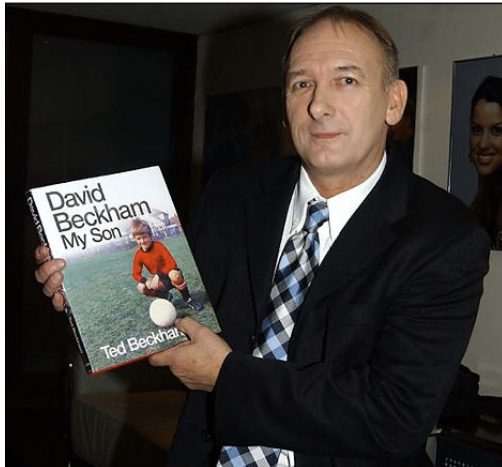


# The Irrefutable Case for Free Trade



David Beckham is a super star football player, who also learned the skills of his father, a gas fitter.

Ted Beckham dreamed of football stardom, but didn't make the grade.



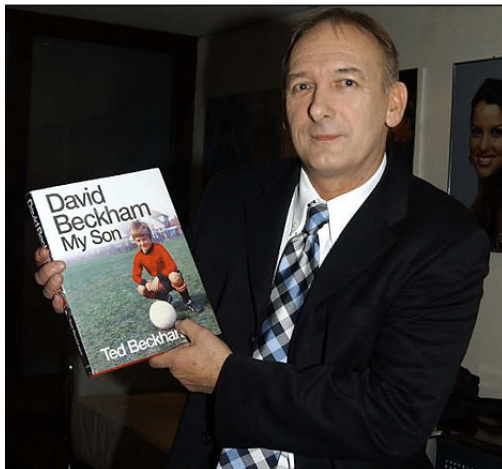
Suppose that, with a bit of practice, David could earn double his father's wage as a gas fitter.

Should he exploit this advantage?

# Equal time for gas fitting and football



David Beckham		
10 hrs gas fitting	£40 / hour	£400
10 hrs football	£10,000 / hour	£100,000
	<b>Total</b>	£100,400



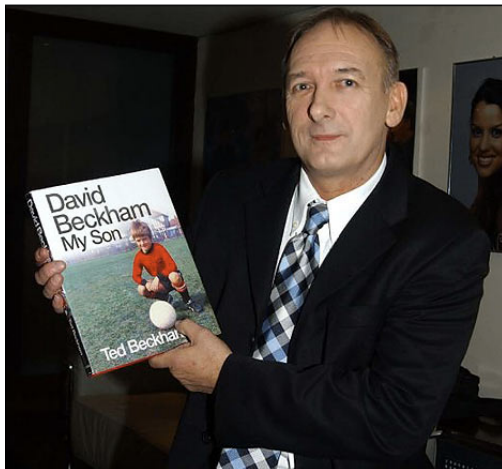
Ted Beckham		
10 hrs gas fitting	£20 / hour	£200
10 hrs football	£1 / hour	£10
	<b>Total</b>	£210

Together they have produced  
**£100,610** worth of output.

# Gains from specialisation



David Beckham		
20 hrs football	£10,000 / hour	£200,000
	<b>Total</b>	£200,000



Ted Beckham		
20 hrs gas fitting	£20 / hour	£400
	<b>Total</b>	£400

Together they have produced  
**£200,400** worth of output.

# The Law of Comparative Advantage (Ricardo)

## The Law of Association (Mises)



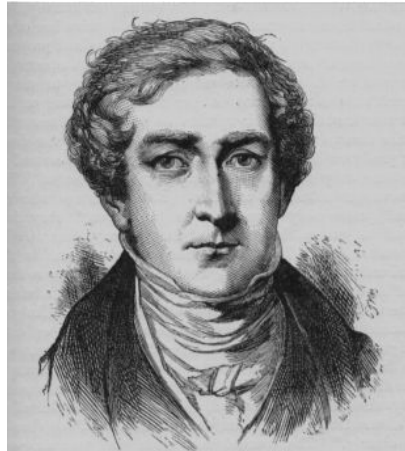
David Ricardo  
1772-1823



Ludwig von Mises  
1881-1973

# Cobden and Peel

Sir Robert Peel  
1788-1850



Richard Cobden  
1804-1865

For those interested in free trade, one of Cobden's finest orations was delivered in the House of Commons on March 13, 1845, and described by John Morley as "probably the most powerful speech he ever made":

Men on the Tory benches whispered to one another, "Peel must answer this." But Peel crushed in his hand the notes he had made and remarked, "Those may answer him who can."

The Corn Laws were abolished by clear, rational, and persuasive logical argument.

I hope some of the politicians here today will likewise be able to abolish the protectionist EU.