



Venue of the Conference:

Art Hotel  
20 Kielbaśnicza Street  
Wroclaw

## The Conference Schedule

### September 30

18:00 WELCOME RECEPTION

### October 1

09:00-09:15 CONFERENCE OPENING

- Opening speeches by VIPs

09:15-11:15 **OPENING SESSION 1: OVERVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC FREEDOM OF THE WORLD REPORT 2009 - WITH A FOCUS ON FORMER COMMUNIST STATES**

*Chair:* Prof. Witold Kwaśnicki (University of Wroclaw)

*Speakers:*

- Michael Walker (Fraser Institute) – “*Economic Freedom: A World View*”
- Andrzej Kondratowicz (Adam Smith Research Centre) – “*Economic Freedom: The Case of Post Communist States*”

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:30 **SESSION 2: TECHNICAL OVERVIEW OF THIS YEAR’S REPORT**, Joshua Hall (Beloit College)

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 **SESSION 3: THE WORLD FINANCIAL/ECONOMIC CRISIS AND ECONOMIC FREEDOM:**

An interactive session. This session will be a general discussion of “economic freedom in a time of crisis”. It will be kicked off by an *agent provocateur* and managed by a chair (Mr. Marek Kaduczak, European Commission).

- *Agent Provocateur:* Andrei Illarionov (Cato Institute) – “*Global Financial Crisis: Financial? Global? Crisis?*”

15:00-15:15 Coffee Break

15:15-16:45 **SESSION 4: THE STATE OF ECONOMIC FREEDOM IN THE ARAB WORLD**

*Chair:* Mr. Jaroslaw Derylo (ASRC)

*Speakers:*

- Salem Al Ismaily (The International Research Foundation of Oman) – “*Why my lungs are black?*”
- Omar Shaban (Pal-think, Gaza-Palestine) – “*How an economy looks like when it is entirely black: The tunnels economy of the Gaza Strip*”
- Morteza Sameti (Isfahan University, Iran) – “*A study of economic freedom, human welfare, and democracy in the MENA region*” (title TBC)

19:00-21:30 **GALA DINNER AT THE CITY HALL**





## October 2

9:00-10:30

### **SESSION 5: ECONOMIC FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD AND THE CRISIS**

*Chair:* Dr. Andrzej Kondratowicz (ASRC)

*Speakers:*

- Fred McMahon (Fraser Institute) – “*Economic Freedom of North America*”
- Ian Vasquez (Cato Institute) – “*Latin America: Toward Economic Freedom, New Socialism, or What?*”
- Emmanuel Martin (Atlas Foundation) – “*Economic Freedom in France in the context of Western Europe*”

10:30-10:45

Coffee break

10:45-12:00

### **CLOSED TECHNICAL SESSION 6:** Wrap up discussion and plans for next year

- *Chair:* Fred McMahon, Fraser Institute

12:15-13:15

Lunch

## **AFTERNOON: SIGHTSEEING OF WROCLAW**

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### Confirmed Speakers:

**Dr. Michael Walker** is the President of the Fraser Institute Foundation, in Vancouver, Canada. He served as Executive Director of the Fraser Institute from its establishment in 1974 until 2005 and remains a Senior Fellow there. He is one of the initiators of the World Economic Freedom Project.

**Dr. Andrei Illarionov** is a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Liberty and Prosperity at the Cato Institute in Washington, DC, USA. He is a former chief economic advisor to Russian President V. Putin and Russia's representative to the G8 group; founder and Director of the Institute for Economic Analysis, an independent institute operating in Moscow, Russia.

**Dr. Ian Vásquez** is Director of the Center for Global Liberty and Prosperity at the Cato Institute in Washington, DC, He is a member of the Mont Pèlerin Society and a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations. A leading expert on Latin America affairs.

**Dr. Salem Ben Nasser Al Ismaily** is the Head of the International Research Foundation and the Executive President of the Omani Centre for Investment Promotion and Export Development (OCIPED) in the Sultanate of Oman.

**Dr. Andrzej Kondratowicz** is a member of the Board of the Adam Smith Research Centre in Warsaw, Poland. He is a leading Polish expert on economic freedom. Teaches Economics at the Łazarski School of Commerce and Law and the Economics Department & the American Studies Center of the Warsaw University.





**Mr. Fred McMahon** is a Director of the Centre for Globalization Studies of the Fraser Institute and operates from Toronto, Canada. He is the executive **manager** of the Economic Freedom of the World Project and coordinates the Economic Freedom Network, an international alliance of independent think tanks in nearly 70 nations.

**Dr. Morteza Sameti** is an Associate Professor at the Economics Department of the Isfahan University in Iran.

**Dr. Joshua C. Hall** is an Asst. Professor at Department of Economics & Management, Beloit College, USA. He is a close collaborator of Professor James Gwartney and Robert Lawson, the principal authors of the Economic Freedom of the World Annual Reports.

**Mr. Omar Shaban Ismail** is a founder and President of PalThink for Strategic Studies, an independent think operating in since 2007 in Gaza-Palestine. The PalThink is a member of the Economic Freedom Network. His interviews have been frequently featured in New York Times, the Times, Al-Ahram weekly, Washington Times, Christian Science Monitor, as well as on Al-Jazeera, BBC, ABC, and NBC.

**Dr. Emmanuel Martin** currently works for the Global Initiative for Free-Trade Peace and Prosperity of the Atlas Foundation, Washington DC. He also remains the Editor of Unmondelivre.org, the French language website related to freedom issues. He has worked for the French classical liberal think tank ALEPS (Association pour la Liberté Economique et le Progrès Social); his academic work deals with 'faked development', market dynamics and growth, and the concept of civil society.

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**International Steering Committee 2009:**

Dr. Andrzej Kondratowicz, ASRC, Poland – Chairman

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Dr. Ian Vásquez, Cato Institute, USA

