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BLUE-CHIP PANEL ON PUBLIC INVESTMENT TO FEATURE BILL BRADLEY, BOB KERREY, BERNARD SCHWARTZ, AND OTHERS

On October 16, the Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis will bring together top economists, policy analysts, political advocates, and business executives to discuss the urgent need for public investment in infrastructure. The discussion comes amid intense debate in Washington over fiscal



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policy, with some leaders arguing that reduction of the budget deficit is the more pressing concern and others maintaining that addressing the deterioration of infrastructure should take priority.

Participants include **Bill Bradley**, author and former U.S. senator; **Andrei Cherny**, Democratic strategist and chief drafter of the Democratic Party's 2000 national platform; **Robert D. Hormats**, vice chairman of Goldman Sachs Intl.; **Bob Kerrey**, president of The New School; **Bernard Schwartz**, chairman and CEO of BLS Investments; and **Gene B. Sperling**, former economic advisor to President Clinton.

The panelists will discuss funding of infrastructure projects through innovative private investment and partnerships as well as through increased public spending. They will also consider the economic benefits of infrastructure investment programs in technology, transportation, healthcare, and education: job creation, increased productivity, and economic growth. This event offers a rare opportunity to hear some of the country's most influential figures in politics and economics talk about very hot issues.

The program will run from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd floor. All interested students and faculty are encouraged to attend. You must RSVP by October 12 to reserve a seat; email specialevents@newschool.edu.