Wednesday, November 6, 2019

8:00 a.m.  Registration Opens
Location: Broadway Ballroom Foyer, 4th Floor

8:00–5:00 p.m.  Networking Lounge
Location: 405/406
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9:00–10:00 a.m.  Opening Remarks & Cornerstone Talks
Location: Broadway Ballroom (4th Floor)
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Opening Remarks:  Matt Warner (Atlas Network, United States)

Speakers:
- Gloria Álvarez (Libertopolis Media, Guatemala) on “How to Persuade Young People Against Socialism”
- John Papola (emergent order, United States) on “The Messenger is the Message: the Role of Character in Telling Liberty Stories”
- Lyall Swim (Atlas Network, United States) on “What Smoking & Socialism Can Teach Us About How Ideas Spread... Or Not”
- Ming Fai Michael Ko (The Lion Rock Institute, Hong Kong) on “The Fight for Freedom in Hong Kong”

10:00–10:45 a.m.  Crowdsourced Networking
Location: Broadway Ballroom (4th Floor)
Come and connect with fellow travelers and accelerate your networking goals.

Facilitator:  Alex Cordell (Atlas Network, United States)
11:00–12:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

**Populism & Its Discontents**

*Location: Times Square Ballroom AB (2nd Floor)*

The election of Narendra Modi in India in 2014 presaged what has become a worldwide trend toward nationalist politicians who buck the political establishment and hold themselves up as manifestations of the popular will. Brexit, Trump, Bolsonaro, AMLO, and Duterte reflect this phenomenon. How should classical liberals navigate the new terrain?

**Moderator:** Mark Littlewood (Institute of Economic Affairs, United Kingdom)

**Speakers:**
- Ricardo Gomes (Red Liberal de America Latina, Brazil)
- Adam Bartha (European Policy Information Center, Belgium)
- Dr. Tom G. Palmer (Atlas Network, United States)

**Creating Compelling Messages for Liberty**

*Location: Times Square C (2nd Floor)*

As a public policy organization, your work goes far beyond just changing words in the law books. You are helping real people create better lives for themselves, and as a movement we’re lifting millions out of poverty. But how do you convince those who don’t think like us that free markets are the answer? Hear from AJ Skiera and Žilvinas Šilėnas on how you can tell stories that demonstrate the positive consequences of your organization’s work and resonate with your intended audience.

**Moderator:** Lyall Swim (Atlas Network, United States)

**Speakers:**
- Žilvinas Šilėnas (Foundation for Economic Education, United States)
- AJ Skiera (Atlas Network, United States)

12:15–1:15 p.m. Lights, Camera, Liberty Luncheon and Film Festival

*Location: Broadway Ballroom (4th Floor)*

Join us to watch the best video work among our Lights, Camera, Liberty grantees! You’ll see three compelling videos that have reached large audiences and made a difference for the cause of liberty.

**Emcee:** Vale Sloane (Atlas Network, United States)

**Lights, Camera, Liberty Film Festival Finalists:**
- Georgia Center for Opportunity
- Paradigm Institute and Free Market Foundation
- Pacific Legal Foundation
1:15–2:15 p.m.  **Great Communicators Tournament**  
*Location: Broadway Ballroom (4th Floor)*

In partnership with Think Freely Media, this competition represents the final round of sport among liberty advocates who will inspire you with their words.

**Emcee:** John Tillman (Atlas Network’s Center for U.S. and Canada, United States)

**Judges:**
- Eric Tubbs (Think Freely Media, United States)
- Scott Barbee (Aegis Financial Corporation, United States)
- Deroy Murdock (Fox News Contributor, United States)

**Contestants:**
- Trace Mitchell (Mercatus Center, United States)
- Hunter Estes (Mississippi Center for Public Policy, United States)
- Melodie Bowler (Alaska Policy Forum, United States)

2:30–3:30 p.m.  **Concurrent Sessions**

**The Nuts and Bolts of Social Media**  
*Location: Times Square C (2nd Floor)*

Learn how to take your organization’s online presence to the next level with social media expert Japheth Omojuwa. From knowing your audience to choosing your platform and building your brand, you have a say in the content of this session.

