

Pacific Rim Policy Exchange



Tuesday, September 28, 2010

6:00 - 8:00 PM **Welcome reception and registration**

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

7:00 AM **Registration**

7:30 AM **Breakfast**

8:00 AM **Welcome**

8:15 – 9:30 AM Panel One – *Obstacles to Investment* (Hyde Park Room)

Governments around the world just can't seem to stop intruding on the private sector. Aggressive government regulation and taxation of a variety of global industries continues to stifle innovation and investment, increase prices, and reduce consumer choice. Panelists will discuss these obstacles, ranging from high taxation and international tax regimes to out of control regulations. What each has on economies, both locally and globally?

Moderator: Mary Kissel, WSJ (confirmed)

1. Peter Holle, Frontier Centre for Public Policy (confirmed)
2. Jargal Dambadarjaa, Mongolians for Fair Taxes and Wise Spending (confirmed)
3. Barun Mitra, Liberty Institute (confirmed)

9:30 – 9:45 AM **Break**

9:45 – 11:15 AM Panel Two – *Free Trade* (Hyde Park Room)

Capitalists argue that the free movement of capital around the globe fosters job growth and economic prosperity for countries, companies and individuals. Over the decades free trade has delivered huge gains in material prosperity around the world. Sadly, many countries still maintain barriers to trade or are implementing new protectionist policies. Speakers will address these issues and the effects they have on the global market.

Moderator: Alec van Gelder, IPN (confirmed)

1. Roger Kerr, New Zealand Business Roundtable (confirmed)
2. Martin Krause, ESEADE (confirmed)
3. Todd Myers, Washington Policy Center (confirmed)

11:15 – 11:30 AM **Break**

11:30 – 12:45 PM **Panel Three** – *Financial Regulation* (Hyde Park Room)

Following the financial crisis, there is popular pressure to introduce new regulations on banks and the financial services industry to the detriment of consumers and the free market. The panel will discuss the international impact of such regulations and its chilling effect on international financial centers.

Moderator: Alan Moran, Institute of Public Affairs (confirmed)

1. Stephen Kirchner, Centre for Independent Studies (confirmed)
2. Symon Brewis-Weston, Commonwealth Bank of Australia (confirmed)

12:45 – 1:00 PM **Break**

1:00 - 3:00 PM **Working Lunch:** *Getting the Message Out* (Phillip Room)

Moderator: John Kartch, Americans for Tax Reform (confirmed)

1. Simeon Duncan, Australian Liberal Party (confirmed)
2. David Farrar, Kiwi Blog (confirmed)
3. Nonoy Oplas, Minimal Government Thinkers
4. Khalil Ahmad, Alternate Solutions Institute

6:00 PM **Reception**

7:00 PM **Dinner, Phillip Room - Featuring Keynote Speaker:** Rowan Callick, The Australian

Thursday, September 30, 2010

7:30 AM **Breakfast**

8:00 AM **Welcome**

8:15 – 9:30 AM **Panel Four** – *Digital Liberty* (Hyde Park Room)

The growth of the digital economy has brought a wealth of opportunity to societies around the globe. The internet has become a powerful communications tool that has given individuals increased access to information and consumers more choice than ever before. Yet these new technologies have given new momentum to those who believe media and technology are in greater need of government regulation and censorship. This panel will discuss the importance of keeping the internet free of government interference.

Moderator: Kelly Cobb, Americans for Tax Reform Foundation (confirmed)

1. Jim Lakely, Heartland (confirmed)
2. Xingyaun Feng, Unirule Institute of Economics (confirmed)

9:30 – 9:45 AM **Break**

9:45 – 11:15 AM **Panel Five** – *IP, Jobs, and the Economy* (Hyde Park Room)

Intellectual property, in a variety of forms, has been a key driver of growth in many economies yet continues to face challenges and criticisms around the globe. From questions of copyright piracy to challenges of compulsory licensing, policy makers and global leaders continue to debate the role of government in defending private property in a market-based economy. Our panelists will discuss the role intellectual property rights plays in the market economy and to what extent government can AND should protect intellectual property in a free market system.

Moderator: Kelsey Zahourek, Property Rights Alliance (confirmed)

1. Tim Wilson, Institute of Public Affairs (confirmed)
2. Michael Williams, Gilbert and Tobin (confirmed)

11:15 – 11:30 AM **Break**

11:30 – 12:45 PM **Panel Six** – *Best practices—reducing the size of government* (Hyde Park Room)

There have been great strides made globally to reduce the size of government through lower taxation, less government spending, and taking services out of the public sector and providing an avenue for competitive private sector action. This panel will offer ideas to reduce the burden of government on our everyday lives and explore the challenges and ultimate successes of these undertakings.

Moderator: Wan Saiful Wan Jan, Malaysia IDEAS (confirmed)

1. Grover Norquist, ATR (confirmed)
2. Peter Wong, Lion Rock Institute (confirmed)
3. Parth Shah, Centre for Civil Society (confirmed)
4. Ken Phillips, Independent Contractors of Australia (confirmed)

12:45 – 1:00 PM **Break**

1:00- 3:00 PM **Lunch- Keynote Speaker:** Mary Kissel, Wall Street Journal (confirmed) (Phillip Room)

6:00 PM **Reception**

7:00 PM **Dinner, Phillip Room - Featuring Keynote Speaker:** Senator Eric Abetz, Leader of the Opposition in the Australian Senate