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Prof. Dr. Axel Weber is well known as a European central banker and global bank manager. He is former Chairman of the Board of Directors of the major Swiss bank UBS, former President of the German Bundesbank and President of the Center for Financial Studies. The economist is internationally respected as an expert on monetary and currency theory and related policy.

Axel Weber (*1957) holds a master's degree in economics from the University of Konstanz and a doctorate in economics from the University of Siegen, where he also obtained his habilitation. From 2002 to 2004 he was a member of the German Council of Economic Experts and subsequently president of the Deutsche Bundesbank until 2011. He renewed the German central bank, which achieved international recognition again under his leadership, and stood by the government during the financial crisis. Axel Weber is considered one of the key figures in Europe in dealing with the global financial crisis. During his time as Bundesbank President, he has also served as a member of the Governing Council of the ECB, a member of the Executive Board of the Bank for International Settlements, a German governor of the International Monetary Fund and a member of the G7 and G20 ministers and governors. In 2011 he was a member of the Steering Committees of the European Systemic Risk Board and from 2010 to 2011 a member of the Financial Stability Board.

From 2012, Axel A. Weber served ten years as Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of the major Swiss bank UBS Group AG. During this time, he was responsible for the strategic realignment of UBS and re-established it as one of the top banks in Europe. In recognition of this, Weber was named "European Banker of the Year 2014". During this period, he was also a member and President of the global banking association Institute of International Finance IIF, Chairman of the Governance and Nominating Committee and of the Corporate Culture and Responsibility Committee.

His academic career includes professorships in international economics, monetary economics and economic theory at the Universities of Cologne, Frankfurt am Main and Bonn, and a visiting professorship at the University of Chicago - Booth School. He holds honorary doctorates from the universities of Duisburg-Essen and Konstanz.

Prof. Dr. Weber is a member and chairman of various commissions and committees. For example, he is Chairman of the Trilateral Commission Europe and a member and trustee of the Group of Thirty. He has been an advisor to the Executive Board of Flossbach von Storch since September 2022 and has also been a Global Senior Advisor to the Boston Consulting Group since the beginning of 2023.

Axel Weber is an eloquent speaker and a precise observer of economic events, which he presents in a pointed and quick-witted manner - sometimes with a touch of humour - in his lectures.

Topics (Selection):

- Prospects of the European Monetary and Fiscal Policy
- Global Imbalances - Challenges for Economic Policy
- The current state of the economy and the financial markets
- Economic perspectives for the financial markets