**Facilitator:** Kelia Busby (Atlas Network, United States)

**Speaker:** Japheth Omojuwa (Alpha Reach, Nigeria)

**Is Liberty a Women’s Issue?**  
*Location: Times Square Ballroom AB (2nd Floor)*

Too often, “women’s interests” are presumed to align with an agenda that seeks favors from a big, paternalist government. Join us for a discussion of how women throughout the world are hurt by a lack of economic freedom. We will learn from examples in the U.S. and abroad how think tanks are advocating for pro-liberty policies that improve women’s lives.

**Moderator:** Melissa Mann (Atlas Network, United States)

**Speakers:**
- Anuki Premachandra (Advocata Institute, Sri Lanka)
- Carrie L. Lukas (Independent Women’s Forum, United States)
- Roxana Nicula (Fundación para el Avance de la Libertad, Spain)
- Lenore Skenazy (Let Grow, United States)
3:30–4:00 p.m. **Book Signing: The Lonely Libertarian by Ron Manners**  
*Location: Broadway Ballroom Foyer (4th Floor)*  
Meet Ron Manners to obtain your own signed copy of *The Lonely Libertarian: Turning Ideas into Gold - then Gold into Ideas*

4:00–5:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**  
**Strategic Challenges for Freedom Fighters**  
*Location: Times Square C (2nd Floor)*  
Think tank leaders from the U.S. and around the globe share their stories of courage as they work to advance liberty at considerable personal risk.  
**Moderator:** Dr. Tom G. Palmer (Atlas Network, United States)  
**Speakers:**  
- Fri Asanga (Denis and Lenora Foretia Foundation, Cameroon)  
- Mariana Campos (Mexico Evalua, Mexico)  
- Nicos Rompapas (KEFiM, Greece)  
- Calixto Chikiamco (Foundation for Economic Freedom, Philippines)

**Ensuring a Free Future for the U.S. and Canada**  
*Location: Times Square Ballroom AB (2nd Floor)*  
In the U.S., a rich ecosystem of liberty-oriented organizations has evolved to preserve our liberties through litigation, policy research, advocacy through media, educational programs, and student engagement. This session will inaugurate Atlas Network’s new Center for U.S. and Canada by asking distinguished panelists to identify the most pressing challenges to the free society in the U.S. and Canada, and to share perspectives on how the freedom movement may continue to evolve to achieve greater impact.  
**Moderator:** John Tillman (Atlas Network’s Center for U.S. and Canada, United States)  
**Speakers:**  
- Wolf von Laer (Students For Liberty, United States)  
- John Kramer (Institute for Justice, United States)  
- Lindsay Craig (National Review Institute, United States)  
- Michel Kelly-Gagnon (Montreal Economic Institute, Canada)

6:00–6:30 p.m. **Reception**  
*Location: Broadway Ballroom Foyer (4th Floor)*
6:30–8:45 p.m. Eyes on the Prize Dinner & Evening Program

Location: Broadway Ballroom Foyer (4th Floor)

Atlas Network hosts two exciting competitions for rising stars in the liberty movement, who compete for recognition and rewards. During Think Tank Shark Tank, a $25,000 grant will be awarded to one of three projects presented before our judging panel. In our John Blundell Elevator Pitch competition, graduates of Atlas Network’s Leader Lab program are challenged to deliver an inspiring and informative pitch for their work—in only sixty seconds. Cheer on your colleagues in the freedom movement as they face the bright lights of Atlas Network’s big stage!

Think Tank Shark Tank Contestants:
- Connor Boyack (Libertas Institute, United States)
- Dhananath Fernando (Advocata Institute, Sri Lanka)
- Adriana Pineda (CEDICE Libertad, Venezuela)

Think Tank Shark Tank Judges:
- Fred Young (Independent Investor, United States)
- Heather Templeton Dill (John Templeton Foundation, United States)
- Roy Spencer (Conscious Capitalism, United States)

9:00 p.m. Screening of The Pursuit

Location: Broadway Ballroom Foyer (4th Floor)

Professional musician-turned-intrepid economist Arthur Brooks travels around the globe in search of an answer to his question: How can we lift up the world, starting with those at the margins of society? His journey takes him through the chaotic streets of Mumbai, a town in Kentucky left behind by the global economy, a homeless shelter in New York, a street protest in Barcelona, and a Himalayan Buddhist monastery. Along the way, he discovers the secrets not only to material progress for the least fortunate, but also true and lasting happiness for all.
Thursday, November 7, 2019

7:45–8:45 a.m.  **Board Member / CEO Breakfast**  
*Location: Balcony Room (2nd Floor)*  
Open to current heads of organizations and board members.

