



The Mises Seminar

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Profile of Speakers



Walter Block earned his PhD in Economics at Columbia University. He is an author, editor, and co-editor of many books including the classic *Defending the Undefendable*. Dr. Block has written more than 500 articles for various non-refereed journals, magazines and newspapers, and is a contributor to such publications as *The Review of Austrian Economics*, *Journal of Libertarian Studies*, *The Journal of Labor Economics*, *Cultural Dynamics*, and the *Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics*. He is currently a professor and chair of economics, college of business administration, at Loyola University.



Ben O'Neill is a Lecturer in Statistics at the University of New South Wales (ADFA campus) and an Adjunct Scholar at the Ludwig von Mises Institute (USA). He was the winner of the Templeton Fellowship Essay Contest for 2009 at The Independent Institute (USA). He has published work in statistics, economics and political philosophy. He has formerly practiced as a solicitor and as a political advisor.



Chris Brown was a Lecturer in Entrepreneurship at the Australian Graduate School of Entrepreneurship at Swinburne University for three years, where he received his PhD. Prior to that he taught entrepreneurship and economics at the University of Northampton (Northampton, England). He received an MBA in International Management from Thunderbird University (Arizona, USA) and a Master's in Research Methods from Cranfield University in England. Chris has published articles with the Ludwig von Mises Institute and is the Editor of murrayrothbard.com.



Brian Bedkofer being a medical doctor who understands the importance of economic and personal liberty, he is a rare intellect. He has served as the National President of the Private Doctors of Australia, which started in 1968 as a disgruntled break-away group from within the statist Australian Medical Association. The organisation took umbrage at the AMA's readiness to negotiate with government on matters that were considered beyond the proper scope of government control.



Konrad Graf is a writer, translator, and social theorist. His long-term projects are grounded in Mises' epistemological-dualist approach, with added inspiration from aspects of integral methodological pluralism. His interests include imagining possible emergent institutional features of free societies that might help provide better answers to the "but how could that ever work?" question. He is working to extend Mises' praxeology/understanding distinction beyond economics to legal theory and legal practice and to defining more precise differentiations between the fields of law and ethics.



Chris Leithner received First Class Honours at McGill University. He holds Masters degrees from Queens University and The Australian National University, and completed his PhD at the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, Scotland). Chris is a Director of a private investment company. His most recent book is *The Evil Princes of Martin Place: The Reserve Bank of Australia, the Global Financial Crisis and the Threat to Australians' Liberty and Prosperity*.



Vinay Kolhatkar is a Sydney-based writer and finance professional. He is the author of *The Frankenstein Candidate*, a political thriller. He has also written screenplays and feature articles. Formerly, he was the founding Chairman of the Great Energy Alliance Corporation, and the Chief Investment Officer of a suite of funds invested in the US, Europe and Japan. He has a Masters degree in finance from UNSW.



Ron Manners is an Australian businessman with over 50 years experience in the mining industry and is founder and Executive Director of the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation, an Australian free-market think tank.



Stephen Kirchner is a Senior Lecturer in Economics at the School of Finance and Economics, Faculty of Business, University of Technology Sydney. His economics training was neo-classical, but he has heterodox leanings in the direction of Austrian, evolutionary and institutional economics.



Mark Hornshaw lectures in business and economics at the University of Notre Dame Australia, with a particular focus on innovation and entrepreneurship. He and his wife are home educators with six children involved in numerous home businesses.



Sukrit Sabhlok is a Director of the Liberty Australia Institute. He received a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours) and Bachelor of Laws from the University of Melbourne. In 2008, he was awarded the J.A. Aird Award for his expertise in public policy by the Institute of Public Administration. He is currently editor of the *Journal of Peace, Prosperity and Freedom* and has been published and interviewed in numerous newspapers and magazines.

Mises Seminar Programme

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Saturday 1 December

9 - 9:10 a.m.	WELCOMING REMARKS Washington Sanchez
9:10 - 10:10 a.m.	“The Science of Human Action” Chris Leithner
10:10 - 10:50 a.m.	“Making Economic Sense” Chris Brown
10:50 - 11:20 a.m.	BREAK
11:20 - 11:50 a.m.	“15 years of Mannkal” Ron Manners
11:50 - 12:30 p.m.	“Free Market Healthcare in Australia” Brian Bedkober
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	“Libertarianism 101” Walter Block
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	BREAK
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Debate on Austrian Business Cycle Theory Walter Block & Stephen Kirchner
4:00 - 4:50 p.m.	“Free Market Environmentalism” Walter Block
4:50 - 5:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks Washington Sanchez



Sunday, 2 December

9 - 9:10 a.m.	WELCOMING REMARKS Michael Conaghan
9:10 - 10:00 a.m.	“But Who Will Build the Roads?” Walter Block
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	“Action-Based Jurisprudence: Defining the new praxeological school of legal theory” Konrad Graf
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	BREAK
11:30 - 12:00 p.m.	Book Forum Benjamin Marks: “Mencken’s Conservatism” Vinay Kolhatkar: “The Frankenstein Candidate”
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	“Defending the Undefendable” Walter Block
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	LUNCH
2:00 - 2:40 p.m.	“The Anti-Discrimination Paradigm: Irrational, Unjust and Tyrannical” Ben O’Neill
2:40 - 3:20 p.m.	“Free Thinking and Education” Mark Hornshaw
3:20 - 3.30 p.m.	BREAK
3.30 - 3:45 p.m.	“The Case for Western Australia’s Secession” Sukrit Sabhlok
3:45 - 4:35 p.m.	“The Errors of Friedman, Coase and Buchanan” Walter Block
4:35 - 4:55 p.m.	Q & A Session Walter Block
4:55 - 5 p.m.	Closing Remarks Michael Conaghan

