2021 Series

The Texas Triangle: An Emerging Power in the Global Economy

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“The Texas Triangle: An Emerging Power in the Global Economy” is available for purchase from Brazos Bookstore and other local Houston stores, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and the publisher, Texas A&M University Press.
Welcome

**William Fulton**, Director, Kinder Institute for Urban Research

**Session 1: Introduction to the Texas Triangle**

- **Henry Cisneros**, Chairman, American Triple I Partners, LLC
- **David Hendricks**, Former Business Editor and Columnist for the San Antonio Express-News

**Session 2: The Triangle’s Role as a “Mega-Region”**

- **J.H. Cullum Clark**, Director, George W. Bush Institute-SMU Economic Growth Initiative (moderator)
- **Amanda Edwards**, Former Houston City Council Member
- **Lloyd Potter**, Texas State Demographer

**Session 3: Maximizing the Economic Potential of the Triangle**

- **William Fulton**, Director, Kinder Institute for Urban Research (moderator)
- **Paul Cherukuri**, Executive Director, Rice University Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering
- **Ross Guieb**, Executive Director, George H.W. Bush Combat Development Complex at Texas A&M University
- **Laura Huffman**, President and CEO, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce
- **Jenna Saucedo-Herrera**, President and CEO, San Antonio Economic Development Foundation
Today, some 19 million people (roughly two-thirds of Texans) live in the Texas Triangle — defined as the 35 counties that make up the metropolitan areas of Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and Austin. In their book, “The Texas Triangle: An Emerging Power in the Global Economy,” co-authors Henry Cisneros, David Hendricks, J.H. Cullum Clark and William Fulton examine how this mega-region will play a dominant role in determining the state’s economic future, demographic patterns and political priorities. This webinar expands on topics explored in the book such as the importance of the Texas Triangle, what makes it unique and its implications for Texas’ economic future.

About the Kinder Institute for Urban Research

The Kinder Institute for Urban Research is a multidisciplinary think-and-do tank housed at Rice University in central Houston, focusing on urban issues in Houston, the American Sun Belt and around the world. Through informed research, data and policy analysis, the Kinder Institute hopes to engage civic and political leaders to implement solutions to critical urban issues.

About Urban Reads

The Kinder Institute’s Urban Reads series showcases recently published works on pressing urban issues by local and national authors. Previous Urban Reads speakers have included former Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, TransitCenter Director of Research Steven Higashide, labor economist Rucker C. Johnson, and transportation expert and journalist Angie Schmitt.

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About the Panelists

**Paul Cherukuri** is the executive director of Rice University’s Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering where he develops and implements bio-related cross-disciplinary research, education and innovation projects between Rice and the Texas Medical Center.

**Henry Cisneros**, formerly mayor of San Antonio, served as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development during the Clinton administration, 1993–97. He is chairman of American Triple I, an infrastructure investment firm.

**J.H. Cullum Clark** serves as director of the George W. Bush Institute–SMU Economic Growth Initiative and is also adjunct professor of economics at Southern Methodist University.

**Amanda Edwards** is an attorney and former Houston city council member.

**William Fulton** serves as director of the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University. He is the former mayor of Ventura and director of planning and economic development for the city of San Diego.

**Ross Guieb** is the executive director of the George H. W. Bush Combat Development Complex at Texas A&M University.

**David Hendricks** recently retired after more than 40 years with the San Antonio Express-News, where he had been a business editor and columnist.

**Laura Huffman** is the president and CEO of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. Prior to joining the Chamber, she served as Texas state director of The Nature Conservancy and board chair for the Texas League of Conservation Voters.

**Lloyd Potter** was appointed State Demographer in 2010. He also serves as the director of the Texas Demographic Center housed at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

**Jenna Saucedo-Herrera** is the President and CEO of San Antonio Economic Development Foundation. She works closely with San Antonio’s business community, and public partners to advance the diversification and growth of the San Antonio regional economy.
Upcoming Webinars

All of our 2021 programs will be presented virtually and, as a public service to the community, are FREE with registration.

**June 16, 2021 | 12:15 PM**
**Kinder Institute Forum: Frederick Wherry**
Professor Frederick Wherry, Director of the Dignity and Debt Network, will explain how credit, visibility, credit scoring and consumer credit markets serves as arenas for struggle over dignity and belonging.

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**June 22, 2021 | 10:00 AM**
**Workshop: 2021 State of Housing in Harris County and Houston**
This webinar will include a summary of the 2021 housing report and a panel discussion on housing challenges, particularly for vulnerable populations.

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**August 11, 2021 | 12:15 PM**
**Urban Reads: Leslie Kern**
Leslie Kern will discuss her book, “Feminist City: Claiming Space in a Man-Made World.”

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