

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

"ECONOMIC FREEDOM IN A TIME OF GLOBAL POLITICAL CHANGE AND WAR WOLNOŚĆ GOSPODARCZA W CZASIE GLOBALNYCH ZMIAN POLITYCZNYCH I WOJNY"

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ON BEHALF OF THE ADAM SMITH RESEARCH CENTRE AND THE FRASER INSTITUTE
AND ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS IN WARSAW (ASP)

24–25 September, Warsaw, Senate Hall of The Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw

CONFERENCE ORGANISERS

THE ADAM SMITH RESEARCH CENTRE AND THE FRASER INSTITUTE,
IN COOPERATION WITH ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS IN WARSAW (ASP),
CHAIR OF MANAGEMENT AND INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, SWPS UNIVERSITY, WARSAW
AND FORECASTING COMMITTEE OF THE POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
SENATE HALL OF THE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS IN WARSAW

VENUE

Akademia Sztuk Pięknych

Warszawa, ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 5, Pałac Czapskich, sala Senatu ASP

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Conference Organizing Committee:

- **Mr. Matthew Mitchell**, Senior Fellow at the Fraser Institute, Vancouver, Canada: *co-chair*
- **Mr. Andrzej Sadowski**, President of the Adam Smith Research Centre, Warsaw, Poland: *co-chair*
- **Ms. Magdalena Borowik**, Adam Smith Research Centre, Warsaw, Poland: *secretary*

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- **Prof. Andrzej Kondratowicz**, Adam Smith Research Centre, Warsaw, SWPS University & Forecasting Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland: *co-chair*
- **Prof. Robert A. Lawson**, Jerome M. Fullinwider Centennial Chair in Economic Freedom & Director of the Bridwell Institute for Economic Freedom, SMU Cox School of Business, Dallas, USA: *co-chair*
- **Prof. Mikołaj Cześniak**, Head of the Institute of Social Sciences & Lead Researcher of Center for the Study of Democracy, SWPS University, Warsaw, Poland: *member*
- **Dr. Rosemarie Fike**, Senior Research Fellow, Fraser Institute, Vancouver, Canada & Department of Economics, AddRan College of Liberal Arts, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, USA: *member*
- **Dr. Katarzyna Nawrot**, Vice-President of the Forecasting Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland: *member*
- **Dr. Ian Vásquez**, Vice-President for International Studies & Director of the Center for Global Liberty and Prosperity, Cato Institute, Washington, DC, USA: *member*
- **Dr. Katarzyna Wojtkiewicz**, Head of the Chair of Management, SWPS University, Warsaw, Poland: *member*

DAY ONE – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025
SENATE HALL, ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS IN WARSAW
CZAPSKI PALACE, KRAKOWSKIE PRZEDMIEŚCIE 5

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE SIMULTANEOUSLY INTERPRETED

- 9:00–10:00 AM Reception tea and coffee, opportunity to view the 29th International Poster Biennale in Warsaw at the Czapski Palace
- 9:00 AM Curatorial tour of the exhibition by Prof. Mateusz Machalski, Vice-Rector for Artistic Affairs at the Academy of Fine Arts
- 10:00 AM Welcome by Prof. Mateusz Machalski, Vice-Rector for Artistic Affairs, Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw
- 10:15 AM Opening remarks by Andrzej Sadowski, President, Adam Smith Research Centre
- 10:25 AM Opening remarks by Dr. Matthew Mitchell, Senior Fellow, Fraser Institute
- 10:35 AM World premiere of the 2025 Index of Economic Freedom, presentation by Dr. Robert Lawson, Southern Methodist University and Fraser Institute, and the 2025 Human Freedom Index, presentation by Ian Vásquez, Cato Institute
- 11:20 AM Presentation by Prof. Andrzej Kondratowicz, Head of the Economic Freedom Index at the Adam Smith Research Centre and Professor at SWPS University
- 11:40 AM Panel discussion: “Economic Freedom in Times of Global Political Changes and War” with Dr. Matthew Mitchell, Fraser Institute; Prof. Andrzej Kondratowicz, Adam Smith Research Centre and SWPS; Dr. Jacek Bartosiak, Strategy & Future; Dr. Henryk Siodmok, President of Mo-Bruk S.A., expert at the Adam Smith Centre; moderated by Agaton Koziński, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, “Polska – Wydanie Metropolitalne”
- 12:35 PM Questions and answers
- 12:50 PM Panel discussion: “Economic freedom as a foundation for a moral and prosperous society, preventing the threat of wars” with Fr. Jacek Stryczek, founder of “Szlachetna Paczka”; Prof. Zbigniew Stawrowski, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University and Andrzej Sadowski, Adam Smith Research Centre; Michał Wojciechowski, University of Warmia and Mazury, expert at the Adam Smith Centre; moderated by Agaton Koziński
- 1:45 PM Questions and answers
- 2:00 PM Summary of the first day by Dr. Matthew Mitchell, Fraser Institute and Prof. Andrzej Kondratowicz, Adam Smith Research Centre and SWPS
- 2:15 PM Closing of the conference and refreshments

6:00–9:00 PM – GALA AND WILCZEK AWARD CEREMONY
ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS IN WARSAW, KRAKOWSKIE PRZEDMIEŚCIE 5

DAY TWO – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
SENATE HALL, ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS IN WARSAW
CZAPSKI PALACE, KRAKOWSKIE PRZEDMIEŚCIE 5

- 9:00–10:00 AM Reception tea and coffee, and opportunity to view the 29th International Poster Biennale in Warsaw
- 10.00 AM Welcome by Dr. Matthew Mitchell, Fraser Institute and Prof. Andrzej Kondratowicz, Adam Smith Research Centre and SWPS
- 10:10 AM Lecture by Dr. Jacek Komuda, historian and author of “Upadek. Jak straciliśmy Pierwszą Rzeczpospolitą” (The Collapse. How We Lost the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth) “Why, thanks to its political and economic freedoms, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth could have become a modern republic a century before the United States”
- 10:40 AM Presentation by Walker Wright, American Enterprise Institute “War! What Is It Good For? Not for Economic Freedom – and vice versa”
- 11:05 Panel discussion “When goods don’t cross borders, soldiers will” with Walker Wright, American Enterprise Institute; Dr. Jacek Komuda, historian and author; Leon Komornicki, retired Major General of the Polish Armed Forces and Vice-President of the Euro-Atlantic Association; Dr. Henryk Siodmok, CEO of Mo-Bruk S.A., expert at the Adam Smith Research Centre; moderated by Jarosław Deryło, Adam Smith Research Centre
- 11:55 AM Questions and answers
- 12:10 PM Panel discussion: “How to reform the tax system for economic freedom?” with Paweł Gruza Advisor to the President of the Republic of Poland and former Deputy Minister of Finance; Dr. Jan Oravec, former State Secretary of the Slovak Ministry of Economy; Gia Jandieri, Founder and Vice-President, New Economic School; Marek Isański, President of the Taxpayers’ Rights Foundation; moderated by Dr. Tomasz Sommer publisher and editor-in-chief of “Najwyższy CZAS!”
- 1:05 PM Questions and answers
- 1:20 PM Presentation by Dr. Robert Lawson, Southern Methodist University and Fraser Institute “Economic freedom and inequality”
- 1:45 PM Conference summary by Dr. Matthew Mitchell, Fraser Institute and Prof. Andrzej Kondratowicz, Adam Smith Research Centre and SWPS
- 2:00 PM Closing of the conference and lunch