



Prof. Leszek Balcerowicz

Former Polish Deputy Prime & Finance Minister

"Practitioner and Academic: unique combination of skills and experience"

Leszek Balcerowicz, former Deputy Prime and Finance Minister of Poland is one of the leading economic voices navigating through the post-crisis reality who stood behind the changes which led to the historical transformation from command economy to the market and from dictatorship to democracy.

TOPICS:

- European Economic Reforms
- Opportunities in Expanding Europe
- Polish and European Economics
- The Road to Europe
- Economics and Ethics
- Experience of Leadership
- How to Launch Radical Reforms
- Welfare State Economics

IN DETAIL:

Prof. Balcerowicz successfully dealt with hyperinflation, foreign debt crisis, extreme imbalances in the economy, as well as social and political tensions related to the introduction of reforms. He is the only Central/Eastern European member of the prestigious financial advisory body Group of Thirty. In 2008-09 he was a member of "De Larosiere" a high-level expert group on financial supervision in the EU. As Chairman of the Polish National Bank (2001-2007), he reduced inflation from above 10% to 2%. He is currently Professor of Economics at the Warsaw School of Economics and Honorary Chairman of Bruegel – a Brussels think tank devoted to policy research on international economic issues. In 2016 he was appointed as representative of the Ukrainian President in the Cabinet of Ministers.

LANGUAGES:

He presents in English and Polish.

WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

As a leading economic practitioner, dominant strategist and prolific author, Professor Balcerowicz's versatile knowledge and experience offer an eye-opening assessment of the issues of stability and economic growth in various countries. His clear view of the economic and social development, stamina in the face of intellectual opposition and courage to be critical of mainstream economics and establishment, bring genuine insight and advice.

PUBLICATIONS:

2013 Discovering Freedom

2012 Barriers to Entry and Growth of New Firms in Early Transition

2006 Living Standards and the Wealth of Nations

2002 Post-Communist Transition: Some Lessons

1996 Socialism, Capitalism, Transformation

1998 Enterprise Exit Processes in Transition Economies: Downsizing, Workouts and Liquidation

HOW HE PRESENTS:

Professor Balcerowicz presents with clarity and determination. He is engaging and captivating, challenging conventional wisdom and encouraging audiences to reach insightful conclusions.