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Speakers



Martin Ågerup

President, CEPOS

Martin Ågerup is president of CEPOS, a free market think tank located in Copenhagen, Denmark, which he cofounded in 2004.

He has a B.Sc. in Economics and Economic History from the University of Bristol, UK, and an MA in European Economics from the University of Exeter, UK.

He is a former research fellow at the Copenhagen institute for Futures Studies aiding the decision-making process in both public and private organizations by creating awareness of the future and highlighting its importance to the present.

Martin has also worked as a management consultant specializing in business development and strategy for government and corporate clients and ran his own small start-up management consultancy. During those years he took part in more than 100 events a year as a professional speaker. Martin is former chairman of Addition, an IT consulting business providing web solutions and a former member of the Executive Committee of the Danish European Movement.

He has written four books and contributed to numerous anthologies. Martin has been a columnist for several Danish nation newspapers and currently blogs for Jyllands-Posten. He has appeared in both Danish and international media, including Bloomberg, Wall Street Journal and CNN.



Matthias Bauer

Senior Economist, ECIPE

His areas of research include international trade, the economics of digital markets and the digital economy, European Single Market integration, European fiscal affairs and capital market policy.

Matthias studied business administration at the University of Hull, UK, and economics at the Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany. He received his Ph.D. degree after joining the Bundesbank graduate programme on the 'Foundations of Global Financial Markets and Financial Stability'.

Before joining ECIPE, Matthias was the Coordinator of International Political Economy at the international cooperation division of Konrad

Adenauer Foundation, Berlin. Previously, Matthias held positions at DekaBank, UBS, Mercedes-Benz China, and worked as a start-up and business development consultant.



Mikael Bonde-Nielsen

Director of Economic Affairs, Coca-Cola Public Policy Center, EMEA.

Worked for Coca-Cola since 2004. +25 years business experience in FMCG, Telecom, IT, Financial Services and Health Care. Specialized in Government Relations, Policy Analysis and Fiscal Affairs.

M.Sc. at University of Aarhus. Assistant and Associated Professor at University of Copenhagen 1995-2012 (Department of Economics and Department of Political Science). Lectured in Public Choice, Formal Theory and Modeling, Fiscal Policy Making and Labor Market Policy.



Christopher Butler

Executive Director, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR)

Christopher Butler is Executive Director of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), where he manages all of the organization's day-to-day activities, and sets priorities and policy positions for ATR and its affiliated groups. Founded in 1985 by its President Grover Norquist, ATR has grown far beyond its original marquee project, the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. Today, ATR is a broad, influential free-market activist organization operating in a dozen issue areas at the state, federal, and—increasingly—international level to promote free and open markets and economic liberty.

In cooperation with Lorenzo Montanari, Mr. Butler directs the Property Rights Alliance, which is well known for its annual International Property Rights Index and coalition work on behalf of intellectual property rights. Mr. Butler additionally directs ATR's other international work, including the Taxpayer Leaders Forum and the Coalition Leaders Forum which promote the establishment of advocacy organizations and formal coalitions across the globe.

Mr. Butler for the past several years has played a key role in organizational outreach to European Parliamentary groups. He has trained activists in communications, fundraising, and political organizing in Ukraine, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, France, New Zealand, Ireland, Belgium, Malaysia and elsewhere around the globe. Through his roles with ATR and affiliated groups, he has helped to launch activist organizations in Ukraine, Kuala Lumpur, Ireland, India, and Argentina.

Mr. Butler also oversees other special projects of ATR including the Center for Worker Freedom, which promotes free labor markets; Digital



Liberty, which promotes freedom in electronic media; and American Shareholders, which argues for the fiduciary interests of shareholders in corporate decision-making.

Mr. Butler has appeared in national media outlets such as FOX News, NPR, Newsday, the Wall Street Journal and the Washington Post. His background prior to his leadership at ATR was in communications and public relations and his work has included roles with parties, campaigns, and polling.

Mr. Butler is on the Board of Directors of the World Taxpayers Associations, which connects taxpayer protection groups from over 60 countries in order to share best practices and to create opportunities for collaboration.



Christian Ekström

CEO, Swedish Taxpayers Association

Christian Ekström is the CEO of the Swedish Taxpayers association since 2016. He has a background in politics, communications and lobbying.

