Jagdish N. Bhagwati: Prizes, Awards, Honorary Degrees and Other Honors

A. MAJOR HONORS AND AWARDS

**Frank Seidman Distinguished Award in Political Economy (USA), 1998**
Previous recipients include Gary Becker, Robert Solow, Assar Lindbeck, James Buchanan, Elinor Ostrom, Julius Wilson etc.; $25,000.00.

**Freedom Prize (Switzerland), 1998**
Shared with Sir Leon Brittan (EU) and President Figueres (Costa Rica); SF 100,000 or approximately $72,000.00 each. Previous recipients include Mary Robinson, Mario Vargas Llosa, Prime Minister Cavaco Silva (Portugal), Prime Minister Suchocka (Poland), Vaclav Klaus, International Red Cross, and Doctors without Borders.

**Kenan Enterprise Award (USA)**
Other recipients include Edmund Phelps and David Landes; $25,000.00.

**Bernhard Harms Prize (Germany)**
Other Recipients include Wassily Leontief, Harry Johnson and Assar Lindbeck; $25,000.00.

**Mahalanobis Memorial Medal (India)**
Later recipients include Sukhamoy Chakravarty (shared), T.N. Srinivasan and Amartya Sen.

**John R. Commons Award (USA)**
Other recipients include Martin Feldstein.

**Thomas Schelling Award, 2007 (Harvard)**
From the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, for “transformative impact on public policy”. Previous two recipients were Judge Richard Posner and Nobel Laureate Daniel Kahneman.

**Tjalling Koopmans Asset Award, 2009 (Tillburg, Netherlands)**
Previous recipients include Jim Poterba; for important contributions to economics.

**Eminent Scholar in International Management Award, 2011 (Academy of International Management)**
Previous recipients include the late C.K. Prahlad

**Distinguished Fellowship of the American Economic Association**
Previous recipients include several distinguished economists such as Thomas Schelling, Robert Mundell, Leo Hurwicz and Edmund Phelps. Citation by Paul Krugman, published in American Economic Review (and available also on this website).

**Inducted into the WTO Hall of Fame in May 2013**

B. WRITING & NGO AWARDS

**David Eccles Prize (USA) for Excellence in Economic Writing, 1998**
The (First) Suh Sang Don Award, 1999
For the May 1998 article in Foreign Affairs, for having alerted the world to the elements of asymmetry between the case for free capital flows and the case for free trade; the Award has been instituted by a major Asian NGOs' Global Forum, based in South Korea. The Foreign Affairs article has been reprinted and translated around the world in several languages, including Japanese and Chinese.

The Publius Award, 1999
For the Wall Street Journal March 11, 1999 article on “The Folly of ‘Fair Trade’”; for excellence in journalistic writing on an issue of importance in public policy; awarded by The Rushford Report, the leading newsletter in the US on trade issues. Shared the award with Robert Crandall of Brookings Institution who wrote on Steel protection.

David Eccles Prize (USA) for Excellence in Economic Writing, 2013
Awarded for the Bhagwati-Panagariya book, Why Growth Matters (PublicAffairs, 2013) which received splendid reviews in major newspapers (like Wall Street Journal and Financial Times) and magazines (like The Economist and Forbes) and sold over 18,000 copies in 6/7 months and was issued in paperback in March 2014, to time with the Indian election. The book was listed by The Financial Times and the Los Angeles Public Library as among the Best of 2013. Bhagwati is the only economist to have received the Eccles Prize twice: first in 1998 and then in 2013.

C. OTHER PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

The Ellis Island Medal, 1996
Awarded annually to an outstanding US immigrant of each ethnicity by the Ellis Island Society.

The National Heritage Award, 2002
Awarded by the American Immigration Law Foundation to outstanding immigrants for exceptional achievement in the United States.

Lifetime Achievement Award, 2008
For most distinguished achievement by Indian abroad. Jointly awarded with Professor Padma Desai Bhagwati (wife). Previous awardee was Salman Rushdie (the novelist); the next awardee was Zubin Mehta (the conductor), and then Sonny Mehta, the publisher and CEO of Knopf.

