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The course features presentations by leaders of financial exchanges and trading firms discussing the history and future role of financial exchanges in the global economy. Presentations will also feature the authors of assigned books.

Readings: (1) *Zero Sum Game*, by Erika Olson, and (2) *The Rise of the Speculator*, by Emily Lambert.

The books are available at internet and regular bookstores.

A book that is not required but provides information on many of the topics that will be discussed: *Against the Gods* by Peter Bernstein.

Some of the speakers will provide copies of each week's presentations that will be distributed. I will let you know if speakers are going to distribute reading material before class.

Assignment:

A 4 to 6 page report (hard copy) is due at the last class. The report should review the presentations and readings, and--if possible, briefly discuss connections between the class presentations and the history of the exchanges as presented in the two books. It can include commentary about best/favorite presentation(s).

Presentations:

August 25: First Class—Gib Bassett: The Chicago Exchanges, Introduction.

September 1: Miguel Rivera, Alpha Chronos (formerly CTO/Founding Partner, Sun Trading).

September 8: Erika Olson, author: *Zero Sum Game*.

September 15: Suzanne Sprague, Managing Director, CME Group

September 22: Chris Isaacson COO, Cboe

September 29: Mabel Oza, AVP: Blockchain Applications, Wells Fargo,

October 6: Greg Forsythe, President, Revelation Investment Research

October 14: Assignment due