

Biographical Sketch Jean Tirole

Jean Tirole is chairman of the Foundation JJ Laffont-Toulouse School of Economics (TSE), and scientific director of the Institute for Industrial Economics (IDEI), University of Toulouse Capitole. He is also affiliated with MIT, where he holds a visiting position, and with the Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (IAST), which he helped found in 2011. Before moving to Toulouse in 1991, he was professor of economics at MIT. He was president of the Econometric Society in 1998 and of the European Economic Association in 2001.

He holds Honorary Doctorate degrees from the Free University in Brussels (1989), the London Business School (2007), HEC Montreal (2007), the University of Mannheim (2011), the Athens School of Business and Economics (2012), the University of Rome 2 (2012), Hitotsubashi University (2013) and Université de Lausanne (2013). Among other prizes and honors, he received the Yrjö Jahnsson prize of the European Economic Association (granted every other year to an economist under the age of 45 who has made a contribution in theoretical and applied research that is significant to economics in Europe) in 1993, the gold medal of the CNRS in 2007 (the second economist, after Allais in 1978, to receive this medal, attributed to one researcher every year since 1954), and was the inaugural winner of the BBVA Frontiers of Knowledge Awards in economics, finance and management in 2008. He received the CME-MSRI award and the Levi-Strauss prize in 2010 and the Ross prize in 2013. He is the laureate of the 2014 Nemmers prize in economics. He is a foreign honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (1993) and of the American Economic Association (1993). He was elected to Allais' chair at the French Académie des Sciences Morales et Politiques in 2011.

Jean Tirole has given over eighty distinguished lectures and has published about two hundred articles in economics and finance, as well as 11 books. He received his PhD in economics from MIT in 1981, engineering degrees from Ecole Polytechnique, Paris (1976) and from Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, Paris (1978) and a "Doctorat de 3ème cycle" in decision mathematics from the University Paris IX (1978).