



INDEPENDENT SEMINAR ON THE OPEN SOCIETY
HIGHLANDS SCHOOL – MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2019

TIMETABLE

10.20 – 10.30	Introductions and welcomes
10.30 -11.00	Daniel Pryor - <i>The Economics of Immigration</i>
11.00- 11.30	Sophie Jarvis – <i>Why Entrepreneurship Matters</i>
11.30 – 12.00	Break
12.00 – 12.30	Matthew Lesh – <i>Why Everything Is Awesome</i>
12.30 – 1.00	Matt Kilcoyne – <i>What Languages Can Teach Us About Economics</i>
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch
2.00 – 2.30	Dr. Eamonn Butler – <i>How Politics Ruins Economics</i>
2.30 – 3.00	Careers and Internships Session
3.00	Finish

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

DANIEL PRYOR:

Daniel Pryor is Head of Programmes at the Adam Smith Institute. He is responsible for organizing the ASI's events, running the Institute's education programmes, and managing donor relations.

His research interests include immigration, drug law reform, sex policy, and lifestyle freedom. After graduating from Durham University with a degree in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, he worked in Washington, D.C. as Media Relations Associate for Students For Liberty through the Koch Associate Program.

He has written for outlets such as The Telegraph, The Guardian, The Times, CapX, The Washington Examiner, Spiked, and CityMetric. He has made appearances on Sky News, BBC News, Al-Jazeera TV, LBC, TalkRadio, and BBC Radio 4.

In his spare time, he enjoys playing guitar, motorsports, gaming, hiking, and saving the reputation of his home county — Essex.

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SOPHIE JARVIS:

Sophie Jarvis is the Head of Public Affairs at the Adam Smith Institute. She is responsible for liaising with MPs and other political figures across Westminster. She also works closely with Matt in the Comms team. Sophie has written for City AM, the Telegraph, the Spectator, and has appeared on Sky, the BBC, and talkRADIO. You'll also catch her reviewing the papers at least once a week on Sky, the BBC or talkRADIO!

Prior to her position at the Adam Smith Institute, Sophie worked at Lloyd's of London as a trainee underwriter. She studied Classics at the University of Bristol, specialising in female courtesans in 5th Century Athens.

Sophie enjoys drinking tea in the morning sun, rosé in the afternoon sun, and reading about political history. She also co-directed Political City with the ASI's Head of Comms Matt Kilcoyne.

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MATTHEW LESH:

Matthew Lesh is the Head of Research at the Adam Smith Institute. He regularly appears on television and radio, and written dozens of opinion and feature pieces for print and online publications such as The Spectator, Huffington Post, CapX, BrexitCentral, Quillette, ABC, Sydney Morning Herald and The Australian.

He is also the author of *Democracy in a Divided Australia* (2018). Matthew graduated with First Class Honours from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Arts (Degree with Honours) and completed a Masters in Public Policy and Administration at the London School of Economics where he received the Peter Self Prize for Best Overall Result.

Before joining the ASI, Matthew was a Research Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs (Australia). He has also worked for Australia politicians, in digital communications, and founded a mobile application development start-up.

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MATT KILCOYNE:

Matt Kilcoyne is Head of Communications at the Adam Smith Institute. After reading Politics, Philosophy and Economics at the University of York, Matt moved to Cardiff as part of the Welsh Financial Services graduate scheme. While working for trade and political risk insurer Atradius he simultaneously studied for an MSc in Financial Services Management.

Matt moved to work in the City of London as an underwriter in 2014 before he joined the Government of Catalonia where he was a trade and investment adviser. He was a Co-director of Political City. His research interests are in trade, Brexit and financial services regulation.

In his personal life Matt is obsessed with promoting/mostly eating British food.

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DR. EAMONN BUTLER:

Dr Eamonn Butler is Director of the Adam Smith Institute, rated one of the world's leading policy think-tanks. He has degrees in economics, philosophy and psychology, gaining a PhD from the University of St Andrews in 1978.

During the 1970s he worked on pensions and welfare issues for the US House of Representatives, and taught philosophy in Hillsdale College, Michigan, before returning to the UK to help found the Adam Smith Institute.

Eamonn is author of books on the pioneering economists Milton Friedman, F A Hayek, Ludwig von Mises and Adam Smith, and co-author of *Forty Centuries of Wage and Price Controls* and books on intelligence testing.

He contributes to the leading UK print and broadcast media on current issues, and his recent popular publications *The Best Book on the Market*, *The Rotten State of Britain* and *The Alternative Manifesto* have attracted considerable attention.

He has also contributed articles to national magazines and newspapers on subjects ranging from health policy, economic management, taxation and public spending, transport, pensions, and welfare.

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