

Avenir Suisse Think Tank Summit 2017

From Thursday, 26 January 2017
to Friday, 27 January 2017

An
international
roundtable
on
Free Trade
and Migration

Zurich Airport, Kloten
Visitor Room, Observation Deck B

Program

Thursday, 26 January 2017 – Free Trade Session

(Moderation: Tibère Adler, Avenir Suisse, Geneva)

- 12.00 Welcome & Lunch
- 14.00 Opening Speech by Peter Grünenfelder, Director, Avenir Suisse, Zurich
- The Evolution of International Free Trade, Post-Brexit Views – Part I (Global, UK & German Views)**
- Keynote Speaker:
- 14.10 Richard Baldwin, Professor of International Economics, Graduate Institute, Geneva: “Misthinking 21st Century Free Trade”
- 15.00 Kristian Niemietz, Head of Health and Welfare, Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA), London: “Post-Brexit options for Trade: ‘Global Britain’ or ‘Little England’”
- 15.45 Galina Kolev, Head of Research Group Macroeconomic Analysis and Forecast, Cologne Institute for Economic Research: “International Trade in an uncertain World”
- 16.30 Coffee Break
- The Evolution of International Free Trade, Post-Brexit Views – Part II (American & Swiss Views)**
- 17.00 Frances G. Burwell, Distinguished Fellow at the Atlantic Council, Washington D.C.: “Transatlantic Trade and the Trump Administration”
- 17.45 Patrick Dümmler, Senior Research Fellow “Open Switzerland”, Avenir Suisse, Zurich: “Promoting Trade over Protectionism”
- 18.30 End of Session
- Dinner & Evening Discussion
- 19.30 Beginning of Dinner
Evening Discussion “Food for Thoughts for Think Tanks: Do Facts Still Matter?”
(launched by Peter Grünenfelder, Avenir Suisse)
- The Evolution of International Free Trade, Post-Brexit Views – Part III (French View)**
- 21.00 Iana Dreyer, Founder of Borderlex.eu & Associate Fellow, Institut Montaigne: “EU Trade Policy: a French Perspective”
- 22.00 End of Dinner

Friday, 27 January 2017 – Migration Session

(Moderation: Patrik Schellenbauer, Avenir Suisse, Zurich)

- Trends and Evolutions of the European Migration Policy**
- 09.00 Introduction by Patrik Schellenbauer, Head of Research, Avenir Suisse
- 09.10 Keynote Speaker:
Douglas Besharov, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Global Business & Economics: “Global Migration: Implications for Europe”
- 10.00 Stephen Booth, Director of Policy and Research, Open Europe UK, London: “The politics of Post-Brexit Immigration Policy in the United Kingdom”
- 10.45 Coffee Break
- 11.15 Antonio Villafranca, Deputy Director of the Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Milano: “Migration in Europe: Policies and Politics”
- Introduction to Social Integration of Asylum Seeker, Ideas & Examples (from Germany and Switzerland)**
- 12.00 Hans-Peter Klös, Managing Director, Head of Research, Cologne Institute for Economic Research: “Social integration of asylum seekers – A German view”
- 12.45 Fabian Schnell, Senior Research Fellow “Smart Government”, Avenir Suisse, Zurich: “The Flexible Labour Market as Key to Integration”
- 13.30 Lunch
- 14.30 Formal End of Session & End of Summit

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