

San Jose State University  
Department of Economics

## David S. Saurman Provocative Lecture Series

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# “Globalization in Historical Perspective”

## Stephen Davies

Program Officer at the Institute for Humane Studies

STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Globalization is a central theme in disciplines as varied as economics, cultural studies, philosophy and political science. Who benefits from globalization? How is globalization spread? Who loses? These questions are more tractable when globalization is viewed from an historical perspective. Historical perspective leads to a better understanding of the nature of the globalization, its process and consequences.

A historian, Dr. Stephen Davies graduated from St Andrews University in Scotland in 1976 and gained his PhD from the same institution in 1984. He was a Senior Lecturer in the Department of History and Economic History at Manchester Metropolitan University. He has also been a Visiting Scholar at the Social Philosophy and Policy Center at Bowling Green State University. Dr. Davies has recently joined the Institute for Humane Studies where he works on the Institute’s educational programs, teaches at summer seminars, liaises with the IHS faculty network, and provides academic career advice to students.

He is author of several books including *Empiricism and History* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2003) and of several articles and essays on topics including the private provision of public goods and the history of crime and criminal justice. He has recently completed a book on the history of the world since 1250 and the origins of modernity. Among his other interests are science fiction and the fortunes of Manchester City Football (soccer) Club.

**Wednesday, April 14, 2010**

**5:15–6:45 P.M.**

**Morris Dailey Auditorium**

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