

Austrian Scholars Conference
March 12-14, 2009
Mises Institute, Auburn, Alabama
Preliminary Schedule

THURSDAY, March 12

10:00am Shuttle from AU Hotel and Tiger Suites to Mises Institute

10:30-12:30am **Authors Forum**

- **Thomas Woods:** *Meltdown: A Free-Market Look...*
- **Lawrence Reed:** *A Primer on the Great Depression*
- **Paul Cleveland:** *Unmasking the Sacred Lies*
- **Thomas DiLorenzo:** *Hamilton's Curse*
- **Lew Rockwell:** *The Left, The Right, and the State*
- **Guido Hulsmann:** *The Ethics of Money Production*
- **Robert Murphy:** *Human Action Study Guide*

12:30-2:00 Lunch on your own

2:00-3:00pm **Lou Church Memorial Lecture in Religion and Economics:**

Rabbi Daniel Lapin

"What is Morally Right about Economic Freedom"

3:30-4:45: SESSION

Economic Crisis: A Look Ahead

Douglas French, Thomas DiLorenzo, Richard Grimm, Robert Murphy, J.G. Hulsmann

5:00-6:00 p.m. **Murray N. Rothbard Memorial Lecture: Roberta Modugno**

"Rothbard vs. The Philosophers"

6:00-7:00: Reception

7:00 p.m. Shuttle from Mises Institute to AU Hotel and Tiger Suites

Dinner on your own.

FRIDAY, March 13

8:00am Shuttle from AU Hotel and Tiger Suites to Mises Institute

8:00am Coffee and Juice

8:30-10:00am SESSIONS

A. Economic Freedom

- Chair": Mark Brandly (Ferris State University)
- "Examining the Hayek-Friedman Hypothesis on Economic and Political Freedom" Robert A. Lawson (Auburn University)
- "Socialized Sports: Your Money at Work" Devin Leary-Hanebrink (Loyola College of Law)
- "The Private Production of Urban Planning" Daniel Coleman (Catholic University of America) and Stephen Krogh (Duquesne University)
- "African-American Railroad Workers, 1900-1960: A Critical Reinterpretation" Joshua T. McCabe (University of Massachusetts, Lowell)

B. Monetary Economics and the Business Cycle

- Chair: Paul Cwik (Mount Olive College)
- "Endangered Species: Monetary Debasement in the U.S." Tyler Watts (George Mason University)
- "The Ethics of US Monetary Policy in Response to the Financial Crisis" George Bragues (University of Guelph-Humber)
- "Time Deposits: Fraud and the ABCT" Walter Block and William Barnett (Loyola University New Orleans)
- "Say's Law and the Austrian Business Cycle Theory" William Anderson (Frostburg State University)

10:15-11:45am SESSIONS

A. Entrepreneurship

- Chair: Gil Guillory (Houston, Texas)
- "The Development and Present State of the Theory of Entrepreneurship in Product and Financial-Asset Markets"; "Austrian-School Entrepreneurship and the Theory of the Firm" Stuart Wood (Loyola University New Orleans)
- "The Theory of Political Entrepreneurship" Peter G. Klein (University of Missouri)
- "Entrepreneurship and the Discovery of Economic Theory" Mark Thornton (Mises Institute) and Chris Brown (Australian Graduate School of Entrepreneurship)
- "Entrepreneurship, Economic Evolution, and the End of Capitalism" Matthew McCaffrey (Auburn University)

B. Markets and Finance

- Jeffrey Herbener (Grove City College)
- "The Land Mines in Mark-to-Market Accounting Standards" Warren Miller (Beckmill Research)
- "The Broader Risk: Exploring the International Ramifications of American Corn-Ethanol Policy" Luca L. Hickman (Milwaukee School of Engineering)
- "The Economic Efficiency of Trust in the Provision of Health Care: A Comparative-Institutional Analysis" Trevor Knox (Muhlenberg College)
- "Thymology and Security Analysis: The Development of an Austrian View of Investment" Richard C. Grimm (Slippery Rock University)

