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Human Flourishing, the Economy, and Monetary Reform

November 3 and December 15, 2010

Carl Fields Center, All Purpose Room, 58 Prospect Avenue, Princeton University Campus

With the expansion of the government's economic responsibilities over the past three years, there has been growing public concern about the economic role of the state and the level of sovereign and private debt. With this in mind, we have assembled a group of distinguished scholars – economists, philosophers, legal scholars, journalists and historians – to discuss a principled approach to these concerns that is grounded in a robust conception of the common good and human flourishing, with a particular focus on the reform of monetary policy. This program will take place over the course of two days, Wednesday, November 3, 2010, and Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

Day One: Wednesday, November 3, 2010

All Sessions in Carl Fields Center, All Purpose Room

Session 1: Human Flourishing, Government, and the Economy

9:00 a.m. **The State, Subsidiarity, and the Common Good**
Robert P. George, *Princeton University*

11:00 a.m. **The State, the Economy, and Money**
Samuel Gregg, *Director of Research, The Acton Institute*

Session 2: Monetary Reform

2:00 p.m. **Monetary Reform**
Michael Bordo, *Professor of Economics; Director, Center for Monetary and Financial History, Rutgers University*

3:00 p.m. **Asset-backed Money and Private Money**
Benn Steil, *Senior Fellow and Director of International Economics, Council on Foreign Relations*

Session 3: What to do next?

4:30 p.m. **Moderated discussion** with Discussants to propose steps to continue to develop these lines of argumentation and public education

Consultation Moderator:

Luis Tellez, *President, Witherspoon Institute*

Roundtable Discussants:

Jeffrey Bell, *Policy Director, American Principles Project*; Michael Bordo, *Professor of Economics, Director, Center for Monetary and Financial History, Rutgers University*; Alejandro A. Chafuen, *President and CEO, Atlas Economic Research Foundation*; Sean Fieler, *Managing Partner, Equinox Partners*; Robert P. George, *McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, Founding Director, James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University*; Samuel Gregg, *Director of Research, Acton Institute*; William Mumma, *CEO, Mitsubishi Securities USA*; Benn Steil, *Senior Fellow and Director of International Economics, Council on Foreign Relations*; James Turk, *Director, GoldMoney Foundation*

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