Lifetime Achievement Award, 2012
Principal Award by City of Light Awards for Eminent Indians Abroad; honorees Included writers Amitav Ghosh and Siddhartha Mukherjee

Glorious India Award, 2017
For exceptional Indian Americans, Recipients include Professor Avinash Dixit (emeritus) of Princeton, Professor C.R. Rao (world-renowned mathematician and statistician), and Professor Padma Desai (emerita) of Columbia.

D. MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL AWARDS

Padma Vibhushan (India)
India's second-highest award, conferred annually on Republic Day to around 10 persons of considerable distinction. The award was made for the first time to Bhagwati as a U.S.
national (though one of Indian origin), and was given the next year to John Kenneth Galbraith, former US Ambassador to India. Professor Bhagwati's eldest brother, former Chief Justice of India and a human rights icon, has also been awarded Padma Vibhushan; and his wife, Professor Padma Desai, has been awarded the next highest award, Padma Bhushan.

**National Research Professorship (India)**
Conferred to a very limited set of world-renowned Indian artists and scientists, by a small Committee of leading cabinet Ministers headed by the Prime Minister

**Bharatiya Pravasi Samman Award, 2004**
Conferred by the Government of India on Distinguished Indians Abroad; given to 10-15 Indians annually by the President of India.

**Order of the Rising Sun: Gold and Silver Stars, 2006**
Conferred by the Government of Japan, this is the highest civilian award given to foreigners. Previous recipients include Professor Donald Keene, the greatest living authority on Japanese literature.

**Gold Medal of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, 2006**

**E. HONORARY DEGREES**

**Erasmus University; Rotterdam (Netherlands): During 75th Anniversary Celebrations**
Sussex University (UK)
South Gujerat University (India)
Universidad del Pacífico (Peru)
Panjab University, Chandigarh (India)
Gokhale Institute, Pune (India)
Lancaster University (UK)
Southern Illinois University (USA)
De Paul University (USA)
Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Portugal)
University of Rajasthan, Jaipur (India)
Hyderabad University (India): highest-ranked Indian University
Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai (India):
Freie Universitat, Berlin (Germany): Citation read by Paul Krugman at Special Convocation
London School of Economics (UK)
Stockholm School of Economics (Sweden)
Linglan University (Hong Kong)

**F. FESTSCHRIFTS**

Professor Bhagwati has been honored uniquely with **six festschrifths**.

Three festschrifths have been presented in Netherlands, UK and the United States, the latter two on Bhagwati’s 60 birthday and the former during a scientific conference held at Rotterdam at the time of the award of an Honorary Degree.

*Ad Koekkoek and Luc Mennes (eds.), International Trade and Global*

V.N.Balasubramanyam and David Greenaway (eds), Trade and Development: Essays in Honor of Jagdish Bhagwati, MacMillan (UK); 1996.


On Bhagwati’s 70 Birthday, two festschrift conferences were organized:

First, at University of Lancaster (UK) in December 2004, when an Honorary Degree was also conferred; proceedings appeared in The World Economy


The sixth and final festschrift was organized on 5th August 2005, with a major Dinner event in Columbia University’s Rotunda and the speakers included UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, Harvard University President Larry Summers, Nobel laureate Robert Solow, economists Paul Krugman and Martin Feldstein. Messages were read from distinguished scholars such as Nobel laureate Paul Samuelson and from India’s Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. Several other messages also came, including an unsolicited one from President Horst Kohler of the Federal Republic of Germany, and from Martin Wolf of The Financial Times.

