



Giulio Tremonti

Silvio Berlusconi's
Finance Minister
and potential
successor

■ **Aug 18, 1947:** Born Sondrio, Lombardy, northern Italy

■ **1974:** Professor of Law at University of Pavia

■ **1984-94:** Works for *Corriere della Sera*, writes several books

■ **1994-95:** Elected to parliament. Switches allegiance from socialists to centre-right *Forza Italia*. Appointed *Minister of Economy and Finance* in first Berlusconi cabinet

■ **2001-04:** Finance minister when Berlusconi returns to power. **Resigns in dispute over economy**

■ **2005-06:** Reappointed in new Berlusconi cabinet – cuts top tax rate

■ **2008:** Serves in next Berlusconi government. Publishes *The Fear and the Hope*, which slams globalisation

■ **2009:** Introduces 5% tax deal on Italians' hidden assets. **Amnesty raises €5 billion**

■ **2010:** Pushes €25bn austerity package through parliament