



## ABOUT

### The Atlas Economic Research Foundation

Founded in 1981 by the late Sir Antony Fisher, Atlas is a US-based non-profit organization which develops and supports intellectual entrepreneurs worldwide with a shared vision of achieving a society of free and responsible individuals based on property rights, limited government under the rule of law and the market order.

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### The Nassau Institute

Known originally as the Institute For Economic Freedom, the Nassau Institute was founded in 1995 as an independent, non-political and non-profit organization that seeks to broaden the parameters of public policy debate. The Institute seeks to advance economic growth and political liberty in a society governed by the rule of law.

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### The Conference

The world has changed dramatically. Free markets are in the ascendancy. Technology and globalisation are changing the way we live and work. How should we respond? Can we compete? Is there a relationship between political and economic freedom? What can we learn from recent reforms adopted in other countries? This conference offers a unique opportunity to hear scholars and top executives from the Bahamas and around the world address these questions and more.

# THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE and THE NEED for REFORM

Saturday, April 3, 2004  
8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Wyndham Nassau Resort, Cable Beach

**8:30 am Registration**

**9:00 am Welcome Remarks**

Dr. Alex Chafuen, president, the Atlas Economic Research Foundation  
Joan Thompson, president, the Nassau Institute

**9:30 to 11:15 am The Bahamas & Free Trade**

Rafael Barraza, former president, El Salvador Central Bank  
Roberto Brenes, Fundación Libertad Panamá  
Hillary Deveaux, acting director, Bahamas Securities Commission  
Robert Witajewski, chief of mission, U.S. Embassy, Nassau  
Moderator: Felix Stubbs, general manager, IBM Bahamas

**11:15 to 11:30 am Coffee Break**

**11:30 am to 12:30 pm Economic Development & Globalisation**

James Gwartney, professor of economics, Florida State University  
Julian Francis, governor, the Central Bank of The Bahamas  
Moderator: Philip Simon, executive director, Bahamas Chamber of Commerce

**12:30 to 2:00 pm Lunch**

**During Lunch**

**Successful Economic Reforms: The Case of New Zealand**  
Keynote speaker: **Maurice McTigue, visiting scholar at Mercatus Center and former New Zealand Minister of Finance**

**Presentation of The Nassau Institute Freedom Award**

**2:15 to 3:30 pm**

**Healthcare Reform in The Bahamas**

Michael Walker, president, the Fraser Institute, Vancouver  
John Goodman, president, National Centre for Policy Analysis, Dallas  
Sir William Allen, former Bahamas Minister of Finance  
Moderator: Felix Stubbs, general manager, IBM Bahamas

**3:30 to 3:45 pm Coffee Break**

**3:45 to 5:00 pm**

**When Castro is Gone: Can The Bahamas Compete?**

Alberto Martinez Piedra, Institute for World Politics  
Marc Wachtenheim, Pan American Development Foundation  
Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Bahamas director-general of tourism  
Moderator: Manuel Cutillas, director and former chairman of the Bacardi Corporation



**A fee of \$125 includes all conference sessions, coffee breaks and luncheon. The conference is limited to a maximum of 100 attendees so please register early to guarantee your place at the conference.**

## Registration Information

Registration deadline is March 22. Please respond, with your cheque, to:  
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To be honest, I never benefit from any other international meeting as much as I do from each Atlas meeting. Among the reasons must be that: All participants have a common ground, they share basic values and aims. Thus one feels at home in Atlas meetings. My dear friends from each part of the world, fighting for a more free world. I do not need a word, seeing their faces fulfills me and refreshes my 'batteries' for new efforts."

*Atilla Yayla*  
*Association for Liberal Thinking (Turkey)*

Liberty has never come from the government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of government. The history of liberty is the history of resistance. The history of liberty is a history of the limitation of governmental power, not the increase of it.

*Woodrow Wilson*  
*President of the United States*

Liberty is not a means to a higher political end. It is itself the highest political end.

*Lord Acton*



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the Atlas Economic Research Foundation  
invite you to a special presentation



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