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8:00 a.m.  **General Conference Breakfast**  
*Location: Broadway Ballroom Foyer (4th Floor)*

9:00–9:30 a.m.  **Liggio Memorial Lecture by The Honorable Douglas H. Ginsburg**  
*Location: Broadway Ballroom (4th Floor)*  
Atlas Network annually honors the legacy of our late Executive Vice President Leonard Liggio with a special lecture by one of the liberty movement’s thought leaders. The 7th annual Liggio Lecture will be given by The Honorable Douglas H. Ginsburg on “The Rise and Fall and Rise of Regulation.”

9:45–10:30 a.m.  **Cornerstone Talks Round Two**  
*Location: Broadway Ballroom (4th Floor)*  
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**Facilitator:** Melissa Mann (Atlas Network, United States)  
**Speakers:**  
- Dan Pasko (Easy Business, Ukraine) on “Ukraine’s Frozen Treasure”  
- Kevin Falcon (Anthem Capital Corp, Canada) on “British Columbia’s Economic Revolution: How Cutting Taxes, Spending and Red Tape Really Worked!”  
- Sascha Tamm (Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Germany) on “Change Needs Trust. Freedom Needs Trust.”
10:45–11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

The Future of the Freedom Movement

Location: Times Square Ballroom AB (2nd Floor)

The freedom movement has changed in many ways since Sir Antony Fisher established Atlas Network in 1981, or even since the first Liberty Forum was convened in 2000. Looking ahead now to the 2020s, what are the biggest challenges and most exciting opportunities facing our movement? This session will surface provocative ideas to these questions from top leaders connected to Atlas Network.

Moderator: Brad Lips (Atlas Network, United States)

Speakers:
- Lenore Ealy (Charles Koch Institute, United States)
- Guillermo Peña (Fundación Eléutera, Honduras)
- Rainer Heufers (Center for Indonesian Policy Studies, Indonesia)

Ask the Funders

Location: Times Square Ballroom C (2nd Floor)

This session provides an opportunity to learn directly from those who invest in the worldwide freedom movement. No pitches allowed, but bring your questions to refine how you can successfully present your work to win support from top foundations!

Moderator: Chad Goote (Atlas Network, United States)

Speakers:
- Heather Rae Johnson (HRJ Consulting, Canada)
- Scott Barbee (Aegis Financial Corporation, United States)
- Montgomery Brown (Sarah Scaife Foundation, United States)

11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Book Signing: Capitalism: An Antidote Against Poverty by Antonella Marty and The Populist Scam by Gloria Álvarez

Location: Broadway Ballroom Foyer (4th Floor)

Meet Antonella Marty and Gloria Álvarez to obtain signed copies of their books! The books are available in Spanish.
12:15–2:00 p.m.  

*Location: Broadway Ballroom (4th Floor)*

Think tanks can play a critical role in achieving economic freedom and prosperity all over the world. In this way, they provide a compelling alternative to traditional development efforts that have disappointed to date. During this session, we’ll hear from think tank leaders, entrepreneurs, and a filmmaker about the latest examples of how “doing development differently” can change the lives of millions—even billions—of people around the world. With the support of the John Templeton Foundation, Atlas Network has documented the stories of real people whose lives have been improved thanks to the work of Atlas Network partners in Latin America, Asia, and Europe.

**Moderator:** Matt Warner (Atlas Network, United States)

**Speakers:**
- Charlie Fritschner (Thatch Films, United States)
- Bhakti Patil (Centre for Civil Society, India)
- Luis Loria (IDEAS, Costa Rica)
- Sixit Bhatta (tootle, Nepal)
- Deependra Chaulagain (Samriddhi Foundation, Nepal)

2:15–3:15 p.m.  
**Concurrent Sessions**

**Interviewing the Finalists for the 2019 Templeton Freedom Award**

*Location: Times Square Ballroom AB (2nd Floor)*

The Templeton Freedom Award annually honors Sir John Templeton’s legacy by identifying and recognizing the most exceptional and innovative contributions to the understanding of free enterprise, and the public policies that encourage prosperity, innovation and human fulfillment via free competition. Find out more about the six nominated projects with this year’s finalists. The winner of the $100,000 grand prize will be announced at Freedom Dinner.