The Swedish Taxpayers Association is an organization founded in 1921 that advocates low taxes and efficiency in the public sector.



Harry Fone

Grassroots Campaign Manager, The TaxPayers' Alliance UK

Harry is in charge of developing the TPA's grassroots network to apply pressure on the government and local authorities across the country. He enjoys meeting supporters and canvassing across the country.

Harry previously worked as the Nominating Officer and South East Region Coordinator for the Libertarian Party. He helped to grow the size and presence of the party through social media and door-to-door campaigning. In the 2017 general election he managed the campaign for all party candidates and was responsible for media output.

Harry attended Bristol University where he studied Computer Science before ending his course after the first year to set up an IT business. He enjoys restoring classic BMW 7 Series and watching Test Match cricket.



Scott A. Hodge

President, Tax Foundation

Scott A. Hodge is president of the Tax Foundation in Washington, D.C., one of the most influential organizations on tax policy in Washington and in state capitals. During his 17 years leading the Tax Foundation, he has built the Tax Foundation's Taxes and Growth (TAG) Dynamic Modeling program which has normalized dynamic scoring as an accepted tool for analyzing tax policy. He also spearheaded the creation of the Tax Foundation's Center for State Tax Policy and the State Business Tax Climate Index, two programs that have spurred tax reform in dozens of states.

Hodge has appeared on over 600 radio and television programs—including NBC Nightly News, CBS Nightly News, CNN, Fox Network, Fox Business, and CNBC—and is frequently quoted in the print press by *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and numerous regional papers. He has edited three books on federal spending, published over 100 studies on a wide range of tax and budget issues, and authored dozens of op-eds for publications such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and the *New York Post*.



Michael Jäger

Secretary General, Taxpayers Association of Europe (TAE) since 1996

In 2011 becomes Chief Executive Manager (CEO) of the European Economic Senate, the network of leading corporates in Europe. Michael Jaeger is working for the Bavarian Taxpayers Association since 1991 and since October 2015 as its Vice-President.

He is an entrepreneur and consultant operating as a watchdog of taxpayers and fighting for less taxation, more individual freedom and free market economy.

Author of many publications, articles, statements and lectures in matters pertaining to taxation, public spending, agricultural and structural reforms, funds, deregulation, privatization and institutional reforms.



Troy Lanigan

President, Canadian Taxpayers Federation and Chair, World Taxpayers Associations

Troy Lanigan was appointed president and CEO of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation January 1, 2009, after serving the organization in various capacities since 1992 including British Columbia spokesperson from 1993-1999.

Prior to the CTF, Troy worked for an educational foundation in the



United States and experimented with – but never inhaled – partisan politics on both sides of the border.

To earn his degree in economics from the University of Victoria Troy spent summers working at the Kokanee beer plant in his home town of Creston, BC. When he wasn't on the bottle line he could be heard in the lunchroom arguing politics with his father who headed the union.

As organization president he has stepped back from media commentary but still writes and speaks at conferences at home and abroad. Troy is author of the 2015 released [Fighting for Taxpayers: Battles Fought and Battles Ahead](#) a book that chronicles campaigns led by the CTF over its 25 year history and highlights the public policy issues that will matter most to taxpayers going forward.

Since 2009 Troy has served on the board of the Stockholm Sweden-based [World Taxpayers Associations](#). In March 2016 Troy was elected Chairman of WTA for a three-year term by WTA members at the World Taxpayers Conference hosted in Berlin, Germany.

Troy enjoys travel, attempting to golf, [playing guitar](#) and participating in various athletic endeavours. Troy has completed six marathons and is a two-time finisher of Ironman Canada but more recently has taken up Crossfit as his current addiction. He and his wife Erika make their home in Victoria, they have four children.



Christopher Lingle

Professor of Economics, Universidad Francisco Marroquin

Christopher LINGLE earned a doctorate in economics from the University of Georgia in 1977. Since then, he has been employed at universities in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and USA.

He is a passionate supporter of human creativity and volunteer actions that lead to social harmony. To this end, he travels relentlessly to anywhere in the globe to engage in discussions on the merits of institutions and public policy with respect to their impact on human liberty and personal dignity.

