



Pacific Rim Policy Conference



May 23-24, 2007

**Waikiki, Hawaii
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel**

AGENDA

All sessions and meals to be at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel unless otherwise noted

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Donald Thomas Brash, New Zealand - Dr. Brash served as the Leader of the Opposition and parliamentary leader of the National Party from October 2003 to November 2006. Before entering politics, Brash worked as Governor of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand for over fourteen years.

Dr. John Rutledge, United States – Dr. Rutledge is the chairman of Rutledge Capital, a Greenwich, Conn.-based private equity investment firm, and of Rutledge Research, a Virginia-based economic advisory firm. He has a distinguished history of being a leader in economic issues. He founded the Claremont Economics Institute in Claremont, California and served as a member of the Reagan transition team as one of the principal architects of the Reagan Economic Plan.

Bill Stacey, Hong Kong – Bill Stacey is a Director and Head of the Asia Banks research team at Credit Suisse, where he covers Regional financials, China financials, and the Hong Kong bank sector. He joined Credit Suisse in 1999, covering Australian Banks. In 2002, the Australian team rated second in the Greenwich survey of the largest Australian investors and first with European investors. In 2004, Bill's CSFB Asia team rated third in the *Institutional Investor* poll and second in the Asia Money poll for China Insurance. He also has experience in privatization and restructuring of government enterprises and was a speechwriter for a federal member of parliament in Australia.

Dr. José Piñera, Chile - As Minister of Labor and Social Security in Chile (1978-1980), Dr. José Piñera was the architect of Chile's successful private pension system. Now, Dr. Piñera promotes all over the world the creation of pension systems based on personal retirement accounts. Dr. Piñera holds a Master and a Ph.D. degree in Economics from Harvard University, has published numerous articles, and is the author of eight books.

Tuesday May 22, 2007

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Early registration
Room: TBA

Wednesday May 23, 2007

7:00am Resource Room Opens

O'ahu Room

7:30am

Breakfast
Late Registration

Honolulu/Kahuku Room

8:00 am

Welcome Session

Honolulu/Kahuku Room

- *Tracie Sharp, President, State Policy Network (United States)*
- *Grover Norquist, President, Americans for Tax Reform (United States)*
- *Yasutoshi Magara, Senior Fellow, Asian Forum Japan (Japan)*
- *Julian Morris, Executive Director, International Policy Network (United Kingdom)*
- *Andrew Work, The Lion Rock Institute (Hong Kong)*
- *Dick Rowland, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii (United States)*

8:15 am

Intellectual Property - Intellectual property, in a variety of forms, continues to face challenges and criticisms around the globe. From questions of copyright piracy in Asia to challenges of compulsory licensing of pharmaceutical products in Brazil, 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 to what extent government can AND should protect intellectual property in a free market system.

Honolulu/Kahuku Room

Moderator: Scott LaGanga, Property Rights Alliance (United States)

- *Panelist invitation pending (United States)*
- *Yasutoshi Magara, Asian Forum Japan (Japan)*
- *Barun Mitra, Managing Trustee, Liberty Institute (India)*
- *David Farrar, Kiwiblog.co.nz (New Zealand)*

9:30 am

Break

9:45 am

Global Capital – Capitalists argue that the free movement of capital around the globe fosters job growth and economic prosperity for countries, companies and individuals. Yet, barriers still exist which often inhibit this free flow of goods and services in the global arena. Panelists will discuss these obstacles, ranging from tariffs and international tax regimes to trade and labor migration. What effect does each have on the global economy and the future of capital markets?

Honolulu/Kahuku Room

Moderator: Sally Pipes, Pacific Research Institute (United States)

- *Andrew Work, Executive Director, The Lion Rock Institute (Hong Kong)*
- *Martin Krause, ESEADE (Argentina)*
- *Bill Stacey, Vice President, Equities, Credit Suisse (Hong Kong)*
- *Wayne Mapp, Member of New Zealand Parliament (New Zealand)*

11:15 am

Break

11:30 am **Climate Change** - The global debate over climate change continues to create a division in the public policy community. There are those individuals, companies and government leaders that continue to advocate for public sector intervention, either through taxation or regulation. Yet, others argue that no action should be taken without conclusive evidence that a negative economic impact is minimized. This panel will foster a discussion less engaged in the scientific arguments for and against climate change, but more directed at the market-based solutions that can or have played a successful role in this global debate.

