

Professor Ed Glaeser Bio

Professor Ed Glaeser is one of the world's most prominent economists. He is the Fred and Eleanor Glimp Professor of Economics and newly appointed chairman of the Department of Economics at Harvard University, where he teaches microeconomic theory, and urban and public economics.

He has published dozens of papers on cities, economic growth, law, and economics. His work has focused on the determinants of city growth and the role of cities as centres of idea transmission.

His best known book is *Triumph of the City: How Our Greatest Invention Makes Us Richer, Smarter, Greener, Healthier, and Happier* (Penguin Press, 2011). It provides a global tour and delves into past examples of the critical role cities have played in generating better standards of living. It sets out in clear, non-academic language the determinants of city growth and decline and, especially, the role of cities as centres of idea transmission.

His latest book is *Survival of the City: Living and Thriving in an Age of Isolation* (Penguin Press, forthcoming, 2021). It explores the devastating impact of Covid-19 on the urban world and focuses on how the pandemic has turned physical proximity, which is central to the creative energy of the city, into a potentially deadly threat to health and well-being. It explores answers to the critical issue of how urban residents can adjust to this new reality and pulls together lessons from the past for this purpose.

He has served as Director of both the Taubman Center for State and Local Government, supporting current and future public sector leaders in improving the governance of states, counties, metropolitan regions, and cities, and the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston. The Rappaport Institute aims to improve the governance of Greater Boston by strengthening connections among the region's scholars, students, and civic leaders.