Andrew has 34 years of professional experience as an entrepreneur, private equity investor, line manager, economist & strategy consultant. He started his professional career at McKinsey & Company, serving in the Toronto & Paris. Before joining PwC, he spent 10 years living in China and was President of United Family Hospitals (China's pre-eminent international hospital chain) during the SARS crisis in 2003-2005.

He holds a PhD in Economics from Harvard University; MA in Philosophy & Politics from Balliol College, Oxford University (where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar), and a BSc (Hon) in Computer Science & Mathematics from University of Western Ontario, Canada. In April 2011, he was named Strategy Consultant of the Year for 2010 by the Management Consultants Association in the UK.

Andrew is a Canadian citizen <https://www.linkedin.com/in/andrew-s-nevin-phd/>

**Husseini Manji, Global Head of Science for Minds, J&J, member of Steering Committee for NIPI**

As Global Head for Johnson & Johnson (J&J) Science for Minds, Husseini Manji, MD, FRCPC leads the new initiative aimed at addressing the significant unmet needs of patients with neuropsychiatric and neurodegenerative disorders. His team is working to catalyze the development of novel and improved solutions for our patients worldwide with a focus on dementia; serious mental health disorders, especially those affecting youth; and innovative digital solutions/technologies.

Previously, Dr. Manji was Global Therapeutic Head for Neuroscience at Janssen Research & Development, one of the Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson. Prior to joining J&J, Dr. Manji was Chief of the Laboratory of Molecular Pathophysiology at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Director of the NIH Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program, the largest of its kind in the world.

His research has helped to conceptualize neuropsychiatric conditions as genetically influenced disorders of synapses and circuits and has prompted the investigation of

novel therapeutics for patients. Dr. Manji is a Visiting Professor at Duke University and was recently appointed an Honorary Fellow at Oxford University.

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**Chiara Criscuolo, Head of Division, Productivity Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Science Technology and Innovation Directorate, OECD**

Chiara Criscuolo is head of the Productivity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Division in the Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation at the OECD. Mainly, her work focuses on entrepreneurship, enterprise dynamics, productivity and policy evaluation. In this realm, she has coordinated large cross-country microdata projects on employment dynamics, productivity, as well as research and development. Chiara has played a lead role in advancing the use of firm level data and of microdata projects within the OECD. She has contributed to key horizontal and high level projects and publications, including the OECD volumes “Future of Productivity”, “New sources of growth: Knowledge Based capital”, and the “OECD Innovation Strategy”. She co-manages the Global Forum on Productivity is also a member of the French and Portuguese National Productivity Boards. Ahead of joining the OECD, Chiara received her doctoral degree in Economics from University College London and held academic appointments at the University of Siena, City University and the University of Cambridge, in addition to the London School of Economics.