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Seminars of the Polish Economic Society

"Thursdays with Economists" Seminar Series

The Thursdays with Economists seminar series is a long-standing program of debates on the future of the economy, organized continuously by the Polish Economic Society since 2006. Over the years, the seminars have provided an open forum for dialogue involving not only economists and academics but also politicians, opinion leaders, cultural figures, journalists, and experts from various fields. The series has consequently developed into a distinctive platform for exchanging views on the key challenges facing contemporary society and the economy.

In an environment characterized by growing uncertainty, increasingly complex economic processes, and rapid social change, the need for substantive and well-informed public debate has become ever more pressing. The Thursdays with Economists series responds to this need by enhancing the intellectual depth and substance of public discourse.

The topics addressed cover a broad range of issues, from macroeconomic policy and social policy to sustainable development and the impact of technological change on labor markets and social relations. The initiative aims to strengthen the role of expert communities as active participants in debates on Poland's future—not merely as commentators on current developments, but also as contributors to the formulation of reforms, systemic solutions, and development strategies.

The seminar series also facilitates dialogue between academia and economic and political practice, creating a distinctive space for intellectual collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the development of new ideas.

For more information, see: https://pte.pl/wydarzenia/czwartki-u--ekonomistow.

Scientific Seminar Series "Polish Economics through Its Scholars"

The Polish Economics through Its Scholars seminar series aims not only to present the profiles of outstanding figures in the history of Polish economics, but also to encourage in-depth reflection on the contemporary relevance of their intellectual contributions in light of today's socio-economic challenges.

The seminars provide a unique platform that combines education, scholarship, and public outreach. Participants have the opportunity to explore the economic thought of prominent Polish scholars whose work has made significant contributions to the development of economic theory, economic policy, and economic institutions in Poland and beyond.

The series also serves to commemorate the intellectual legacy of economists whose research, professional engagement, and public activities helped lay the foundations for economic thought in Poland. Presenting their ideas within a broader historical context helps participants better understand the evolution of economic thought in Poland and its continuing relevance to contemporary economic policy, the shaping of social and institutional arrangements, and the promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship.

The seminars also provide a space for intergenerational dialogue, bringing together academics, students, economic practitioners and those interested in the history of economic thought. This format facilitates the reinterpretation of earlier economic theories from contemporary perspectives and stimulates reflection on the future directions of economic development in Poland and around the world.

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