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Amity Shlaes is a senior fellow for economic history at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and within the Center for Geoeconomic Studies (CGS), where she writes on economic history. At CFR, Miss Shlaes has also done work on the relationship between commodity wealth, entrepreneurship, and international relations. Currently, she is at work on a general history of the 1960s and a biography of Calvin Coolidge that tells a story about the 1920s. Miss Shlaes teaches the 1930s at New York University's Stern School.

A columnist for the past nine years, Miss Shlaes writes on issues surrounding the political economy. Bloomberg News syndicates her column, which appears both on Bloomberg terminals and websites, and in papers such as the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, and *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. In addition, Miss Shlaes rotates with Lee Kwan Yew, David Malpass, and Paul Johnson in writing a print column for *Forbes Magazine*. She is also a commentator for the public radio show *Marketplace*.

Since starting her column, Miss Shlaes has twice been named a finalist for the Loeb Prize in commentary. In 2002, she won the international Frederic Bastiat Prize for writing on political economy, and in 2003 she was J.P. Morgan fellow in economics and finance at the American Academy in Berlin. In 2007, she won the Deadline Club award and the Newswomen's Club of New York's Front Page award.

In the spring of 2007, her book *The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression* was published by HarperCollins and Jonathan Cape. It is a U.S. bestseller with well over 200,000 copies in print. Novelist Mark Helprin has said of *The Forgotten Man*, "Were John Kenneth Galbraith and Milton Friedman to spend a century or two reconciling their positions so as to arrive at a clear view of the Great Depression, this would be it." Her previous book, *The Greedy Hand: Why Taxes Drive Americans Crazy* (Random House/Harvest paperback, 1999) was likewise a national bestseller. Miss Shlaes also recently coauthored, with the late Robert Bartley of the *Wall Street Journal*, a piece on tax philosophy in *Intellect into Influence*, a Manhattan Institute retrospective volume. She was a contributor to the special 30th anniversary edition of the scholarly journal *Tax Notes*, "The Future of American Taxation." In the early 1990s, Miss Shlaes published a book on German national identity, *Germany: The Empire Within* (Farrar, Straus/Jonathan Cape, 1991).

A journalist for more than two decades, Miss Shlaes was an editorial board member at the *Wall Street Journal* in the 1990s, writing on such areas as economics and school reform. She was a *Financial Times* columnist for half a decade. Over the years, her work has appeared in periodicals as diverse as *The New Republic*, *National Review*, *New Yorker*, *Fortune*, *Financial Times*, and *Foreign Affairs*. She is a jurist for both the Bastiat Prize and the Lionel Gelber Prize and a member of CFR.

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