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Commanding Heights: the Battle for the World Economy

Presented by George Frakes & Gordon Bjork

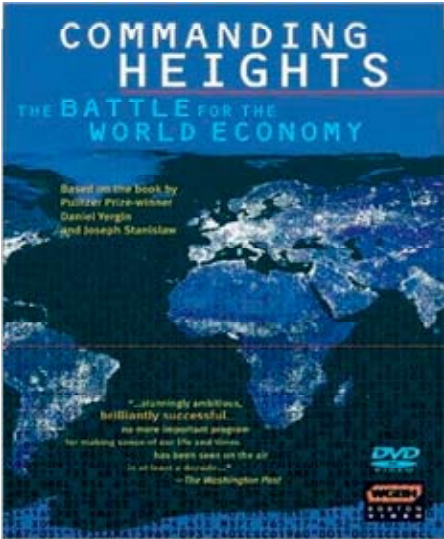
Maravilla Theater

5486 Calle Real, Goleta

Three Tuesdays

Nov 27, Dec 4, & 11, 9:30-12:30

Come see the events of our lives put in a historical perspective. *Commanding Heights: the Battle for the World Economy* is a three-part series created for PBS to examine how politics and economics interacted in the 20th century and brought about the current global economy. This may not sound like high drama, but it is, AND WE HAVE SEEN THE IMPLICATIONS OF ALL THOSE CHANGES IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. The stories are clearly, thoroughly and excitingly told. Interviews with the people who shaped the events or are simply affected by them add immediacy. In addition, Gordon Bjork, economist, and George Frakes, historian, will help us understand and discuss the material presented in the films. Each class will consider one two-hour episode with appropriate breaks.



Episode I

The Battle of Ideas begin with the period following World War I when an intellectual and political struggle ignites between the powers of governments and the forces of the marketplace, each determined to reinvent the world's economic order. Shall the economy be managed or free? That question dominated the 20th century and shaped our values and ideas.

Episode II

The Agony of Reform comes in the 1980's when the strategies of government planning are failing to produce their intended results so that the free markets policies of Thatcher and Reagan look like the answer. The sum total of global wealth expands but its unequal distribution exacts a high human price.

Commanding Heights

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Episode III

With communism discredited, more and more nations harness their fortunes to the global free-market. China, Southeast Asia, India, Eastern Europe, and Latin America all compete to attract the developed world's investment capital, and tariff barriers fall. In the United States Republican and Democratic administrations both embrace unfettered globalization over the objections of organized labor. But as new technology and ideas drive profound economic change, unforeseen events unfold. Prosperity continues to spread with the expansion of trade, even as the gulf widens further between rich and poor. Imbalances too dangerous for the system to ignore now drive its stakeholders to devise new means to include the dispossessed lest, once again, terrorism and war destroy the stability of a deeply interconnected world.

PBS has a wealth of material to deepen understanding of the material in *Commanding Heights* at PBS.com. Extensive interviews, a timeline, connections to places and events are all there. The series is based on a book of the same name by Yergin and Stanislaw if you want even more depth.

VISTAS Fall 2012-Winter 2013 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Club (9)	Thurs, Nov 15	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
N. Amer. Indian Tribes (3)	Mon, Nov 5, 12, 19	1:30-4:30pm	Maravilla Clubhouse
'Round the Horn (1)	Sat, Nov 10	10:00am-Noon	Valle Verde Social Rm
Commanding Heights (3)	Tues, Nov 27, Dec 4, 11	9:30am-12:30pm	Maravilla Theater
World's Great Religions (5)	Wed, Jan 16 thru Feb 13	TBA	TBA
The Shakespeare Debate	Tues, Jan 22	9:30am-12:30pm	TBA
Imperial Presidency (3)	Mon, Jan 28 thru Feb 18	9:30am-12:30pm	TBA
Short Stories (3)	Wed, Feb 20 thru Mar 6	1:30-4:30pm	TBA
Citizens of London (3)	Mon, Mar 4, 11, 18	1:30-4:30pm	TBA



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