

German archbishop to address World Economic Summit

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Reinhard Marx, the Catholic archbishop of Munich and Freising in Germany (a position Pope Benedict held from 1977 to 1981), will be on a panel this week at the World Economic Forum held annually in Davos, Switzerland. <http://www.weforum.org/en/index.htm>

The panel is on "Restoring Faith in Economics." Joining Marx on the panel are Niall Ferguson, a Harvard Business School professor, and Thabo Cecil Makgoba, Anglican archbishop in South Africa. Ruth Simmon, president of Brown University, will moderate, [according to Sarah Kidwell](#) [1], a spokeswoman for the university in Providence, Rhode Island.

One wonders why a Catholic archbishop would attend such a tony event among the global elite. A few mouse clicks later and it's clear: Marx wrote a book titled, "[Das Kapital: A Plea for Man](#)" [2], published in October 2008, in which he criticizes capitalism and highlights Catholic social teaching.

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