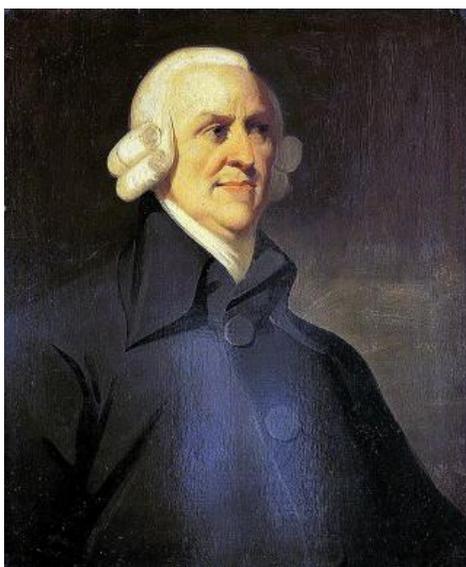


# International Conference on the *Wealth of Nations*

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8-10 March, 2026



Adam Smith (1723-1790)

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9:50-10:00	Opening: Makoto Onojima		9:50-10:00	WN and Japan: Hiroshi Kawamata		9:50-10:00	WN and Japan: T. Yagi, T.Yoshioka		
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## **8 March 2026**

**9:50-10:00 Opening Room 1012**

**Makoto Onojima (Dean of School of Political Science  
and Economics, Meiji University)**

**10:00-10:50 Keynote 1 Room 1012**

**Hiroshi Mizuta: An Intellectual Biography  
Tatsuya Sakamoto (Emeritus Professor, Keio University)**

**Session 1 Room 1012**

**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**

**From Natural Liberty to Multi-Principle Governance: Reassessing Adam Smith's  
Principles of Government in Lectures on Jurisprudence and The Wealth of Nations  
Satoshi Niimura (Okayama University, Japan)**

**Session 2 Room 1011**

**11:00-11:50**

**The Simple Graphics of the Classical and Marxian Theories of Value  
and Exploitation  
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 Room 1012**

**14:20-15:10**

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

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

**15:10-16:00**

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

**Vedit Inal (Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey)**

**16:00-16:50**

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

**Clave Francis (Paris Pantheon-Assas)**

**Session 4 Room 1011**

**14:20-15:10**

**Beyond Das Adam Smith Problem**

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

**Salim Rashid**

**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 Room 1012**

**17:10-18:10**

**Samuel Pufendorf, Adam Smith's Most Important Source**

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

**18:40-20:00 Reception Yashiro Hall, 23<sup>rd</sup> floor of Liberty Tower**

## **9 March 2026**

**9:50-10:10 Sepecial Session Room 1012**

**The Publication of the First Edition of The Wealth of Nations by Adam Smith**

**Hiroshi Kawamata (Nihon University College of Law)**

**10:10-11:00**

**Special Lecture Room 1012**

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

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

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

**Session 5 Room 1012**

**11:10-11:20**

**Reconsidering the Labour Theory of Value in Adam Smith's the Wealth of Nations: A Rhetorical Perspective**

**Kyosuke Misawa (University of Tokyo)**

**12:00-12:50**

**Adam Smith's Political Economy as public philosophy:**

**Smith's critical stance on the market**

**Shinji Nohara (University of Tokyo)**

**Session 6 Room 1011**

**11:10-12:00**

**Adam Smith on Commercial Treaties**

**Hiroyuki Furuya (Tokushima Bunri University)**

**12:00-12:50**

**The Empirical World of Adam Smith**

**Gabriel Frank Benzecry(Northwood University.)**

**Daniel J. Smith (Middle Tennessee State University.)**

**12:50-14:20 Lunch**

**Keynote 3 Room 1012**

**14:20-15:00**

**Adam Smith's Labour Theory of Value**

**Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)**

**15:00-15:10 Special Session Room 1012**

**Adam Smith's Library in Japan**

**Shinji Nohara (University of Tokyo)**

**Keynote 4 Room 1012**

**15:20-16:25**

**Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations at 250 and the Revenge of the Mercantilists or 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 Room 1011**

**16:40-17:45**

**Different Types of Capital Reversals: Theory and Evidence**

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

**18:10-20:00**

**Dinner, Kishimoto Hall, 23<sup>rd</sup> floor of Liberty Tower**

# 10 March 2026

## **Keynote 6 Room 1012**

**9:50-10:50**

**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 Room 1012**

**11:00-11:50**

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

**Yasunori Fukagai (Yokohama National 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**

## **Session 8 Room 1011**

**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**

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

**Shigeki Tomo (Independent researcher)**

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

**Plenary Session**

**14:20-15:10 Room 1012**

***The Wealth of Nations: Vast Repository***

**Adam Smith, Author of The Wealth of Nations:**

**Our Visionary yet Observant Contemporary**

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

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

**Sinan Caner Yamak, Waseda University Japan**

**15:20-16:10 Room 1012**

***The Wealth of Nations: Present State***

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

**Daniel J. Smith (Middle Tennessee State University)**

**Gabriel F. Benzecry (Northwood University)**

**16:30-17:40 Room 1012**

***The Wealth of Nations: Go Forward***

**Takashi Yagi**

**Heinz Kurz**

**Bertram Schefold**

**18:10-20:00**

**Dinner, Salon San, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Liberty Tower**

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| ③ Classroom   | ⑩ MEIJI UNIVERSITY Mental Health Clinic for Children and Adolescents |
| ④ Hidamari Plaza                                      | ⑪ International Student Office [2F]                                  |
| ⑤ Central Library [1F—B3F]                            | ⑫ International Lounge [2F]  |
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| ⑦ Portrait relief of the founders of Meiji University | Ⓑ Café Pensée  |
|   | Ⓒ Meidai Mart  |

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