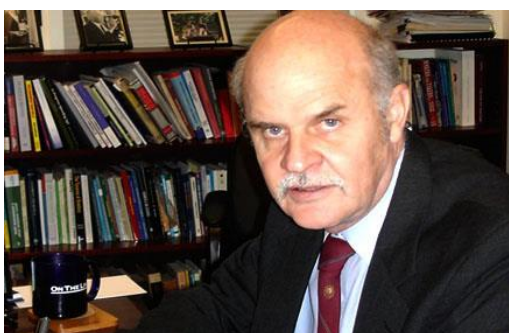


„Most of the leaders I've seen were neither born nor made. They were self-made.“
Peter Ferdinand Drucker

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Lecturers' biographies

Alejandro Antonio Chafuen, Atlas Economic Research Foundation (USA)



Alex served as President and CEO of Atlas from 1991-2009, and was elected to its Board in 2009. He is also the president and founder of the Hispanic American Center of Economic Research.

He is one of the world's leading commentators on the economic thought of Thomistic and Late-Scholastic thinkers. His book *Faith and Liberty: The Economic Thought of the Late Scholastics* – one of the best stand-alone studies of the economic thought of the Late Scholastics, informed by an intimate acquaintance with the relevant primary sources. Here we have a systematic, topical overview of the Late Scholastics' views on prices, wages, value theory, and a great many other economic issues. He is a frequent commentator on economics, security, and strategic threats in Latin America, as well as on the relationship between economics and ethics. As well as publishing articles in newspapers ranging from the *Wall St Journal* to *La Nacion*.

He also serves on the boards of the Chase Foundation, the Acton Institute, and the Fraser Institute. A graduate of the Argentina Catholic University, he was Associate Professor at the Argentine Catholic University, University of Buenos Aires, and The Hispanic American University, CA. He recently became a Trustee for Grove City College

Giedrius Kadziauskas, Lithuanian Free Market Institute



Giedrius Kadziauskas joined LFMI in 2003. Giedrius' fields of expertise are employment regulations, business deregulation, land market regulation, the legislative process, and EU law.

Giedrius holds an MA in law from Vilnius University and an LL.M. in international and European law from the Riga Graduate School of Law.

As a winner of the European Council's scholarship, Giedrius did an internship with the Human Rights Directorate of the European Council in Strasbourg from April until July 2005. He served as an OSCE observer of the national elections to the Russian Duma in December 2003.

Giedrius Kadziauskas is a co-author of the Lithuanian report for Freedom House's "Nations in Transit" (2005, 2006). Giedrius, together with the Centre for Ethnic Research under the Institute for Social Research and the Civil Initiative Centre, is a co-author of articles on protection of ethnic minorities.

At present Giedrius Kadziauskas serves on the board of the

Civil Initiative Centre.

Elena Leontjeva, Lithuanian Free Market Institute



In 1990 Elena Leontjeva, together with other five economists, founded the Lithuanian Free Market Institute, which at the time of its establishment was one of Lithuania's first private non-profit organizations. In 1993 she was elected president of LFMI and worked in this position until 2001. Her active involvement in establishing the securities market and the Stock Exchange, implementing banking reform and creating a currency board system won her recognition in official circles. In 1994 Elena became State Councillor on economic reform issues and served in this position throughout seven consecutive administrations. In 1998 and 1999 Elena Leontjeva was Economic Advisor to President Adamkus. Her input has been instrumental in tax, social security and institutional reforms, the latter known as Sunset and Sunrise. She published widely in the press. Elena resigned from the position of LFMI's president in 2001 to dedicate herself to fiction writing. At present she is chairperson of the LFMI's Board.

Remigijus Šimasius, Minister of Justice of Lithuania



From 2008 Remigijus Šimašius is Minister of Justice of Lithuania. From 1995 until 2008 he was a member of the team of the Lithuanian Free Market Institute: from 2006 until 2008 he was president of LFMI, since May 2004 he has lead the LFMI's analytical team as vice president, until then he worked as a legal expert and a senior policy analyst.

Remigijus received lawyer's qualifications at Vilnius University. He studied at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary and at the Mises Institute in Alabama. He did an internship with the Heritage Foundation in Washington D.C. In 2002 he was awarded a PhD from the Law University of Lithuania for a thesis on legal pluralism in which he combined, as in his other writings, economic, legal and sociological knowledge.

As an expert on the Austrian School and legal theory, he has gained recognition in Lithuania and overseas. He is a member of the Property and Freedom Society, uniting the most prominent intellectuals of the free market thought from around the globe.

Having profound knowledge of the operational principles of NGOs, Remigijus participated in creating the legal foundations for the non-governmental sector. From 1996 until 2004 he cooperated with the NGO Information and Support Centre, provided consultancy for NGOs and analysed their legal basis. Remigijus has published a book "Non-Governmental Organizations: Lithuanian Regulation and Western Experience" (1999). In 2006 a new book on non-governmental organizations of Remigijus was released. Owing to Remigijus' consistent efforts, a number of regulatory restrictions on non-governmental organizations have been lifted.

