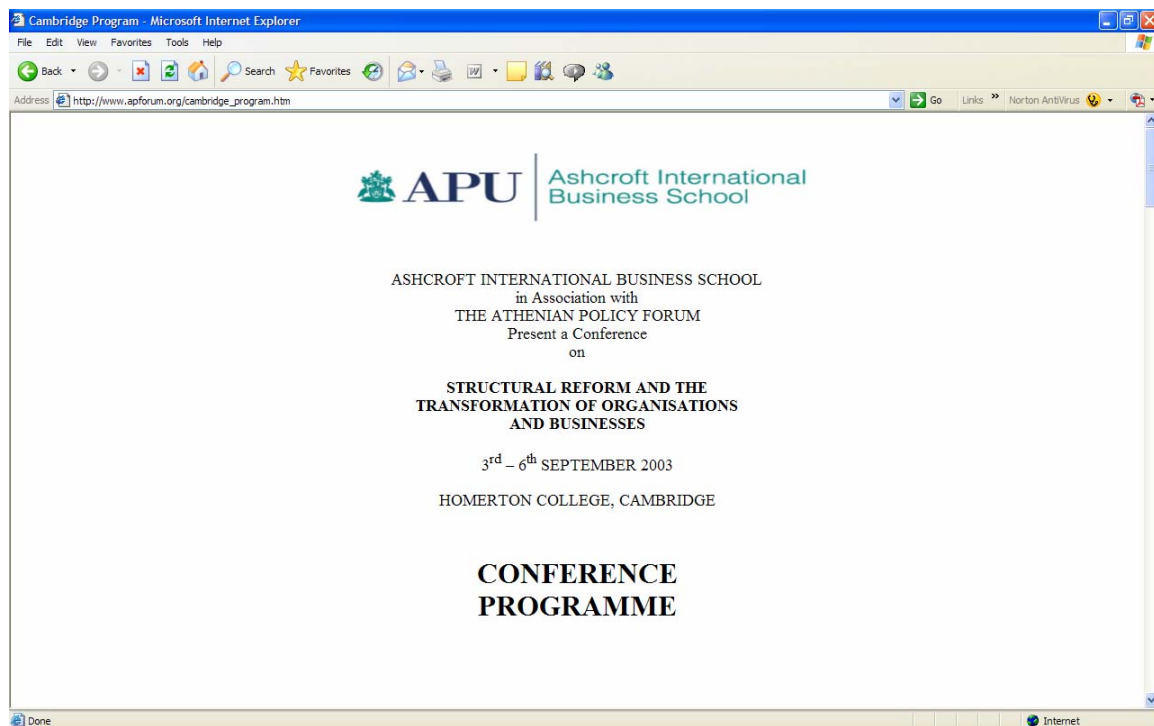


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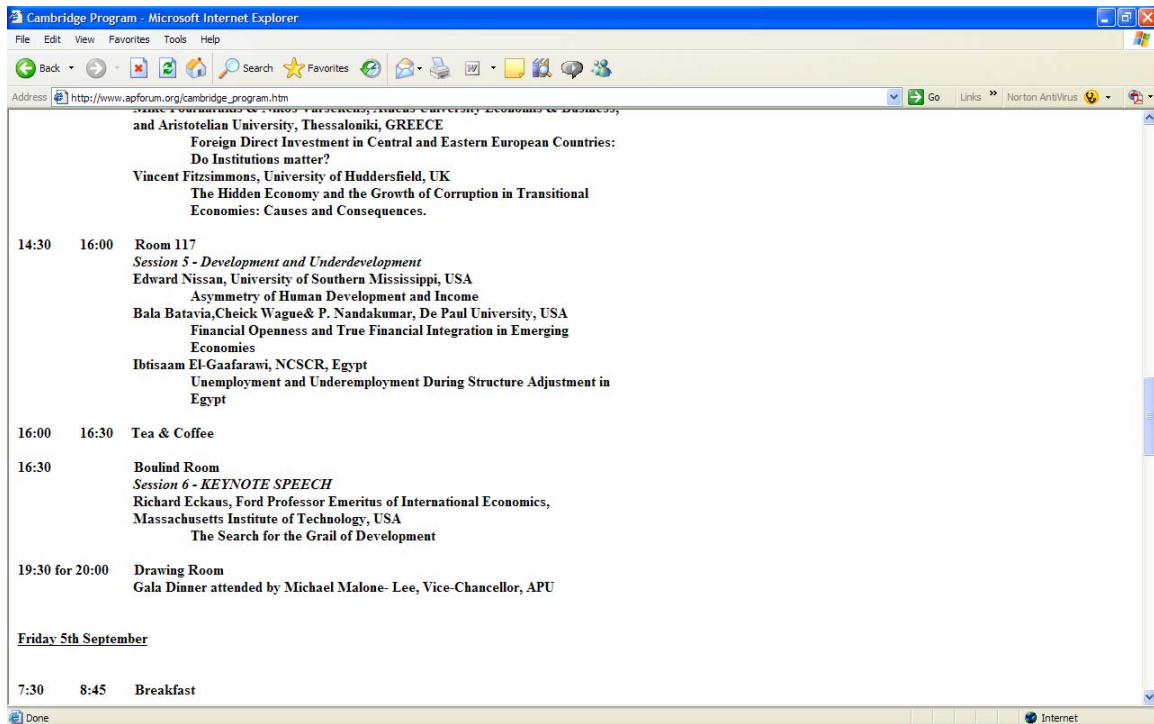
Across the Pond, Yet Again **An Investigative Series on the Use of the CoB for Personal Gain**

