

Hugo F. Sonnenschein

Biographical Sketch

Hugo Sonnenschein is President Emeritus and Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus at the University of Chicago, where he teaches an undergraduate course in game theory and a graduate course in microeconomic theory. He served as President of the University of Chicago from 1993 to 2000. Previous positions include Provost of Princeton University and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania. From 1976 to 1988 he was Professor of Economics at Princeton.

Professor Sonnenschein is an economic theorist whose most important scholarly work concerns the mathematical structure of market demand functions. He is a laureate of the 2009 BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Award (with Andreu Mas-Colell) for Economics, Finance and Management. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the American Philosophical Society, and a Distinguished Fellow of the American Economic Association. He has served as President of the Econometric Society, Chairman of the Board of Argonne National Laboratories, Director of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, and Member of the Civic Committee of the City of Chicago.

Sonnenschein is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Rochester and an Honorary Trustee of the University of Chicago. He is a Director of several non-profit organizations. Sonnenschein is the recipient of honorary doctoral degrees from seven colleges and universities, including Keio University, Tel Aviv University, and the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

Hugo Sonnenschein is married to Elizabeth 'Beth' Gunn Sonnenschein, PhD, a cancer epidemiologist who has served on the faculty of the University of Illinois at Chicago and New York University School of Medicine. Beth is a past President of the Board of the Chicago Child Care Society and she is currently the President of "Know Your Chicago." The Sonnenscheins met in 1957 as freshmen at the University of Rochester. They have three daughters and five grandchildren.