Garland T. McCoy, Technology Policy Institute, USA



Garland McCoy is the founder and chief development officer of the Technology Policy Institute. Previously, McCoy was senior vice president for development at The Progress & Freedom Foundation, vice president for development at the American Legislative Exchange Council, and legislative assistant for U.S. Representative Jim Jeffries of Kansas. During his time on Capitol Hill, he established the Congressional Space Caucus and managed the passage of a HRS honoring the 50th anniversary of Amelia Earhart's solo flight across the Atlantic. He served in the Reagan Administration White House, as staff assistant to the Secretary of the Army and as senior consultant to the Secretary of Education. During his service at the Pentagon and at the US Department of Education, he launched the successful "Troops to Teachers" program for transitioning military personnel.

Virginijus Kundrotas, ISM university of Management and Economics, Baltic Management Development Association



Virginijus Kundrotas is president of the Baltic Management Development Association (BMDA), Vice-president of the Central and East European Management Development Association (CEEMAN), European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) Committee member, International Advisor to Emerald Group Publishing Limited (UK), Member of the Editorial Board of the Baltic Journal of Management, and Chairman of the International Experts Commission on the evaluation of study programs in economics and business administration at Latvian universities and institutions of higher education.

Dr Kundrotas was a founding President of ISM University of Management and Economics, Lithuania, the first private university in the country, from 1999 till July 2008. He developed this institution from a Business Training Centre, where he was a Founding Managing Director from 1995 till 1999. Now he supervises student PhD dissertation writing. Participates in doctoral theses defence. Teaches Strategic Management to Master of Management students.

Dr Kundrotas has written 17 scientific publications and reports, published nationally and internationally, and is the author of the textbook Business ethics (1999, 2002 and 2006).

His area of academic interest is Business Ethics and Leadership. His research over the past five years has focused on the integration theory and practical experiences for executive education and training in the field of Business Administration and Management, as well as on contemporary managers' needs for training in Lithuania.



Rūta Vainienė, Lithuanian Free Market Institute

From 2008 Rūta Vainienė is president of the Lithuanian Free Market Institute. She has worked at LFMI since its inception in 1990. From 1999 until May 2004 Rūta led LFMI's research team. Ms. Vainienė has provided a marked input to developing conceptual frameworks for monetary, banking, tax and deregulation reforms. She was a member of governmental task forces preparing a legal and institutional basis for the securities market, commercial banking, and the monetary system.

In the autumn of 2005 she began to lecture at Mykolas Romeris University. Since January 2006, Rūta Vainienė is F. M Sands Fellow in Political Economy at the Centre for Global Economic Growth of Freedomworks Foundation. Since 2009 R. Vainienė participates in the Sunset and the Sunset Commissions. Rūta Vainienė holds a diploma in economics from Vilnius University.

Martin Chren, F.A.Hayek Foundation, Ministry of Economy and Construction (Slovakia)



Martin Chren is the State Secretary at the Ministry of Economy of Slovakia. He is former director of the F.A. Hayek Foundation, the largest and the most active NGO in Slovakia. Earlier Mr. Chren participated in the work group of the Ministry of Social and Labor affairs in charge of creating the project for pension reform. In addition Mr. Chren has worked as a journalist and chaired the Taxpayers association. Mr. Chren is actively involved with Civic society. He has education in the field of economics.

Tim Evans, Libertarian Alliance, The Cobden Centre, The Adam Smith Institute (UK)



Dr. Tim Evans is President of the Libertarian Alliance, Chief Executive of the Cobden Centre, a Consultant Director with the Adam Smith Institute and Chairman of the Economic Policy Centre. A former President and Director General of the Centre for the New Europe (2002-2005) in Brussels, between 1993 and early 2002, he was the Executive Director of Public Affairs at the Independent Healthcare Association in London where he oversaw the political affairs and public relations of the UK's independent health and social care sector. In this role he was widely credited as being the major driving force behind the '2000 Concordat' which was described by the Financial Times as the most "historic deal in 50 years of British healthcare". Prior to that, in 1991, he was the Head of the Slovak Prime Minister's Policy Unit in Bratislava where he worked alongside Dr. Jan Carnogursky. In the late 1980s he was the Assistant

Director of the Foundation for Defence Studies. In 1993, he was awarded his PhD from the London School of Economics.

Edita Maslauskaitė, Lithuanian Free Market Institute



Edita Maslauskaitė joined LFMI in 1999. In May 2006 she was appointed vice president to head LFMI's fundraising and administration. Since 2002 she has served as development officer. Until then she worked as public relations officer and administrator.

Edita Maslauskaitė is responsible for developing and maintaining contacts with LFMI's supporters and the business community. She is also responsible for the Institute's administrative affairs.

Edita holds an MA in business administration from Vilnius Gediminas Technical University. In 2004 she did an internship with the Centre for New Europe, a leading free-market think-tank in Brussels.

Marius Vaupšas, Public Relations and Communications Company "Lukrecija BBDO"



Marius Vaupšas is owner of company, which develops marketing communication strategies, branding, strategic planning and provides crisis management services.

One of his fields is consulting for developing communication strategies for these political parties and representatives: Presidential election of 1997 (V. Adamkus), Lithuanian Seimas election of 2000 (Liberal Union), Municipal Election of 2002 (Liberal Union), Presidential election of 2004 (V. Adamkus), The European Parliament election of 2004 (Liberal and Centre Union), Lithuanian Seimas election of 2004 (Liberal and Centre Union).