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Jerry Nickelsburg joined the UCLA's Anderson School of Management in 2006. He teaches economics in the MBA program including a newly developed course on Understanding and Predicting Asian Economies. At the Anderson Forecast, he plays a key role in the economic modeling and forecasting of the National and California economies. He has conducted special studies into the future of manufacturing in Los Angeles, the distribution of income, the economic impact of the writer's strike, the aerospace industry, the undocumented construction and manufacturing labor force, the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and the garment industry, focusing on the development of new data, and the application of economic theory and statistical methods to sectoral issues. His current academic research is on investment in specific skills and inequality, and seasonal adjustment of time series. He is a regular presenter at Economic Conferences and regularly cited in the national media, including the Financial Times, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and Reuters.

He received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Minnesota in 1980 specializing in monetary economics and econometrics. He was formerly a professor of Economics at the University of Southern California and has held executive positions with McDonnell Douglas, Flight Safety International, and Flight Safety Boeing during a fifteen year span in the aviation business. He also held a position with the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, developing forecasting tools, and has advised banks, investors, and financial institutions.

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