



# **IUF Reform Summit**

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## **Berlin 2006**

### **PROGRAMME**

**An Institute for Free Enterprise Conference**

**TAX REFORM  
PENSION REFORM  
HEALTH CARE REFORM  
LABOUR MARKET**

Germany's free market think tank, the Institute for Free Enterprise (IUF) invites you to attend the IUF Reform Summit in Berlin.

International experts will present free market alternatives to Germany's statist policies.

Four areas of public policy, crucial to future German economic performance, will be the focus of the Summit: taxation, labour law, pensions and health care.

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## PROGRAMME

- 8.30 - 9.15     Registration, light breakfast and coffee
- 9.15 - 9.20     Introductory remarks  
Wolfgang MÜLLER, Executive Director, Institute for Free Enterprise
- 9.20 - 10.00    Opening speeches  
Healing the sick man of Europe  
Prof. Dr. Erich WEEDE, Institute for Sociology, University of Bonn, Institute for Free Enterprise, Academic Adviser
- Ten Key Strategic Lessons for Reform from the Thatcher Era  
John BLUNDELL, Institute of Economic Affairs, London

## SESSION I - TAX REFORM

- Chair: Dr. Susanne Maria SCHMIDT, Managing Director, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)
- 10.00 - 10.20   Stability of the German federal state  
Prof. Dr. Charles B. BLANKART, Humboldt University Berlin
- 10.20 - 10.40   Taxes and entrepreneurial freedom to invest  
Prof. Dr. Manfred ROSE, University of Heidelberg
- 10.40 - 11.00   Refreshments
- 11.00 - 11.20   Flat taxes as growth engine  
Ondrej SOCUVKA, Advisor to the Slovak Prime Minister
- 11.20 - 11.40   More money – less taxes. Social justice with degressive taxes  
Branko BALABAN, Head, Finance Administration, Canton Obwalden
- 11.40 - 12.00   Debate and Discussion
- 12.00 - 12.20   Refreshments
- 12.20            Regaining the commanding heights – Gazprom, Rosneft and Russia's relationship to the market  
Dr. Andrei ILLARIONOV, Former Chief Economic Advisor to the Russian President – President, Institute of Economic Analysis, Moscow
- 13.00 - 13.20   Debate and Discussion
- 13.20            Press Conference
- 13.20 - 14.20   Lunch
- 14.00 - 14.10   Luncheon Address – Market & Morality  
Robert NEF Director, Liberales Institut, Zurich

## **SESSION II – PENSION REFORM**

Chair: Henning KRUMREY, *Editor in Chief, Parliamentary Office Focus Magazin*

- 14.20 - 14.40 Success stories from private pension markets  
Ian VASQUEZ, *Director, Project on Global Economic Liberty, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.*
- 14.40 - 15.00 Pension reform – lessons from abroad  
Edward PALMER, *Head of Research, Swedish Social Insurance Agency*
- 15.00 - 15.20 Pension Reform – facing the challenge  
Prof. Dr. Norbert WALTER, *Chief Economist Deutsche Bank Group, Managing Director Deutsche Bank Research / Economics, Frankfurt*
- 15.20 - 15.40 Debate and Discussion
- 15.40 - 16.00 Refreshments

## **SESSION III – HEALTH CARE REFORM**

Chair: Dr. Karen HORN, *Economic Editor, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Frankfurt*

- 16.00 - 16.20 Towards a private market in health care  
Dr. Wilfried PREWO, *Chief Executive, Hannover Chamber of Industry and Commerce*
- 16.20 - 16.40 Getting the incentives right in health care  
Prof. Dr. Peter ZWEIFEL, *University of Zurich*
- 16.40 - 17.00 Economic growth or intensifying Leninist structures in the health system?  
Carlos A. GEBAUER, *Lawyer & Author, Visiting Professor, Europa Fachhochschule Fresenius, Cologne*
- 17.00 - 17.20 Debate and Discussion

## **SESSION IV – LABOUR MARKET**

Chair: Dr. Hildegard STAUSBERG, *Diplomatic Correspondent, Die Welt*

- 17.20 - 17.40 Returning to Growth by Making the Low-wage Sector Work  
Dr. Hilmar SCHNEIDER, *Director of Labour Policy, Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA), Bonn*
- 17.40 - 18.00 Removing obstacles for labour – bringing people back into work  
Jason A. TURNER, *Visiting Fellow in Welfare Policy, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.*
- 18.00 - 18.20 Debate and Discussion
- 18.20 - 18.30 Concluding Remarks  
Dr. Oliver KNIPPING, *President, Institute for Free Enterprise*
- 18.30 End of Conference

## POST CONFERENCE EVENT

19.30 Experts' Dinner – meet the reformers  
*Reservation required*

Erich Weede, John Blundell, Beat Blankart, Manfred Rose, Ondrej Socuvka, Branko Balaban, Jason A. Turner, Hilmar Schneider, Ian Vásquez, Edward Palmer, Norbert Walter, Wilfried Prewo, Peter Zweifel, Carlos A. Gebauer, Robert Nef

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