Christopher Sims: Short Bio
Christopher Sims is the John F. Sherrerd 52 University Professor of Economics at Princeton University,
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Thomas J. Sargent, he won the 2011 Economics Nobel Prize. His research has dealt with econometric
time series methods, with estimation of monetary policy behavior and of the effects of monetary policy
on the economy, and with the theory of price level determination. He is known for promoting the
usefulness of loosely structured models (VAR's and SVAR's), for advocating a Bayesian perspective on
econometric inference, for emphasizing the importance of fiscal policy in determining the path of
inflation, and for suggesting the application of information theory to economics.