



IUF Reform Summit 2006

An Institute for Free Enterprise Conference

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Hotel Maritim, Stauffenbergstraße 26, 10785 Berlin

Programme

- 8.30-9.15 *Registration, light breakfast and coffee*
- 9.15-9.20 Introductory remarks
Wolfgang MÜLLER – Executive Director, Institute for Free Enterprise
- 9.20-10.00 *Opening speeches*
Healing the sick man of Europe
Prof. Dr. Erich WEEDE – Institute for Sociology, University of Bonn,
Institute for Free Enterprise, Academic Adviser
- Ten Key Strategic Lessons for Reform from the Thatcher Era
John BLUNDELL – Institute of Economic Affairs, London

Session I - Tax Reform

- Chair: Dr. Roger KOEPEL, Editor in Chief, Die Welt (tbc)
- 10.00-10.20 Stability of the German federal state
Prof. Dr. Charles B. BLANKART – Humboldt University Berlin
- 10.20-10.40 Taxes and entrepreneurial freedom to invest
Prof. Dr. Manfred ROSE – University of Heidelberg
- 10.40-11.00 *Refreshments*
- 11.00-11.20 Flat taxes as growth engine
Ondrej SOCUVKA – Advisor to the Slovak Prime Minister
- 11.20-11.40 More money – less taxes. Social justice with degressive taxes
Branko BALABAN – Head, Finance Administration, Canton Obwalden
- 11.40-12.00 Debate and Discussion
- 12.00-12.20 *Refreshments*



Session II – Labour Market

Chair: Dr. Hildegard STAUSBERG – Diplomatic Correspondent, Die Welt

- 12.20-12.40 Removing obstacles for labour – bringing people back into work
Jason A. TURNER – Visiting Fellow in Welfare Policy, Heritage Foundation, Washington D.C.
- 12.40-13.00 More employment and growth through more freedom
Dr. Hilmar SCHNEIDER – Director of Labour Policy, Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA), Bonn
- 13.00-13.20 Debate and Discussion
- 13.20 Press Conference
- 13.20-14.20 *Lunch*
- 13.40 *Luncheon speech*
The spirit of free enterprise – a view from Dubai
Mohamed Ali ALABBAR – Director General, Dubai Department of Economic Development

Session III – Pension Reform

Chair: Matthew BISHOP, Chief Business Writer, U.S., The Economist (tbc)

- 14.20-14.40 Success stories from private pension markets
Ian VASQUEZ – Director, Project on Global Economic Liberty, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.
- 14.40-15.00 Pension reform – lessons from abroad
Dr. Dan MITCHELL – Senior Fellow in Political Economy, Heritage Foundation, Washington D.C.
- 15.00-15.20 Pension Reform – facing the challenge
Prof. Dr. Norbert WALTER – Chief Economist Deutsche Bank Group, Managing Director Deutsche Bank Research / Economics, Frankfurt
- 15.20-15.40 Debate and Discussion
- 15.40-16.00 *Refreshments*



Session IV – Health Care Reform

Chair: Dr. Karen HORN – Economic Editor, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Frankfurt
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- 16.00-16.20 Towards a private market in health care
Dr. Wilfried PREWO – Chief Executive, Hannover Chamber of Industry and Commerce
- 16.20-16.40 Getting the incentives right in health care
Prof. Dr. Peter ZWEIFEL – University of Zurich
- 16.40-17.00 Economic growth or intensifying Leninist structures in the health system?
Carlos A. GEBAUER, Lawyer & Author, Visiting Professor, Europa Fachhochschule Fresenius, Cologne
- 17.00-17.20 Debate and Discussion
- 17.20 *Wrapping up the theme*
The spirit of free enterprise and the role of the state
Dr. Andrei ILLARIONOV – Former Chief Economic Advisor to the Russian President
- 18.00 *Concluding Remarks*
Dr. Oliver KNIPPING – President, Institute for Free Enterprise
- 18.10 End of Conference

Post Conference Event

- 19.30 Experts' Dinner – meet the reformers

Erich Weede, John Blundell, Beat Blankart, Manfred Rose, Ondrej Socuvka, Branko Balaban, Jason A. Turner, Hilmar Schneider, Mohamed Ali Alabbar, Ian Vásquez, Norbert Walter, Dan Mitchell Wilfried Prewo, Peter Zweifel, Carlos A. Gebauer plus selected journalists and policymakers
- 20.00 *Dinner speech*
Managing the impossible - The transformation of the Mongolian economic system
Elbegdorj TSAKHIA – Prime Minister of Mongolia (tbc)