11:45am - 1:00pm Lunch on your own

1:00-2:30pm SESSIONS

A. Security and Foreign Policy

- Chair: Thomas Woods (Mises Institute)
- "Peace in the Middle East: Empire, Oil, and the Reshaping of the Middle East After World War I" Hunt Tooley (Austin College)
- "Marketing Subscription-Based Patrol and Restitution" Gil Guillory (Houston, TX)
- "A Note on the Austrian Theory of Foreign Exchange Rates" Simon Bilo (George Mason University)
- Comments: Thomas Woods

B. The Bailout and Myth of Limited Government

- Chair: Francisco Gonzales (James Madison Institute)
- "The Bush-Obama Bailout Has Permanently Changed the Nature of American Capitalism" Randall Holcombe (Florida State University)

- "The Political Dynamics of the Economic Bailout" Paul Gottfried (Elizabethtown College)
- "Constitutional Collapse Under the Weight of the Economic Bailout" Marshall DeRosa (Florida Atlantic University)
- "The Bailout and the Myth of Limited Government" Thomas DiLorenzo (Loyola University, Maryland)
- Discussants: Donald Livingston (Emory University), Francisco Gonzales (James Madison Institute)

C. **The Place of Austrian Economics in Management Research, Education, and Consulting**

- Chair: Peter G. Klein
- Chris Brown (Australian Graduate School of Entrepreneurship)
- John Chapman (American Enterprise Institute)
- Natalie Janson (Rouen Graduate School of Management)
- Jeffrey McMullen (Indiana University)
- Warren Miller (Beckmill Consulting)

3:00-4:30pm SESSIONS

A. **Sociology of Social Change**

- Chair: Mark Brandly (Ferris State University)
- "The Summers Heresy at Large" James F. Guyot (CUNY, Baruch College)
- "Religion as Adaptation: the Role of Time Preference" Robert Mulligan (Western Carolina University)
- "Oil, Socialism, and 'There Will Be Blood'" John Hamilton (Azusa Pacific University)
- "Factors of Subjective Value: Using Market Entrepreneurship to Advance the Free Market" Jonathan Mariano (Presidio School of Management)
- "How to Be Happy in a Statist World" Michael Edelstein (Private Practice, San Francisco)
- Comments: Timothy Terrell (Wofford College)

B. **Topics in Constitutional Order**

- Chair: Randall Holcombe (Florida State University)
- "American Revolution and the Spectre of Anarchy: The Hamilton-Seabury and Price-Lind Debates" Roderick Long (Auburn University)
- "Habeas Corpus, Centralism and Decentralism: The Great Writ as a States' Right And Individual Liberty" Anthony Gregory (Independent Institute)
- "Representation: The Very Idea" Gerard Casey (University College Dublin)
- Comment: Randall Holcombe

5:00-6:00 p.m. **Henry Hazlitt Memorial Lecture: Peter Schiff**

"Why the Meltdown Should Have Surprised No One"

6:00pm Reception

7:00pm Express-85 Shuttle from Mises Institute to AU Hotel and Tiger Suites

SATURDAY, March 14

9:00am Express-85 Shuttle from AU Hotel and Tiger Suites to Mises Institute

9:00am Coffee and Juice

9:30-11:00am SESSIONS

A. **History and Method of the Austrian School**

- Chairman: Thomas DiLorenzo (Loyola University)
- "Experimental Economics in the Austrian Paradigm" Benjamin Powell (Suffolk University)
- "Hayek's Theory of Mind and Individualism" Francesco Di Iorio (EHESS/Ecole Polytechnique, France)
- "William Hazlitt and Human Action" Fred Day (Manchester Metropolitan University)
- Comments: William Anderson (Frostburg State)

B. Method and Politics

- Chair: Peter G. Klein (University of Missouri)
- "The Common Pitfall of Valuing Ecosystems" Tomohide Yasuda (University of Massachusetts, Boston)
- "Against the Third Sector as a Contrivance of the State" Kevin Hodgkins (University of Alabama, Birmingham)
- "Science and the Free Market: How Government Distorts Scientific Research through Public Funding" Norman Horn (UT Austin)
- "Political Capitalism: The Elephant in the Parlor" Rich Wilcke (University of Louisville)
- Comments: Robert Lawson (Auburn University)

