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<p>New Stockholm Network Member</p> <p>The Stockholm Network is delighted to announce its newest member, the Murray Rothbard Institute – based in Antwerp, Belgium.</p> <p>The Murray Rothbard Institute dedicates itself to research and education regarding the Austrian school of economics, natural law, praxeology, philosophy, history, and the social sciences in general, which are directly or indirectly related to the life, work or methodology of the American economist Murray Rothbard. Murray N. Rothbard (1926-1995), an extraordinary scholar, made major contributions in economics, history, political philosophy and legal theory.</p> <p>The success by which a doctor can cure his patient does not depend, or does not depend solely, on his good intentions, but on the availability of correct medical knowledge, and the application of the right medicine. In the same sense, the prosperity and well-being of a society does not depend solely, and maybe not even primarily, on the good intentions of those in office, of reformers and activists, but also on the ideas and methods by which they try to ensure and enhance the prosperity and well-being of the people. It is for this reason that the Murray Rothbard Institute engages itself in that abstract but necessary academic debate, promoting a fundamental shift in the climate of ideas in Flanders, Belgium and Europe.</p> <p>For more information on the Murray Rothbard Institute, please visit: Murray Rothbard Website</p> <p>European Enterprise Institute event – "IP-Free Open Standards In ICT: Another EU Own Goal In The Innovation Race?"</p> <p>Despite the fact that the ICT sector is considered strategic for growth and innovation in the broader economy, the EU has fallen behind its competitors in terms of investments in ICT R & D. As the European Commission prepares to lay out a strategy for this sector in the 21st century, there is increasing pressure on EU and national public authorities to buy ICT products that conform to open standards that contain no intellectual property, or in which the intellectual property is subject to no-use restrictions.</p> <p>Is this a sign of the direction of the future of ICT regulation and policies? Would such policies really serve the interests of a European Union determined to compete in the global knowledge economy? Or does the rhetoric calling for "openness" risk turning Europe into an innovation "dead zone"?</p> <p>Join the European Enterprise Institute on Wednesday 21st January from 12h00 to 14h00 at the Renaissance Brussels Hotel - Rue du Parnasse 19 - 1050 Brussels, Belgium - for an interactive lunchtime roundtable featuring leading companies, politicians, analysts and civil servants.</p> <p>For more register, please visit: EEI Registration</p>	<p>January (London) 15</p> <p>Centre for European Reform</p> <p>"The EU's emerging policy on sovereign wealth funds"</p> <p>With Lord Myners</p> <p>RSVP#</p>	<p>January (Paris) 21</p> <p>Institut Montaigne</p> <p>"Ouvrir la politique à la diversité"</p> <p>With Pap N'Diaye, Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, Rama Yade and François Rachline</p> <p>More Information</p>	<p>January (Milan) 26</p> <p>Istituto Bruno Leoni</p> <p>"Il principio di mutuo riconoscimento nell'Unione Europea. Quali prospettive?"</p> <p>With Francesco Daveri, Benedetto Della Vedova, Fiorella Kostoris, Antonio Panzeri, Alberto Pera and Carlo Scarpa</p> <p>RSVP</p>
	<p>January (London) 26</p> <p>Adam Smith Institute</p> <p>"Capitalism without Guilt. The Moral Case for Freedom"</p> <p>With Dr Yaron Brook</p> <p>RSVP</p>	<p>January (London) 30</p> <p>Reform</p> <p>"The future of health reform in England"</p> <p>With Nick Bosanquet, Alison Tonge, Dr David Colin-Thomé OBE</p> <p>RSVP</p>	
<h2>NETWORK PUBLICATIONS</h2>			
<p>The euro at ten: Is its future secure? (Centre for European Reform)</p> <p>The euro is riding high and the financial crisis has illustrated the safe haven that membership provides. On the face of it, the future of the single currency looks rosy. But in this essay, Simon Tilford argues that the growth prospects of the eurozone risk being handicapped by the inflexibility and the external imbalances of its member-states. Countries such as Italy, Spain, Greece and Portugal need to move fast to improve their productivity. Germany needs to boost its domestic demand. Otherwise, the euro may have a troubled future.</p> <p>To download the publication, please visit: CER Publication</p>			
<p>Diez Años de España en el Euro [In Spanish] (FAES Fundación para el Análisis y los Estudios Sociales)</p> <p>The Euro was a major political objective which translated into a collective task of Spanish people. The challenge demanded from Spain to open itself and to work for stability, transparency, confidence, and for the ability of earning a better future. It was a collective demonstration of our capabilities as a Nation. Twelve experts commemorate the collective success of the Spanish society. It was not an easy task, Spain did not meet any of the requirements necessary to access the Monetary Union and a thesis that Europe had to advance at two speeds pervaded opinion. Spain managed to play in the first one. With the effort of many: of the people writing this book, but also and above all, thanks to the drive of the Spanish society.</p> <p>To download the publication, please visit: FAES Publication</p>			
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