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Tying it all together: A crash course in learning the lessons of financial and economic meltdown. With Chris Martenson (ChrisMartenson.com) and Nicola Anderson (Bank of England). To be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, from 12:30-2:15pm.

This is not our usual neighbourhood – but it may well be worth a visit.

A few months ago, Richard Farrant (ex-SFA, advisor to monetary and regulatory authorities around the world, and a long-time friend of the Centre) urged us to get in touch with an independent American economist who, he said, has had remarkable success integrating economics, energy, the environment and the vicissitudes of monetary policy. So we did. Chris Martenson is a neurotoxicologist by training (whatever that is) who has turned to the more mundane problems of the global economic and monetary system. His *Crash Course* video series is part economic primer and part (for those aging hippies among us) *Whole Earth Catalog* – but it is clearly not to be sneezed at since it prompted Richard (whom I respect) to send me a seven-page synopsis covering everything from Martenson's views on asset bubbles to the problem of chronically low US savings and peak oil.

As a result, Chris has agreed to give us a taste of what he has to offer, within the format of a CSFI round-table. It should be a rare treat.

He is probably more Lionel Robbins than Tony Robbins – but I gather that he is a very persuasive speaker who is well worth a detour. I am also delighted that (at the suggestion of Paul Tucker) Niki Anderson has agreed to kick off the response. She is currently head of the BofE's risk assessment division, having previously headed up a team responsible for analyzing the UK and global banking sectors. I am sure she will provoke a lively discussion.

If you or a colleague would like to hear what Chris and Niki have to say, please let us know by calling the office on 020 7493 0173 or emailing sophie@csfi.org.uk. As usual, wine and sandwiches will be provided.

Sincerely yours,

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