G. INVITED LECTURES

Frank Graham Lecture at Princeton
Bertil Ohlin Lectures at Stockholm
Harry Johnson Lecture, London
Harry Johnson Lecture, Royal Economic Society, UK
Raul Prebisch Lecture at UNCTAD IX, South Africa
Radhakrishnan Lectures at Oxford
Tinbergen Lecture at Netherlands Economic Society
Walker-Ames Lecture at Washington University, Seattle
Yomiuri Shimbun Lecture in Tokyo, Japan
Anita and Robert Summers Lecture at Wharton, University of Pennsylvania
Emma Lazarus Lecture on International Flows of Humanity, Columbia University
Stamp Memorial Lecture at London School of Economics
Richard von Weizsäcker Distinguished Lecture at the American Academy in Berlin, jointly with Freie University
GIGA Distinguished Lecture in Hamburg at the Town Hall, with the Mayor presiding

Plus over 80 others.

H. ELECTIONS TO PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARLY SOCIETIES

The Econometric Society
The American Academy of Arts & Sciences
The American Philosophical Society
National Academy of Science

I. NAMESAKE AWARDS AND PROFESSORSHIPS

Jagdish Bhagwati Professorship in Indian Political Economy, Columbia University
Jagdish Bhagwati Prize for the Best article in Journal of International Economics
Jagdish Bhagwati Prize for Best Dissertation in International Economics, Columbia University
Jagdish Bhagwati Prize in International Economics, San Andres University, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Jagdish Bhagwati Fellowships endowed in Columbia Law School by Government of India

J. SELECTED INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS

Several, chiefly:

Economic Policy Adviser to Director General Arthur Dunkel of GATT (1991-93)
Special Adviser to the UN on Globalization, with Under Secretary General rank, under UN Secretary General Kofi Annan
External Adviser to the WTO under Director General Michael Moore
Member of UN SG Kofi Annan’s Advisory Group on the NEPAD Process in Africa
Member of the Expert Group chaired by Peter Sutherland, at the WTO, on the Future of WTO
Member of the Eminent Persons Group at UNCTAD, chaired by President Cardoso of Brazil, on The Future of UNCTAD
Member of the Indian Prime Minister’s Global Advisory Council
Co-Chair with Peter Sutherland of High-Level Expert Group on Trade, appointed by the British, German, Indonesian and Turkish governments
Co-Chair of Eminent Persons Group on Developing Countries in the World Economy, with President Tarja Halonen of Finland, appointed by the Secretary General of UNCTAD. Report released in Geneva in May 2013.

Professor Bhagwati was also on the Board of Directors of the prestigious NBER as representative of Columbia University from 1989 and has been Emeritus since September 2015.

K. MEDIA APPEARANCES AND DEBATES

Professor Bhagwati has appeared frequently on several top-ranking TV shows worldwide: the Charlie Rose Show, the MacNeil Lehrer News Hour, the Lehrer News Hour, the Christiane Amanpour Show, the Fareed Zakaria GPS show, World Focus, BBC World News, Newsnight (BBC’s flagship show with Jeremy Paxman), ABC News, CNN, C-Span, Debates-Debates, Bloomberg TV, and leading TV channels In Japan, Sweden, Russia, India, Australia, Spain, Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Singapore, South Africa, Germany, and many other countries.

Also appeared in frequent TV debates with prominent anti-trade and anti-globalization figures such as Naomi Klein, Ralph Nader and Lori Wallach (Public Citizen) on Free
Trade and on WTO issues; also in several radio programs and debates worldwide on these issues plus globalization, immigration etc.

Many debates have also taken place in print media such as the Wall Street Journal, Scientific American, and Prospect (UK); and on campuses such as Harvard University (between Bhagwati and Alan Blinder on Outsourcing, published by MIT Press, in 2009), and the Cambridge Union (between Bhagwati and Britain’s leading environmentalist).

Professor Bhagwati also appeared in public debates with large audiences, including one in London (among Bhagwati and the philosophers Bernard Henri-Levy and John Gray on Markets and Morality); the Intelligence Square Debate in New York [with Bhagwati, USTR Susan Schwab and Doug Irwin arrayed against Jeff Madrick of New York Review of Books, John MacArthur of Harper’s and the Steel Workers Union Chief Leo Gerard, where the former team (opposing the provisions) won 80 to 20% over the latter: on Buy America and Hire America provisions]. This debate was carried over Bloomberg TV and was also covered extensively by Newsweek, National Public Radio & Bloomberg Radio.