Honolulu/Kahuku Room

Moderator: Todd Myers, Center for Environmental Policy, Washington Policy Center (United States)

- *Julian Morris, Executive Director, International Policy Network (UK)*
- *Minister Marcelo Cima, Minister of the Embassy of Argentina to the United States (Argentina)*
- *Tim Wilson, Research Fellow, Institute for Public Affairs (Australia)*

12:45 pm *Break*

1:00 pm **Opening Luncheon**
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Donald Brash, Governor of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand
Lanai Room

3:00 pm *Afternoon Break*

3:15pm **Hawaii premier of The Call of the Entrepreneur**
Hosted by: Grassroot Institute of Hawaii - Optional

6:00 pm **Welcome to Hawaii Reception**
Diamond Head Lawn near pool

7:00 pm **Pacific Rim Conference Welcome Luau**
Keynote Speaker: Dr. John Rutledge, Rutledge Capital

Introduced by Dick Rowland, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

Diamond Head Lawn

9:00pm **After-Dinner Mixer**

Thursday May 24, 2007

7:00am Resources Room Opens
O`ahu Room

7:30am Breakfast

Late Registration
Honolulu/Kahuku Room

8:15 am

Coalition Building – It is important to build a broad coalition which encompasses individuals who, while they may disagree on certain aspects of policy, agree on their desire to limit the role of government in their lives. This has been extremely successful in the United States and other areas around the globe. This panel will explore the concept of coalition building in the U.S. and the similarities and differences experienced by the international think tank community in their own endeavors. Additionally, a section of this panel will be devoted to discussing the key components to starting, growing, and promoting a broad-based coalition.

Honolulu/Kahuku Room

Moderator: Grover Norquist, President, Americans for Tax Reform (US)

- *Dick Rowland, President, Grassroot Institute (United States)*
- *Shane Frith, Stockholm Network, (United Kingdom)*
- *Alec van Gelder, Research Fellow, International Policy Network (UK)*
- *John Williamson, Federal Director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation (Canada)*
- *Masaru Uchiyama, Japanese for Tax Reform (Japan)*

9:30 am

Break

9:45 am

Regulatory Reform – Governments around the world just can't seem to stop intruding on the private sector. Aggressive government regulation of a variety of global industries continues to stifle innovation, increase prices, and reduce consumer choice. Our panelists will explore areas that include small businesses, healthcare, energy, and food services. Furthermore, the panel will discuss the international impact of the United States' implementation of Sarbanes-Oxley, its chilling effect on capital formation in the US, and its benefits to international financial centers.

Honolulu/Kahuku Room

Moderator: Dr. John Rutledge, Rutledge Capital (US)

- *Ryan Ellis, Executive Director, Alliance for Worker Freedom (US)*
- *Jose L. Tapia-Rocha, General Director, Instituto de Libre Empresa (Peru)*
- *Xingyuan Feng, Co-Founder, Cathay Institute of Public Affairs (China)*
- *Dick Botti, President, Hawaii Food Industry Association (US)*
- *David Emerson, Emerson Legal (US)*

11:15 am

Break

11:30 am

Privatization - There have been great strides made globally to reduce the size of government through the implementation of competition and outsourced government procurement. Taking services out of the public sector and providing an avenue for competitive private sector action has already seen great success. Yet, the "public vs. private" battle is an ongoing war. This panel will explore the history, challenges, and ultimate successes of issues ranging from postal reform in New Zealand to Social Security restructuring in Chile to transportation streamlining in the U.S.

Honolulu/Kahuku Room

Moderator: Geoff Segal, Director of Government Reform, Reason Foundation (United States)

- *Nonoy Oplas, Philippine Taxpayers Union (Philippines)*
- *Hon. Richard Prebble, Member of Parliament (ret.), (New Zealand)*
- *John Charles, President, Cascade Policy Institute (United States)*
- *Dr. José Piñera, International Center for Pension Reform (Chile)*

12:45 pm

Break

1:00 pm

Luncheon

Keynote Speaker: **Bill Stacey**, Credit Suisse

Lanai Room

3:00 pm

Afternoon Break

3:15 pm

Hawaii premier of *The Call of the Entrepreneur*

Hosted by: Grassroot Institute of Hawaii – Optional

6:00 pm

Reception

7:00 pm

Pacific Rim Conference Closing Dinner

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. José Piñera**, Former Chilean Minister of Labor and Social Security

“Toward a World of Worker-Capitalists”

Introduced by Grover G. Norquist, President, Americans for Tax Reform Foundation

Regency Room at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel (next door)

9:00pm

After-Dinner Mixer

Room: TBA