



ADVANCING LIBERTY, CREATING CHANGE

Institute for Humane Studies and Mercatus Center at George Mason University
CITY SYMPOSIUM

Friday, February 12, 2010

Hotel Nikko, San Francisco, CA

11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION**

12:00–1:45 p.m.
Lunch

Bankrupting America?

Trillions in new health care spending is adding to unprecedented government spending. What can be done to prevent the expected economic fallout?

Garett Jones, George Mason University

2:00–3:00 p.m.

Attend the session of your choice!

Milton Friedman, Ayn Rand, and the Future of Capitalism

The author of a major history of free-market thinkers in the 20th century considers whether two giants have an enduring legacy in our troubled times.

Brian Doherty, Reason

How to Rein in Government Spending

Government spending will dominate the politics of 2010. Budget analysts show how to turn outrage over deficits into actionable ideas for a new policy agenda.

Scott Pattison, National Association of State Budget Officers

Veronique de Rugy, Mercatus Center

3:15–4:15 p.m.

Freedom in the 50 States: How Does Your State Rank?

Freedom offers the best chance for leading states out of their current malaise. The first comprehensive ranking of state policies shows why.

Jason Sorens, Mercatus Center and University at Buffalo (SUNY)

William P. Ruger, Mercatus Center and Texas State University–San Marcos

4:15–5:00 p.m.

The New Government Watchdogs

Media not holding governments' feet to the fire? Free-market groups are stepping in with new tools of transparency to inform citizens and decisionmakers.

Jerry Brito, Mercatus Center

Steve Greenhut, Pacific Research Institute

5:00–6:00 p.m.

RECEPTION