L. PROFILES

In addition to interviews, full-length profiles have appeared in The New York Times, The Chronicle for Higher Education, Finance & Development, Financial Times (Lunch with the FT) and other US, European, South American and Indian magazines and newspapers.

M. JOURNALS

Professor Bhagwati has been the founder-editor of two successful professional journals: Journal of International Economics, long the leading journal in the field of international economics; and Economic & Politics, a pioneering and now a leading journal in Political Economy.

N. STUDENTS

In trade theory and international economics, Professor Bhagwati’s students include virtually all the major economists of the younger generation today, among them: Paul Krugman (Princeton and New York Times, Nobel Laureate), Gene Grossman (Princeton), Robert Feenstra (NBER, Berkeley, and San Diego), Douglas Irwin (Chicago and Dartmouth), Don Davis (Columbia), Elias Dinopoulos (Florida), Kar-yiu Wong (Seattle); Richard Brecher (Carleton, Canada); Rodney Ludema (Georgetown), Vivek Dehejia (Carleton), Pravin Krishna (Johns Hopkins), Devashish Mitra (Syracuse), Nuno Limao (Maryland), Caroline Freund (World Bank) and many others. (In an Interview with a major editor recently, the editor amusingly called these students SOBs, i.e. Students of Bhagwati!)

In addition, he has produced influential co-authored articles on numerous subjects in international trade theory with T.N.Srinivasan (Yale) with whom he has written extensively on trade theory, Tatsuo Hatta (Osaka and Tokyo), Koichi Hamada (Tokyo and Yale) and Arvind Panagariya (Maryland and Columbia), among others.
He also co-authored several research articles on international trade law with the leading jurist today on the law of the WTO, Petros Mavroidis (Neuchatel, Columbia and INSEAD) and wrote major books on the economics-and-law of International trade with the late Robert Hudec (Minnesota), among the most eminent of trade jurists of his time.

His students in international finance and macro, aside from Paul Krugman, include Maury Obstfeld (Berkeley and then IMF), Jeff Frenkel (Harvard), Mario Draghi (ECB), Olivier Blanchard (MIT and IMF), and Ken Rogoff (Princeton & Harvard).

His own contributions include influential articles in the Financial Times (see his website for a Package of his writings on International Finance and their key contributions). His wife, Padma Desai, a leading Russia expert at Columbia University, has also written two influential books on the Asian Crisis (Princeton) and the recent 2008 financial crisis (Columbia).

O. SELECTED BOOKS

Professor Bhagwati’s 1966 book (his first), The Economics of Underdeveloped Countries (Weidenfeld and Nicolson in World University Library series, with simultaneous publication in several languages), sold over 150,000 copies at the time and was widely applauded. It was editorialized in the Times Literary Supplement.

The 2004 book, In Defense of Globalization (Oxford) was a big seller, favorably reviewed worldwide, went into over 15 languages and was reissued in 2009 with an Afterword.

His latest book (on India), co-authored with Arvind Panagariya, was published in India in December 2012 (Collins) and in the United States under the different title Why Growth Matters (PublicAffairs, New York). It has met with continuing acclaim in India and has demolished the erroneous anti-reforms claims of many populists. The U.S. edition in April 2013 has met with favorable responses, with the lead review in The Economist, a big review in the Wall Street Journal, a glorious column-length review in Forbes, and a fine one in the Financial Times, with three superb ones already out (in Finance & Development, the IMF magazine that has nearly 100,000 paid subscriptions worldwide and appears also in several languages, the International Economy from DC, and in The Washington Examiner). The book was chosen as among the Best of 2013 by The Financial Times and the Los Angeles Public Library. It also won the 2013 Eccles Prize for Excellence in Economic Writing. An entire package of the reviews has been put on Bhagwati’s, Panagariya’s and the Columbia University Center on Indian Economic Policies websites.