### **Bible**

Epistle to the Ephesians 4: 2-3

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

# 15th R.K. Cho Prize Ceremony and Commemoration Conference



15:00 Sep 30th, 2024 Kakdangheon, Daewoohall B134

### **Outline**

15:00-15:20

Reception

(Lobby, Kakdangheon)

1. Ceremony 15:20-16:10 (Kakdangheon)

Host: Hochul Kwak(Head of Chaplain Office at Health System)

Prelude Accompanist

Celebration Song 1 Everyone

Prayer Hochul Kwak

Bible Reading (on the first page) Everyone

Commemoration Dongsup Yoon, President of Yonsei University

Commemoration Hongki Kim, President of Korean Economic Association

Introduction of R.K. Cho Prize Sangun Park, Dean of SCE

Report on selection of the winner Professor Kangsik Choi

Award and acceptance Speech President Yoon and Susan Athey

Celebration Song 2 Everyone

Celebration Prayer Hochul Kwak

Postlude Accompanist

## **Outline**

2. Commemoration Conference 16:20-17:10

(Kakdangheon)

Host: Ki Young Park(Dean of the School of Economics)

"Estimating Targeted Policies for Social Impact"

Professor Susan Athey

# Celebration Song 1



# Celebration Song 2

진리와 생명 되스 Spirit of truth, of life, of power **630** 

기도송 H. Westwood(b. 1884) 보통으로

Spirit of truth, of life, of power 너희 몸을…거룩한 산 제물로 드리라 (품 12:1) MENDON: 8.8.8.8. H. Westwood(b. 1884)





## Commemoration

Distinguished guests who have visited Yonsei University during this season of harvest, welcome. I am especially grateful to all of you for attending the "R. K. Cho Economics Award" ceremony despite your busy schedules. The "R. K. Cho Economics Award" is one of the most prestigious awards in Korean economics, established in 2007 through a generous donation by our alumnus R. K. Cho, class of '55 in the Department of Economics, who wished for the continuous development of the Korean economics community.

Today is a meaningful occasion where we gather to honor the 15th recipient of the "R. K. Cho Economics Award." Professor Susan Athey, who has been selected as the 15th awardee, is currently serving as the Economics of Technology Endowed Chair at Stanford Graduate School of Business in the United States. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Professor Athey.

Professor Athey received her Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1995 and was actively involved in research in the field of industrial organization theory during the early stages of her career. Recognized for her outstanding contributions, she was awarded the John Bates Clark Medal, given by the American Economic Association to the best economist under the age of 40. Beyond theoretical boundaries, she is one of the pioneers who introduced machine learning into economics, achieving landmark accomplishments in modern economics. As a trailblazer in the field of technology economics, she is researching and contemplating various issues that humanity faces amid rapid technological advancements like AI.

Not only has Professor Athey achieved academic excellence, but she has also contributed to corporate innovation as the Chief Economist at Microsoft and served as the Chief Economist in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. By leveraging her expertise, she is contributing to the design of more desirable social institutions and systems. Always at the pinnacle of her field, she continues to strive for change and development. We look forward to her future research and social activities. We hope this award serves as an encouragement for her contributions to economics and society thus far and becomes a significant stimulus for her future advancements.

Lastly, I would like to express my deep gratitude to Dean Sang-Un Park and all those involved. Wishing for the endless development of the "R. K. Cho Economics Award," now in its 15th year, I pray that God's grace will always be with all of your families who have attended today. Thank you.

September 30, 2024 President Yoon Dong Sup

# Commemoration

#### 1. Progress Report

- On December 15, 2023, nominations for the 15th R.K. Cho Economics Award were closed, resulting in a total of six nominees.
- The R.K. Cho Economics Award Operating Committee formed a Review Committee consisting of eight members.
- The Review Committee convened on December 18, 2023, conducted preliminary evaluations of the candidates'
  qualifications, and carried out the main review of their research achievements. Considering their academic
  accomplishments and the scholarly impact of their major works, the committee recommended Professor Susan
  Athey of Stanford University to the Operating Committee as the award recipient.
- On January 24, 2024, the R.K. Cho Economics Award Operating Committee decided to select Professor Susan Athey, as recommended by the Review Committee, as the recipient of the 15th R.K. Cho Economics Award.

#### 2. Introduction of Achievements

After receiving her Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1995, Professor Susan Athey taught and conducted research at MIT and Harvard University, nurturing future scholars. She is currently affiliated with the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

As of October 2023, when she was selected as the awardee, Professor Athey had published 86 academic papers in scholarly journals and authored 19 book chapters and surveys. Among these, she has published a total of 23 papers in the top five economics journals—9 in the American Economic Review, 8 in Econometrica, 4 in the Quarterly Journal of Economics, 1 in the Journal of Political Economy, and 1 in the Review of Economic Studies—making her undeniably one of the world's leading economists.

Professor Athey has conducted influential research on various topics ranging from microeconomics and econometrics—such as the economic impact of digitization, market design, and auctions—to machine learning. She has played a pioneering role, especially in the field of the economics of technology. In recognition of these achievements, she received the John Bates Clark Medal in 2007 from the American Economic Association, awarded to the best economist under the age of 40, as well as the Jean-Jacques Laffont Prize in 2016 and the Adam Smith Award in 2020, among other globally renowned honors.

Recently, Professor Athey has been researching critical questions that directly impact human life and society, such as the internet economy, news media, internet search, machine learning, big data, cryptocurrency, platform markets, online advertising, and the social impact of digital technology. Based on her outstanding academic research, she is also actively engaged in societal activities. She contributed to the operations of an innovative company as the Chief Economist at Microsoft and, until recently, served as the Chief Economist in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she led the 2023 revision of merger guidelines. Additionally, she served as the President of the American Economic Association in the same year.

Furthermore, she participated in the founding of the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered AI, where she researches the changes humanity will face amid rapid technological advancements from an economic perspective. We are delighted to have Professor Athey, a pioneer in economic research and social change, with us today and look forward to her continued growth.

September 30, 2024

Chairman of the R.K. Cho Economics Award Review Committee

Choi Kang-sik

# Biography of the Prize Winner

#### 1. Education

(1991) B.S. Duke University(Economics, Mathematics, Computer Science)

(1995) Ph.D. Stanford University(Economics)

#### 2. Experience

(1995-2001) Assistant, Associate Professor at Massachusetts Institute Of Technology

(2001-2006) Associate, Chair Professor at Stanford University

(2006-2012) Professor at Harvard University

(2013-now) Chair Professor at Stanford University

(2007-2013) Chief Economist at Microsoft Corporation

(2023) President of the American Economic Association

(2022-2024) Chief Economist at Antitrust Division, Dept. of Justice

#### 3. Awards and Professional Activities

(2001-2007) Quarterly Journal of Economics, Associate Editor

(2002-2005) American Economic Review, Associate Editor

(2006-2007) Econometrica, Associate Editor

(2007) John Bates Clark Medal

(2016) Jean-Jacques Laffont Prize

(2020) Adam Smith Award

#### 4. Key Papers

"Single Crossing Properties and the Existence of Pure Strategy Equilibria in Games of Incomplete Information," Econometrica (2001)

"Collusion with persistent cost shocks," Econometrica (2008)

"An efficient dynamic mechanism," Econometrica (2013)
"Synthetic difference in differences," American Economic Review (2021)
"When should you adjust standard errors for clustering?," The Quarterly Journal of Economics (2023)