

Past Classical Liberal Summer Seminars – announcements and program

1st Seminar 2015

Classical liberal thought and heritage continues to inspire discussion and debate in our time. The basic ideas of a free society and freedom to act as individuals are reinvented and discovered by every new generation and scholarly inquiry. In our time, where governments seem to gain more power, are asked to answer many dilemmas in modern societies, and where individual liberty is put under strain, the classical liberal heritage is important to understand.

This summer a Classical Liberal Summer Seminar is arranged at *Christinehof's Castle* in Skåne, Brösarp. The Castle, built in the 1730s and the scene for a successful private enterprise in industry and forestry ever since, offers a splendid environment to connect to the classic message of freedom and liberty, as seen through an 18-19th century perspective. The seminar is arranged with kind financial support of Timbro. The seminar is given July 6 – 9.

More information on Christinehof Castle here: <http://christinehofsekopark.se/>

Discussions will be arranged through a three-day seminar including themes like:

- Adam Smith's *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*
- Some Themes in Classical Liberal Thought
- The Swedish 1809 Constitution as a 19th century liberal project
- Knut Wicksell – a radical liberal
- Eli Heckscher – an uncompromising market liberal
- Eric Gustaf Geijer – political theory and liberal sociology in 19th century Sweden

Discussions will be led by:

- Professor Daniel Klein, George Mason University and Ratio Institute
- Professor Emeritus Lars Jonung, Lund University
- Professor Benny Carlsson, Lund University
- Dr Björn Hasselgren, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

2nd Seminar 2016

The basic ideas of a free society and freedom to act as individuals ought to be discovered and reinvented by every new generation. In our time, where governments seem to gain more power and where individual liberty is put under strain, the classical liberal heritage is ever so important to teach and discuss.

This summer, for the second year in a row, a high-level summer seminar on classical liberalism is arranged by me and Timbro at Christinehof Castle in Skåne, Brösarp. The Castle, built in the 1730s and the scene for a successful private enterprise in industry and forestry ever since, offers a splendid environment to connect to the classic message of freedom and liberty, as seen through an 18-19th century perspective.

Discussions will be arranged through a three-day seminar including themes like:

- Adam Smith's The Theory of Moral Sentiments
- David Hume and Adam Smith as proto-Darwinians
- Eli Heckscher – on Mercantilism – on the construction of an economic era
- Carl Linnaeus – path breaking natural scientist but also a political economist
- Erik Gustaf Geijer – political theory and liberal sociology in 19th century Sweden
- The Viennese Students of Civilization – interwar Vienna and beyond

Discussions will be led by:

- Professor Daniel Klein, George Mason University and Ratio Institute
- Professor Lars Magnusson, Uppsala University
- Assistant Professor Erwin Dekker, Rotterdam University
- Professor Benny Carlson, Lund University
- Dr. Björn Hasselgren

3rd Seminar 2017

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June 28-30 2017 – c/o Sigtuna Foundation

This year's **Classical Liberal Summer Seminar** is arranged at the **Sigtuna Foundation** (Sigtunastiftelsen). The Seminar discussions will be arranged through a two and a half-day seminar including themes like:

- Classical Liberalism “Liberalism 1.0”
- Adam Smith and the *Humean Irony About Science*
Illustrated by the History of Astronomy
- Max Weber's *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*
The basis for liberal thought
- Eric Gustaf Geijer
Lutheranism as the basis for Republican and Liberal development
- Free speech and liberal values in 18th Sweden
Peter Forsskål – Linnean disciple and liberal tribune
- Philosophical Pictures And Unclassifiable Images In Art
On Iris Murdoch's view on how we can make ourselves morally better.

Discussions will be led by:

- Daniel Klein, Professor, George Mason University and Ratio Institute
- Erik Matson, PhD student, George Mason University
- Lotta Stern, Associate professor, Stockholm University
- Björn Hasselgren, PhD, Timbro and Uppsala University
- Johan Hirschfeldt, President of Svea Court of Appeal (Svea Hovrätt)
- Anna Victoria Hallberg, PhD, Literature, Södertörn University