

International Conference on the *Wealth of Nations*

8-10 March 2026

Meiji University, Surugadai Campus

International Conference on the <i>Wealth of Nations</i> , 8-10 March 2026, Meiji University									
	Liberty Tower		8-Mar	Liberty Tower		9-Mar	Liberty Tower		10-Mar
	Room 1002	Room 1001		Room 1002	Room 1001		Room 1002	Room 1001	
9:50-10:00	Opening								
10:00-10:50	Keynote 1 : Tatsuya Sakamoto		10:00-10:50	Keynote 3: Takashi Yagi		10:00-10:50	Keynote 6: Mark Knell, Heinz D. Kurz		
10:50-11:00			10:50-11:00			10:50-11:00			
11:00-11:50	Slim Thabet	Ellis Scharfenaker	11:00-11:50	Kyosuke Misawa	Yasunori Fukaga	11:00-11:50	Shintaro Kurachi	Shigeki Tomo	
11:50-12:40	Vedit Inal	Mark Knell	11:50-12:40	G. F. Benzecry	Hiroyuki Furuya	11:50-12:40	Jo Ishii	Mogens Ove Madsen	
				Daniel J. Smith					
12:40-14:20	Lunch		12:40-14:20	Lunch		12:40-14:20	Lunch		
14:20-15:10	Satoshi Niimura	A.Y.Kaya,E.Özveren	14:20-15:10	Shinji Nohara	George Hong Jiang	14:20-15:10	M. Erdem Özgür	George Hong Jiang	
		M. E. Özgür			Jianbo Zhou		Eyüp Özveren	Bertram Schefold	
15:10-16:00	F. E. Guerra-Pujo	Alfred Felix Blanco	15:10-15:30			15:10-15:20			
			15:30-16:30	Keynote 4: Heinz D.Kurz		15:20-16:10	Present State of the <i>Wealth of Nations</i> Daniel J. Smith and G. F. Benzecry		
16:00-16:50	Clave Francis	Hiroki Ueno	16:30-16:40			16:10-16:20			
16:50-17:00			16:40-17:40	Keynote 5: Bertram Schefold		16:20-17:00	The <i>Wealth of Nations</i> : to move forward		
17:00-18:00	Keynote 2: Arild Sæther		17:40-18:00			17:00-17:30			
18:00-18:30			18:00-20:00	Dinner		17:30-19:30	Dinner		
18:30-20:00	Reception,23rd Floor, Liberty Tower			23rd Floor, Liberty Tower					

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Keynote 1

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Tatsuya Sakamoto (Emeritus Professor, Keio University)

Session 1

11:00-11:50

The History of Economic Thought before Adam Smith :

Elements of Political Economy in Iban Khaldun's Thought (Muqaddima)

Slim Thabet (University of Picardy Jules Verne, Amiens, France)

11:50-12:40

On the Continuity of the 'Invisible hand' Concept in Smith's Writing

Vedit Inal (Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey)

Session 2

11:00-11:50

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Ellis Scharfenaker (University of Utah)

11:50-12:40

Adam Smith and Increasing Returns: Reassessing the Foundations of Economic Growth

Mark Knell (Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education, Norway)

12:40-14:20 Lunch

Session 3

14:20-15:10

From natural Liberty to Multi-Principle Governance: Reassessing Adam Smith's Theory of Government in the Lectures on Jurisprudence and the Wealth of Nations

Satoshi Niimura (Okayama University, Japan)

15:10-16:00

Beyond Das Adam Smith Problem

F. E. Guerra-Pujol (University of Central Florida)

16:00-16:50

On the evolution of The Wealth of Nations' interpretations through time

Clave Francis (Paris Pantheon-Assas)

Session 4

14:20-15:10

A Certain Theoretical Implication of Smithian Economics in the Ottoman Empire: Better Without Than With Homo Economicus?

Alp Yücel Kayage University, Izmir, TURKEY)

Eyüp Özveren (Middle East Technical University, Ankara, TURKEY)

M. Erdem Özgür (Dokuz Eylül University, Izmir, TURKEY)

15:10-16:00

Adam Smith's Ideas and the May 1810 Revolution in Buenos Aires.

