

# TPC Presents Distinguished Speaker Kevin Hassett

## *Speaker Biographies*

**Kevin Hassett** is the 29th chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. Before becoming chairman, he was an economist at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where his most recent positions include the James Q. Wilson chair in American culture and politics and director of research for domestic policy. He was also director of economic policy studies and resident scholar from 2003 through 2014. Before joining AEI, Hassett was a senior economist at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and an associate professor of economics and finance at the Columbia Business School. He has also been a visiting professor at the New York University School of Law, a consultant to the US Treasury, and an adviser to presidential campaigns. A noted expert in public finance, Hassett has authored peer-reviewed articles in leading economics journals and has been a columnist in leading media outlets. He received his bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College and his doctorate degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

**Scott A. Hodge** is president of the Tax Foundation in Washington, DC, and is recognized as one of Washington's leading experts on tax policy, the federal budget, and government spending. During his tenure, the Tax Foundation has become one of the most influential organizations on tax policy in Washington and in state capitals. He led the development of the Tax Foundation's most successful programs, the Taxes and Growth Dynamic Tax Modeling project and the State Business Tax Climate Index, which have changed the terms of the tax debate at the federal and state levels. During the 1990s, Hodge helped design the major tax components for the Contract with America. These tax cuts were the eventual centerpieces of the 1997 tax bill and the Bush tax cuts in 2001 and 2003. He has written and edited three books on the federal budget and streamlining the government and has authored over 100 studies on tax policy and government spending. He has also authored dozens of editorials and opinion pieces for elite publications. Hodge began his career in Chicago, where he helped found the Heartland Institute. Before joining the Tax Foundation, he was director of tax and budget policy at Citizens for a Sound Economy. He also spent 10 years at The Heritage Foundation as a fellow analyzing budget and tax policy. He holds a degree in political science from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Mark Mazur** is the Robert C. Pozen director of the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center. Previously, Mazur was the assistant secretary for tax policy at the US Treasury. Mazur's 25 years of public service includes stints at the Internal Revenue Service, where he was director of the Office of Research, Analysis, and Statistics; the US Department of Energy, where he was a senior adviser to Secretary Bill Richardson and administrator of the US Energy Information Administration; and the Joint Committee on Taxation, the President's Council of Economic Advisers, and the National Economic Council. Mazur received a BA in financial administration from Michigan State University and a PhD in economics, business, and public policy from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.