
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

**Honorary Degree Citations
The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*,
conferred on Jeffrey Sachs
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Mr. Chancellor, every generation produces individuals who by virtue of intellect and daring offer a compelling vision of the world and radically alter our perspective of it. Dr. Jeffrey Sachs is one such visionary. Widely regarded as the foremost economic reformer of our time, Jeffrey Sachs has dedicated his penetrating intellect and capacious heart to improving the world economy and to controlling disease on a global scale.

The scope of his career is remarkable. Its trajectory is guided by a fundamental question: What makes a good society? Jeffrey Sachs has journeyed far and wide in search of answers. He joined Harvard's faculty in 1980 as an assistant professor and in 1983, he was made full professor. Two years later, he was called upon to help solve Bolivia's problems with hyperinflation.

Admired not only for his brilliance as an economist, but also for his vast knowledge of the natural sciences as well as several disciplines in public health and medicine, Jeffrey Sachs was soon sought by other governments of nations in crisis. For more than 20 years, he has used his unique talents to aid countries on every continent, assisting them with economic policy reform and with poverty reduction and disease control.

Currently, as Director of the Earth Institute, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development at Columbia University, Jeffrey Sachs continues to lead the world in the search for solutions to the most pressing global challenges of our time.