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Economists to discuss Inland Empire's economy

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Several of Southern California's top economists will lead a discussion later this month on where the region's economy is going and how long it likely will take to get there.

Christopher Thornberg, of Los Angeles-based Beacon Economics, and Redlands-based economist John Husing will be part of a panel discussing the Inland Empire's economy May 19 at the University of Redlands' Orton Center. The event starts at 8 a.m. and runs until 11 a.m.

Other panelists include Stuart Dorsey, the university's president and also an economist, university professor Johannes Moenius, James Brulte, a former state Senate majority leader, Beacon Economics' Brad Kemp and John Rossi, general manager of the Western Municipal Water District.

The panel will discuss how bad the recession is going to get, whether the federal economic stimulus is likely to help, and how soon California can emerge from the depths. It will focus on conditions in Riverside and San Bernardino counties, where the jobless rate, at 12.9 percent in March, is one of the country's highest.

For reservations, contact Beacon its Web site, beaconecon.com, and click on "events." For more information, contact Victoria Pike Bond at 415-457-6030.

