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Trust panels planned in preparation for Fukuyama visit

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Panel discussions are planned over the next three weeks, preparing for the visit in late March at the University of Southern Indiana of futurist Francis Fukuyama, a George Mason University professor and author of *Trust: The Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity*. His visit is being co-sponsored by Citizens Bank and the USI Schools of Business and Liberal Arts.

The first panel will be made up of USI faculty, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, in the Health Professions Center. Their discussion of *Trust* will center on the question, "Social Capital, Trust, and Economic Prosperity: Is There Really a Connection?" Dr. Philip C. Fisher, dean of the School of Business, will be the moderator. Panelists will be Dr. Peter S. Cashel-Cordo, assistant professor of economics; Dr. Munir Quddus, chairman of the Economics and Finance Department; and Antone Greubel, political science lecturer.

The next panel will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at Red Bank Branch Library meeting room to discuss "Trust and Social Capital: The Writings of Francis Fukuyama." The panel leader will be Dr. Thomas A. Wilhelmus, associate dean of the School of Liberal Arts; panelists will include Joan David, vice-president of Old National Bank; Rebecca Englert, head of R. J. Englert and Associates and a USI lecturer in political science; and Michael Vandever, lobbyist for Bristol-Myers Squibb and former Evansville mayor.

Dr. Fukuyama will deliver a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in Mitchell Auditorium and will visit with USI classes on Friday, March 27.

Dr. Fukuyama provides a fascinating and distinctly unique look at business and organizations, offering views on the future of our society and our social virtues which he says will determine whether a nation will prevail in the new global economy. He explains his theories and projections in the new book *Trust*.

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Dr. Fukuyama received a B.A. in the classics from Cornell University and Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University. He is a fellow of the Johns Hopkins University School for Advanced International Studies' Foreign Policy Institutes and director of its Telecommunications Project. He is producing a definitive study on the future of telecommunications and his next book will deal with technology and policy in the public sector and the corporate world.

Dr. Fukuyama has written widely on Soviet foreign policy in the Third World, as well as on democratization and political economies. He is co-editor of *The Soviet Union and the Third World: The Last Three Decades* and is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and the Council on Foreign Relations. Previously a senior social scientist at Rand Corporation, he was a member of Rand's Political Science Department specializing in Middle Eastern political-military affairs and Soviet foreign policy. He was a member of the U.S. State Department's Policy Planning Staff, first specializing in Middle East affairs, then as deputy director for European political-military affairs. He was a member of the U.S. delegation to the Egyptian-Israeli talks on Palestinian autonomy in 1981-82.