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Economic Policy Adviser to Arthur Dunkel, Director General of GATT (1991-93), Special Adviser to the UN on Globalization, and External Adviser to the WTO, served on the Expert Group appointed by the Director General of the WTO on the Future of the WTO and the Advisory Committee to Secretary General Kofi Annan on the NEPAD process in Africa, and was also a member of the Eminent Persons Group under the chairmanship of President Fernando Henrique Cardoso on the future of UNCTAD. Professor Bhagwati has published more than three hundred articles and has authored or edited over fifty volumes; he also writes frequently for *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Financial Times*, as well as reviews for *The New Republic* and *The Times Literary Supplement*. He is described as the most creative international trade theorist of his generation and is a leader in the fight for freer trade. His book, *In Defense of Globalization** (Oxford, 2004), has attracted worldwide acclaim. Five volumes of his scientific writings and two of his public policy essays have been published by MIT press. The recipient of six *festschriften* in his honor, he has also received several prizes and honorary degrees, including awards from the governments of India (Padma Vibhushan) and Japan (Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star).

He is married to Padma Desai, the Gladys and Ronald Harriman Professor of Comparative Economic Systems at Columbia University and a scholar of Russian and other former socialist countries' transition problems. They have one daughter.

Robert Misik, born 1966, journalist, essayist, author. Since 2002 Robert Misik has been working as free lance journalist for *Falter*, *PROFIL*, *Der Standard* and for the German daily *taz/tageszeitung* (Berlin). In 1989 and 2000 he was awarded the Bruno Kreisky Prize for Political Books. Recent publications: *Das Kultbuch. Glanz und Elend der Kommerzkultur* (Aufbau-Verlag, 2007), *Gott behüte! Warum wir die Religion aus der Politik heraushalten müssen* (Ueberreuter, 2008).

"Genial dagegen. Resourceful counter-strategies - Ways and means of overcoming the crisis of the labour society", a Bruno Kreisky Forum lecture series curated by Robert Misik: *Labour society running out of work* – *Welfare state no longer finance able* – *Emergence of new underclass* – *It's business only*. These and similar diagnoses dominate the public discourse on the changes pervading our economic systems – a discourse which is conducted in the media as well as in the political and academic spheres. It makes hardly any difference, whether these diagnoses are informed by market liberalism, welfare-state reformism or critique of capitalism. The point at issue is the following: Are we up against patent crisis symptoms – are we living in an era of metamorphosis? Are there any blueprints for a completely new set-up? What will be the future roles of wage labour, of states, of businesses? Answers to these questions are to be provided by experts, politicians and stakeholders from diverse areas who subscribe to radically different approaches, but are united by the visionary character of their perspectives.

*) The German version of the book („Verteidigung der Globalisierung. Mit einem Vorwort von Joschka Fischer“) has been published with *Pantheon* (September 2008, Paperback, ISBN: 978-3-570-55070-0, € 17,50).