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The Long-Term Implications of Population Aging and Population Decline for the Economic and Geopolitical Stature of Europe

—Speaker's Biography—

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Norbert Walter is Chief Economist of Deutsche Bank Group and CEO of Deutsche Bank Research. Before his current position he was a professor and director at the renowned Kiel Institute for World Economics and was a John J. McCloy Distinguished Research Fellow at the American Institute for Contemporary Studies at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, DC (1986-1987). He holds a PhD in economics from the Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main.

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Norbert Walter loves debate, and he will gladly hold forth on anything from the future of east German housing estates, the prospects offered by the internet, the euro or the role of the IMF. As he says himself, he is like a cup of espresso: small, dark and strong. Many people know him from watching the evening news bulletins. When it comes to explaining economic issues, editors of television news programmes, newspapers and magazines often look to the 61-year old based in Frankfurt for comments and explanations. To this extent, he is the nation's economist.