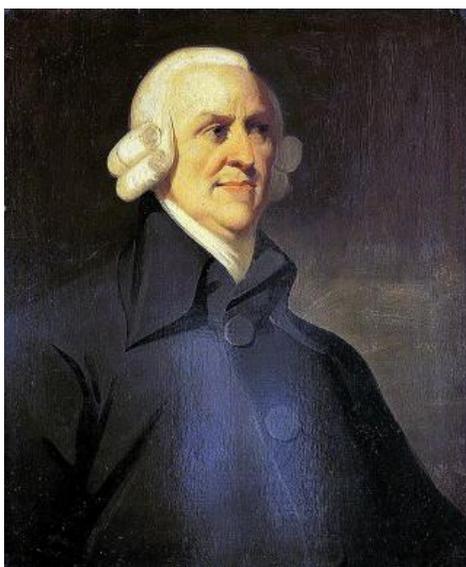


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9:50-10:00	Opening: Makoto Onojima		9:50-10:00	WN and Japan: Hiroshi Kawamata		9:50-10:00	WN and Japan: T. Yagi, T.Yoshioka	
10:00-10:50	Keynote 1 : Tatsuya Sakamoto		10:00-10:50	Special lecture: Bertram Schefold		10:00-10:50	Keynote 6: Mark Knell, Heinz D. Kurz	
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9:50-10:00 Opening Room 1011

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

10:00-10:50 Keynote 1 Room 1011

Hiroshi Mizuta: An Intellectual Biography

Tatsuya Sakamoto (Emeritus Professor, Keio University)

Chair: Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

Session 1 Room 1011

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)

Chair: Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

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)

Chair: Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

Session 2 Room 1012

11:00-11:50

The Simple Graphics of the Classical and Marxian Theories of Value and Exploitation

Ellis Scharfenaker (University of Utah)

Chair: Tsutomu Yoshioka (Aichi Gakuin University)

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)

Chair: Ellis Scharfenaker (University of Utah)

12:40-14:20 Lunch

Session 3 Room 1011

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)**

Chair: Tsutomu Yoshioka (Aichi Gakuin University)

15:10-16:00

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

Vedit Inal (Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey)

Chair: Hiroyuki Furuya (Tokushima Bunri University)

16:00-16:50

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

Clave Francis (Paris Pantheon-Assas)

Chair: Hiroyuki Furuya (Tokushima Bunri University)

Session 4 Room 1012

14:20-15:10

Beyond Das Adam Smith Problem

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

Salim Rashid

Chair: Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

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)

Chair: Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

16:00-16:50

Adam Smith and Bentham on the Colonial Affairs

Ueno Hiroki (Keio University)

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

Keynote 2 Room 1011

17:10-18:10

Samuel Pufendorf, Adam Smith's Most Important Source

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

Chair: Tatsuya Sakamoto (Keio University)

18:40-20:00 Reception Yashiro Hall, 23rd floor of Liberty Tower

9 March 2026

9:50-10:10 The Wealth of Nations and Japan Room 1011

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

Hiroshi Kawamata (Nihon University College of Law)

Chair: Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

10:10-11:00

Special Lecture Room 1011

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)

Chair: Kiichiro Yagi (Setsunan University, Kyoto University)

Session 5 Room 1011

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)

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

12:00-12:50

Adam Smith's Political Economy as public philosophy:

Smith's critical stance on the market

Shinji Nohara (University of Tokyo)

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

Session 6 Room 1011

11:10-12:00

Adam Smith on Commercial Treaties

Hiroyuki Furuya (Tokushima Bunri University)

Chair: Yukihiro Ikeda (Keio University)

12:00-12:50

The Empirical World of Adam Smith

Gabriel Frank Benzecry (Northwood University.)

Daniel J. Smith (Middle Tennessee State University.)

Chair: Yukihiro Ikeda (Keio 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)

Chair: Yuji Sato (Rikkyo University)

15:00-15:10 Special Session Room 1012

Adam Smith's Library in Japan

Shinji Nohara (University of Tokyo)

Chair: Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

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)

Chair: Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

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)

Chair: Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

18:10-20:00

Dinner, Kishimoto Hall, 23rd floor of Liberty Tower

10 March 2026

9:50-10:00 The Wealth of Nations and Japan

A Brief Guide to Researches on Adam Smith in Japan

Tsutomu Yoshioka (Aichi Gakuin University)

Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

Keynote 6 Room 1012

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)

Chair: Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

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)

Chair: Jun Omata

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)

Chair: Susumu Takenaga (Daito Bunka University)

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)

Chair: Bertram Schefold (Goethe University Frankfurt)

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)

Chair: Bertram Schefold (Goethe University Frankfurt)

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

Chair: Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

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)

Chair: Takashi Yagi (Meiji University)

16:30-17:40 Room 1012

The Wealth of Nations: Go Forward

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

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18:10-20:00

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- ② Dining Hall (Sky Lounge Akatsuki) [17F]
- ③ Classroom
- ④ Hidamari Plaza
- ⑤ Central Library [1F—B3F]
- ⑥ Liberty Academy
- ⑦ Portrait relief of the founders of Meiji University
- ⑧ Meiji University Museum / AKU YOU Memorial Museum [B1F]
- ⑨ Shikon Hall [1F]
- ⑩ MEIJI UNIVERSITY Mental Health Clinic for Children and Adolescents
- ⑪ International Student Office [2F]
- ⑫ International Lounge [2F]
- A Lounge Marronnier
- B Café Pensée
- C Meidai Mart

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