

International Conference on the *Wealth of Nations*

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 George Hong Jiang Bertram Schefold		11:00-11:50		Shintaro Kurachi Shigeki Tomo	
11:50-12:40		Satoshi Niimura Mark Knell		11:50-12:40		G. F. Benzecry Daniel J. Smith Hiroyuki Furuya		11:50-12:40		Jo Ishii Mogens Ove Madsen	
12:40-14:20		Lunch		12:40-14:20		Lunch		12:40-14:20		Lunch	
14:20-15:10		Vedit Inal Yasunori Fukagai		14:20-15:10		Shinji Nohara George Hong Jiang Jianbo Zhou		14:20-15:10		The <i>Wealth of Nations: Vast Repository</i> M.E.Özgül, E.Özveren, S.C.Yamak	
15:10-16:00		F. E. Guerra-Pujol Alfred Felix Blanco		15:10-15:30				15:10-15:20			
16:00-16:50		Clave Francis Hiroki Ueno		15:30-16:30		Keynote 4: Heinz D.Kurz		15:20-16:10		The <i>Wealth of Nations: Present State</i> Daniel J. Smith and G. F. Benzecry	
16:50-17:00				16:30-16:40				16:10-16:20			
17:00-18:00		Keynote 2: Arild Sæther		16:40-17:40		Keynote 5: Bertram Schefold		16:20-17:00		The <i>Wealth of Nations: to move forward</i>	
18:00-18:30				17:40-18:00				17:00-18:00			
18:30-20:00		Reception,23rd Floor, Liberty Tower		18:00-20:00		Dinner		18:00-20:00		Dinner	
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8 March 2026

10:00-10:50

Keynote 1

Hitoshi Mizuta: An Intellectual Biography

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

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)

Session 2

11:00-11:50

TBA

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

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

Vedit Inal (Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey)

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

Smithian Wealth and Prosperity might have been turned over: John

M'Farlan and William Playfair examined

Yasunori Fukagai (Yokohama National 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)

16:00-16:50

Adam Smith and Bentham on the Colonial Affairs

Ueno Hiroki (Keio University)

Keynote 2

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 23rd floor of Liberty Tower

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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

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)

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)

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

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

18:15-20:00 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

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 *The Wealth of Nations: Vast Repository*

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)

Sinan Caner Yamak, Waseda University Japan

15:20-16:10 *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)

16:30-17:20 *The Wealth of Nations: to move forward*

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18:00-20:00

Dinner