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Edmund Phelps, born in 1933 near Chicago, received his B.A. from Amherst in 1955 and his Ph.D. from Yale in 1959. After appointments at Yale and Penn he joined Columbia in 1971. He founded the Center on Capitalism and Society in 2001 and won the 2006 Nobel Prize in Economics. In 2008 he was named Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, received the Premio Pico della Mirandola, the Kiel Global Economy Prize, and was honored by establishment of the Phelps Chair at the Universidad de Buenos Aires. In 2010 he was appointed Dean of the New Huadu Business School and named to the Advisory Board of the New York Forum. He has received many honorary degrees, the latest being a doctorate degree from the Université Libre de Bruxelles in June 2010.