C. Religion and Economics

- "Catholic Social Teaching and the Austrian School Revisited: A Reply to Thomas Storck" Thomas Woods (Mises Institute)
- "The Influence of John Calvin on Economic Thought" Timothy Terrell (Wofford College)
- "Nineteenth Century Conservative Protestant Theory and the Biblical View of Property" Shawn Ritenour (Grove City College)
- "Blessed Are Those Who Walk in the Law of the Lord: Economic Law and the State" Jeffrey Hebenner (Grove City College)
- Commentator: Jeffrey Tucker (Mises Institute) and Lawrence Vance (Wayland Institute)

11:15-12:15 F.A. Hayek Memorial Lecture: George Selgin

"The Complete Privatization of Money Production"

12:15-1:30: Lunch on your own

1:30-3:00pm SESSIONS

A. Sound Money

- Robert Murphy (Mises Institute)
- "Productive and Unproductive Credit" Guido Hulsmann (University of Angers, France)
- "William Douglass: Sound-Money Theorist of the American Colonial Period" Joseph A. Weglarz (University of Detroit, Mercy)
- "Recession Economics and Non-Neutral Money" Paul Cwik (Mount Olive College)
- "The Link Between Degenerating Currency and Degenerating Culture" Paul T. Prentice (The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs)
- "The Ongoing Banking Crisis: Another Example of the Inefficiency of the Basil II Accords" Natalie Janson (Rouen Graduate School of Management)

B. Social Doctrine

- Chair: Joseph Keckeissen
- "What Do We Mean by Justice, Especially Social Justice?" Armando de la Torre (Universidad Francisco Marroquin)

- "The Important of Natural Law" Roberto Blum (Universidad Francisco Marroquin)
- "Individualism and the Social Order: Relations Between the Social Doctrine and Austrian Method" Hernandez Walter (Universidad Francisco Marroquin)
- "Are Natural Law and Evolution Compatible?" (Universidad Francisco Marroquin)

C. Regulation and Development

- Chair: Benjamin Powell (Suffolk University)
- "Markets in Urban Lands" Luzardo Luna (Universidad del Norte, Colombia)
- "A Critique of Yunus and His Micro-Finance" Walter Block (Loyola University, New Orleans)
- "The Engineer and the Automobile: Mistaken Predictions about Saint Louis' Interstate System" John Payne (East Carter County High School, Ellsinore, MO)
- "The Role of Policy Academics in Guarding Failing Food Safety Regulation: The Ant-Aphid Hypothesis" Tomohide Yasuda (University of Massachusetts, Boston)
- Comments: J.H. Huebert (Columbus, Ohio)

3:15-4:45pm SESSIONS

A. Applied Economics

- Chair: Shawn Ritenour (Grove City College)
- "The Carry Tax Proposal: Back from the Dead" J. Bradley Jansen (Center for Financial Privacy and Human Rights)
- "The Flat Tax is Not Flat and the FairTax is Not Fair" Laurence Vance (Wayland Institute)
- "An Austrian Examination of the News Media and Its Future" Ryan McMaken (Arapahoe Community College)

B. Rethinking the History of Economic Ideas

- Chair: Mark Thornton (Mises Institute)
- "Was Rothbard a Mainstream Economist?" Joseph T. Salerno (Pace University)
- "The Essence of Keynesian Economics: A Critique" Wladimir Kraus (University of Turin, Marburg University)
- "A Revision of the Monetary Legacy of the Freiburg School and Its Ties to Vienna" Ekkehard Köhler (Walter Eucken Institut)
- "The Battle of Ideas from Keynes to Thatcher" Antonio Masala (IMT Alti Studi - Lucca)
- Comments: David Gordon (Mises Institute)

5:00 pm Awarding of the Lawrence Fertig Prize

5:10pm **The Mises Memorial Lecture: Thorsten Polleit**

"Ending the Monetary Fiasco and Returning to Sound Money"

6:10-7:30pm Reception

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