**Moderator:** Casey Pifer (Atlas Network, United States)

**Speakers:**
- Attorney Erwin Tiamson (Foundation for Economic Freedom, Philippines)
- Patrick Mardini (Lebanese Institute for Market Studies, Lebanon)
- Leonard Gilroy (Reason Foundation, United States)
- Jim Vokal (Platte Institute, United States)
- Steven Anderson (Pacific Legal Foundation, United States)
- Bruce Vaillant Ntangibingura (Centre for Development and Enterprises-Great Lakes, Burundi)
2:15–3:15 p.m.  **Concurrent Sessions**

**Global Trade Collaboratory Part 1**  
*Location: Times Square Ballroom C (2nd Floor)*

The first Global Trade Collaboratory will take place at Liberty Forum 2019. On Thursday afternoon attendees can join trade experts and project grantees to fast-track solutions to project challenges, helping them develop new tactics that are rooted in the latest findings on trade’s economic benefits.

**Interviewer:** Matt Warner (Atlas Network, United States)

**Guests:**
- Dr. Tom G. Palmer (Atlas Network, United States)
- Pierre Lemieux (Mercatus Center)

**Discussants:**
- Aneetha Warusavitarana (Advocata Institute, Sri Lanka)
- Kumar Anand (Centre for Civil Society, India)
- Felippa Amanta (Center for Indonesian Policy Studies, Indonesia)
- Patrick Stephenson (IMANI, Ghana)

3:30–4:30 p.m.  **Concurrent Sessions**

**Winds of Change in Latin America**  
*Location: Times Square Ballroom AB (2nd Floor)*

Latin America is in the midst of tumultuous change: Bolivarian socialism has imploded in Venezuela, and winds of authoritarianism are blowing in some of the region’s largest countries—including Mexico, with AMLO’s Fourth Transformation, and more recently Argentina. Atlas Network’s Center for Latin America will bring together top experts on the region to discuss present challenges and future opportunities.

**Moderator:** Roberto Salinas León (Atlas Network’s Center for Latin America, Mexico)

**Speakers:**
- Ricardo López-Murphy (Former Minister of Defense and Minister of Finance, Argentina; Senior Fellow, Fundación de Investigaciones Económicas Latinoamericanas)
- Marcel Granier (CEDICE Libertad, Venezuela)
- Luis Fortuño (Centro para Renovación Económica Crecimiento y Excelencia, Puerto Rico)
3:30–4:30 p.m.  **Concurrent Sessions**

**Global Trade Collaboratory Part 2**

*Location: Times Square Ballroom C (2nd Floor)*

The first Global Trade Collaboratory will take place at Liberty Forum 2019. On Thursday afternoon, attendees can join trade experts and project grantees to fast-track solutions to project challenges, helping them develop new tactics that are rooted in the latest findings on trade’s economic benefits.

**Interviewer:** Matt Warner (Atlas Network, United States)

**Guests:**
- Dan Ikenson (Cato Institute, United States)
- Dr. Tom G. Palmer (Atlas Network, United States)

**Discussants:**
- Matthias Bauer (European Centre for International Political Economy, Belgium)
- Maria Fernanda Ballesteros (Mexico Evalua, Mexico)
- Peter St. Onge (Montreal Economic Institute, Canada)

5:45  p.m.  **Buses Depart for Atlas Club Reception at Intrepid**

*(for Atlas Club members only, our $1,000 and above giving level)*

6:00 p.m.  **Atlas Club Reception**

*(for Atlas Club members only, our $1,000 and above giving level)*

This year’s VIP reception will feature a meet-and-greet with our 2019 Templeton Freedom Award nominees.

6:15 p.m.  **Buses Depart for Freedom Dinner General Reception at Intrepid**

6:30 p.m.  **Freedom Dinner General Reception at Intrepid**

7:30 p.m.  **Freedom Dinner at Intrepid**

The freedom movement’s most inspiring event of the year takes place at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in Manhattan. Find out who will win the $100,000 Templeton Freedom Award and raise your glass in a special Toast to Freedom by the first recipient of the Sir Antony Fisher Achievement Award.

**Announcement of the 2019 Templeton Freedom Award Dinner:**
Heather Templeton Dill (John Templeton Foundation, United States)

**Toast to Freedom and Recipient of the 2019 Sir Antony Fisher Achievement Award:**
Lawrence J. Mone (Former President of Manhattan Institute, United States)