

THE FOUNDATION OF LIBERTY: MAGNA CARTA AFTER 800 YEARS

JUNE 25-26, 2015

Hoover Institution, Stanford University

Annenberg Conference Room (Room 105), Lou Henry Hoover Building

This conference will celebrate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta (signed on June 15, 1215) by bringing together leading scholars in economics, political science, and law to broadly discuss how Magna Carta remains relevant today for understanding how individual liberty and rule of law are perhaps the most essential components for well-functioning societies and growing market economies.

Thursday, June 25

12:00 PM **Registration and Lunch**

12:45 PM **Introductory Remarks**

John Raisian, Director of the Hoover Institution

1:00 PM **Session 1**

Magna Carta and the Origins of Freedom and Democracy

Jeremy Catto, Oxford University

Eric Nelson, Harvard University

2:15 PM **Session 2**

The U.S. Constitution: Promise and Reality

Clint Bolick, Hoover Institution and Goldwater Institute

James Ceaser, Hoover Institution and University of Virginia

3:30 PM **Break**

3:45 PM **Session 3**

The Future of Freedom, Democracy, and Prosperity

Moderator: Russell Roberts, Hoover Institution

Panelists: John Cochrane, Hoover Institution and University of Chicago

Arnold Kling, Cato Institute

Lee Ohanian, Hoover Institution and UCLA

5:00 PM Adjourn

6:30 PM Reception

7:00 PM Dinner



Friday, June 26

8:00 AM **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 AM **Session 4**

Freedom and Economic Growth

Robert Barro, Hoover Institution and Harvard University

Ross Levine, UC Berkeley

9:45 AM **Session 5**

Economic Policies in a Free Society

Kevin Murphy, Hoover Institution and University of Chicago

Sam Peltzman, University of Chicago

Tom Sargent, Hoover Institution and New York University

11:15 AM **Break**

11:30 AM **Session 6**

The Rule of Law and Limits on Government

Richard Epstein, Hoover Institution and New York University

Jesus Fernandez-Villaverde, University of Pennsylvania

Barry Weingast, Hoover Institution and Stanford University

1:00 PM **Lunch**