Currently, he is Visiting Professor of Economics in the Escuela de Negocios at Universidad Francisco Marroquín in Guatemala (since 1998), Adjunct Scholar at the Centre for Independent Studies (Sydney), Research Scholar at the Centre for Civil Society (New Delhi), International Political Economic Advisor for the Asian Institute for Diplomacy and International Affairs (AIDIA – Kathmandu) and Member of the Academic Advisory Council of the Globalization Institute (Brussels).

Previous academic positions include: Visiting Fellow in the Department of Management of City University in Hong Kong (February to March 2010); Visiting Professor at Institute of International Studies,



Ramkhamhaeng University in Bangkok (2008 to 2009); Adjunct Professor of Economics, Georgetown University (July 2004); Visiting Associate Professor of Economics, Case Western Reserve University (1996 to 1998); Visiting Scholar—Emory University & Adjunct Professor of Economics—Georgia State University (January 1995 to August 1996); Senior Fellow, European Studies Program, National University of Singapore (September 1993 to November 1994); Associate Professor of Economics, Loyola University (New Orleans); Associate Professor of Economics, Miami University, European Center, Luxembourg and Oxford, Ohio (1981 to 1984 and 1989 to 1991), Adjunct Professor, *Departement de Droit et des Sciences économiques, Centre Universitaire de Luxembourg* (1989-91); Visiting Foreign Expert in Economics, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (February to May 1987); Lecturer and Senior Lecturer—University of Natal, South Africa (1984-90); Assistant Professor of Economics, Auburn University (1978); Assistant Professor of Economics, West Georgia College (1977).

Dr. LINGLE's research interests are in the areas of Political Economy and International Economics with a focus on emerging market economies and public policy reform in East and Central Europe, East Asia, Latin America, and Southern Africa. His work has appeared as chapters in books, the international media, and scholarly journals, including the American Economic Review, Foreign Affairs, Journal for Studies in Economics and Econometrics, Kyklos, and Pacific Review.

His book on the political economy of Singapore's development was entitled, *Singapore's Authoritarian Capitalism: Asian Values, Free Market Illusions, and Political Dependency* (1996). He is widely credited with anticipating the turmoil in the East Asian economies that began in 1997 (*The Rise and Decline of the 'Asian Century': False Starts on the Road to the 'Global Millennium'*, May 1997).



Kyle Pomerleau

Director of The Center for Quantitative Analysis, Tax Foundation

Kyle Pomerleau is Economist and Director, Center for Quantitative Analysis at the Tax Foundation. In his current position he leads the tax modeling team, oversees the center's research, and researches and writes on a variety of federal tax issues. His work has been cited in most major media outlets throughout the country. Kyle is originally from Maine and holds an MPP from the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University. He lives in Arlington, Virginia with his lovely wife, Shuting.

Catherine Schultz

Vice President for Tax Policy, National Foreign Trade Council, U.S.

Catherine Schultz is the Vice President for Tax Policy at the National Foreign Trade Council. Her responsibilities include international tax



policy including legislative, regulatory, non-U.S. tax policy, administration, and tax treaty activity.

Prior to joining the NFTC, she was a Principal at Capital Strategies Group, LLC, where she represented client interests on pending tax legislation and served as a legislative advocate on international taxation, research and development, depreciation and capital gains. Ms. Schultz participates in the OECD Technical Advisory Group on the taxation of cross-border services under the VAT, and is a member of the International Fiscal Association. She is on the faculty of the Practising Law Institute's Basics of International Taxation program.



Christiana Stewart-Lockhart

Chief Executive, EPICENTER

Christiana Stewart-Lockhart is Director of Programmes at the Institute of Economic Affairs, where she oversees all educational and international outreach. She is also Founder and Chief Executive of [EPICENTER](#), a Brussels based network of free market think tanks (including the IEA) from across Europe. Prior to joining the IEA in 2012, Christiana worked as the Events Manager at a foreign policy think tank and Development Manager at a campaign organisation. In addition, she has worked to establish an extensive student network across the UK. She has a BA in Politics from the University of York, where she was Vice Chair of the student Freedom Society.



Anders Ydstedt

Advisor at Scantech Strategy Advisors to major Swedish industry and business organizations.

He is also an entrepreneur, author and chairman of [Svensk Tidsskrift](#), a weekly journal of politics, economics and culture, founded in 1911.

Ydstedt has previously written books about taxation, the importance of free mobility, the importance of private ownership and recently about how high tax Sweden got rid of the inheritance tax (2015).