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Roubini's world view. A dinner discussion with Prof. Nouriel Roubini (NYU). To be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 7pm for 7.30pm

Nouriel Roubini is the archetypal wandering Jew. Born in Turkey to orthodox Iranian parents, he grew up in Iran, Turkey, Israel and Italy, was educated at Hebrew University and Bocconi, and eventually washed up at Harvard (who doesn't?) – where he got his PhD in economics. After teaching at Yale, he moved to NYU's Stern School, where he is now professor of economics and international business.

He is a man of many parts. Indeed, until relatively recently, he was best known on Wall St. for his economic consulting firm, Roubini Global Economics (shades of Townsend–Greenspan). That continues – and, indeed, has expanded into cyberspace with a network of websites and blogs that our friends at *The Economist* have rated best of breed.

His involvement with RGE is enough to warrant a dinner. But there's more. In recent months, Dr. Roubini has emerged as the most articulate and plausible economic Cassandra - warning that the financial and macroeconomic implications of the sub-prime crunch are not over yet, and indeed could precipitate a crisis on a scale unknown in the post-War world. This is obviously not a message that the White House or Treasury (both of which he has advised in the past) want to hear, but it is a view with which many other serious economists concur. It is just that they don't have his way with words; or his awesome access to the media. Whatever, he is very much the economist *de nos jours* as far as Wall St. is concerned – and well worth listening to.

We are delighted to have been able to put together a small dinner for Prof. Roubini, and would be very grateful if you could join us.

Many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Hilton