Viceroyalty of the Rio De La Plata

Alfredo Félix Blanco (Univ. Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina), (Univ. Adolfo Ibañez, Chile)

Franco Godino (Univ. Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina)

Melisa Janet Luc (Univ. Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina)

16:00-16:50

Adam Smith and Bentham on the Colonial Affairs

Ueno Hiroki (Keio University)

Keynote 2

17:00-18:00

Samuel Pufendorf, Adam Smith's Most Important Source

Arild Sæther (Agder Academy of Sciences and Letters, Kristiansand, Norway)

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Keynote 3

10:00-10:50

Adam Smith's Labour Theory of Value

Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

Session 5

11:00-11:50

Reconsidering the Labour Theory of Value in Adam Smith's the Wealth of Nations:

A Rhetorical Perspective

Kyosuke Misawa (University of Tokyo)

11:50-12:40

The Empirical World of Adam Smith

Gabriel Frank Benzecry(Northwood University.)

Daniel J. Smith (Middle Tennessee State University.)

12:40-14:20 **Lunch**

14:20-15:10

Adam Smith's Political Economy as public philosophy: Smith's critical stance on the market

Shinji Nohara (University of Tokyo)

Session 6

10:00-10:50

Smithian Wealth and Prosperity might have been turned over: John M'Farlan and William Playfair examined

Yasunori Fukagai (Yokohama National University)

10:50-12:40

Adam Smith on Commercial Treaties

Hiroyuki Furuya (Tokushima Bunri University)

12:40-14:20 **Lunch**

14:20-15:10

Adam Smith as a Precursor of the Historical Approach: A Comparison with the German Historical School

George Hong Jiang (Max Weber Institute of Sociology, University of Heidelberg, Germany)

Jianbo Zhou (Department of Economic History, Peking University, Germany)

Keynote 4

15:30-16:30

Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations at 250 and the Revenge of the Mercantilists

The "sneaking arts of underling tradesmen" once again "the political maxims for the conduct of a Great Empire"

Heinz D. Kurz (Graz Schumpeter Centre and Institute of Economics, University of Graz)

Keynote 5

16:40-17:40

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Bertram Schefold (Chair of Economic Theory, Goethe University Frankfurt)

18:00-20:00 Dinner

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Keynote 6

10:00-10:50

Adam Smith on the Role of Counterfactual reasoning in the Wealth of Nations

Mark Knell (Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education, Norway)

Heinz D. Kurz (Graz Schumpeter Centre and Institute of Economics, University of Graz)

Session 7

11:00-11:50

Adam Smith's Fiscal Thought and the Development of Public Finance and Fiscal Sociology in Japan

Shintaro Kurachi (Meiji University)

11:50-12:40

John Barton's economic thought in his early stage: his Criticism of Adam Smith and acceptance of

David Ricardo

Jou ISHII (Kanto Gakuin University, Japan)

12:40-14:20 Lunch

14:20-15:10

The Wealth of Nations as a Vast Repository for Adam Smith's Observations and Speculations of Contemporary Relevance

M. Erdem Özgür (Dokuz Eylül University, Izmir, TURKEY)

Eyüp Özveren (Middle East Technical University, Ankara, TURKEY)

Session 8

11:00-11:50

The Paradox of Profit in Adam Smith: Re-Examining Natural Price Equilibrium through Von Neumann's Model

Shigeki Tomo (Independent researcher)

11:50-12:40

Adam Smith's Method and Post-Keynesian Methodology: An Open-System Lineage

Mogens Ove Madsen (Head of the Board of Studies (Economics), Universitas Alburgensis)

12:40-14:20 Lunch

14:20-15:10

Reexploring Max Weber's Study on Confucianism: Interpretation, Justification and Reflection

George Hong Jiang(Max Weber Institute of Sociology, University of Heidelberg, Germany)

Bertram Schefold (Chair of Economic Theory, Goethe University Frankfurt)

15:20-16:10 **Present State of the *Wealth of Nations***

Quantifying Adam Smith's Legacy: Coverage in Economic Thought Textbooks

Daniel J. Smith (Middle Tennessee State University)

Gabriel F. Benzecry(Northwood University.)

16:20-17:20 **The *Wealth of Nations*: to move forward**

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18:00-20:00

Dinner