Sometimes it's hard to imagine that there is a better chance of running across economics professor Edward Nissan inside of Joseph Greene Hall than there is of finding him somewhere in England. Investigators at usmnews.net have once again found evidence that Nissan may have missed classes while across "the Pond" in England. The screen below provides preliminary details about a conference programme entitled "Structural Reform and the Transformation of Organisations and Businesses," held at Homerton College in Cambridge, from 3-Sept through 6-Sept of 2003.



As the next screen below points out, Nissan presented a paper entitled "Asymmetry of Human Development and Income" on the second day of the conference programme (Sept-4), as a part of Session 5, "Development and Underdevelopment."

Given travel time, it would seem that Nissan would have been away from USM over the period 1(or 2)-Sept through 7-Sept, at the very least. Given that these dates are close to Labor Day Weekend 2003, our investigators thought it might be interesting to explore the "possibilities" for Nissan regarding this excursion.



Our investigation begins with the USM Undergraduate Bulletin for 2003-2004, available at <http://www.usm.edu/registrar/catalogs2003/undergraduate/>. The relevant portion of the 2003-2004 USM Academic Calendar, shown below, indicates that Labor Day 2003 fell on Monday, 1-Sept. Thus, Nissan would have likely left Hattiesburg no later than

FALL 2003	
Monday - Friday, March 17 - 21	Advisement in departments
Monday - Friday, April 7 - May 2	Southern's Online Accessible Records (SOAR) Web Registration by registration window
Friday, August 1	Application deadline for new students
Thursday, August 14	Final orientation and registration for new undergraduate students; residence halls open
Friday, August 15	Registration for new graduate, reapplying, and continuing students
Monday, August 18	Classes begin
Monday, September 1	Labor Day holiday day and night classes will not meet

Friday, 29-Aug of 2003. The calendar also indicates that fall semester 2003 began on Monday, 18-Aug. This is perhaps too early for Nissan to have "remained" in England for the conference programme highlighted above. Had he done so, he (Nissan) would have missed the first three weeks of fall semester 2003. However, other reports at [usmnews.net](http://www.usmnews.net) point out that a 3-week, in-semester excursion for Nissan is quite possible (see [http://www.usmpride.com/Special_Report_13\[1\].pdf](http://www.usmpride.com/Special_Report_13[1].pdf)).

In order to examine the possibilities, this report follows a format similar to the report about Nissan's 1996 junket to Cyprus (see link above).

Nissan Away from USM, Early Fall Semester 2003

Date	Day	usmnews.net Speculation
8/18/03	MON	Would've likely been in England up to now -- strong temptation to stay
8/19/03	TUE	
8/20/03	WED	
8/21/03	THU	
8/22/03	FRI	
8/23/03	SAT	
8/24/03	SUN	
8/25/03	MON	
8/26/03	TUE	
8/27/03	WED	
8/28/03	THU	
8/29/03	FRI	Labor Day weekend -- in/headed for England
8/30/03	SAT	Labor Day weekend -- in/headed for England
8/31/03	SUN	Labor Day weekend -- in/headed for England
9/1/03	MON	Labor Day -- in England already
9/2/03	TUE	Day after LD, conference begins next day -- In England
9/3/03	WED	First day of conference -- in England
9/4/03	THU	Second day of conference -- in England
9/5/03	FRI	Third day of conference -- in England
9/6/03	SAT	Last day of conference -- in England
9/7/03	SUN	If he didn't remain from 8/18/03, strong temptation to stay additional week
9/8/03	MON	
9/10/03	TUE	
9/11/03	WED	
9/12/03	THU	
9/13/03	FRI	
9/14/03	SAT	

The section of the table above highlighted in yellow covers the period that one has to be almost certain that Nissan was away from USM. That section encompasses an entire work-week (i.e., 5 weekdays, non-holidays). The two additional shaded areas indicate time periods that Nissan would likely have been tempted to tack on to the yellow highlighted period, in order to provide a lengthy stay in England. Assuming he did add one of the other sections to the yellow period, Nissan's stay may have been as many as two or three weeks away from his duties at USM. Sources indicate that such a lengthy time away is something that then-EFIB Chair Mark Klinedinst (below, left) would have likely been happy to provide for Nissan (below, right).

