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Venues

- 1 EC 1 / 1/3 Targowa St. / GPS: 51.767664, 19.471030
- 2 6. Dzielnica / 102 Piotrkowska St. / GPS: 51.765114, 19.457828

Hotels

- 3 Grand Hotel / 72 Piotrkowska St. / GPS: 51.768455, 19.456858
- 4 Boutique Hotel's II / 8 Rewolucji 1905 r. St. / GPS: 51.775014, 19.456615

Idea of the Freedom Games



Freedom Games 2015 "How to Save Democracy?"

Freedom Games is an interdisciplinary conference that serves as a common ground for intellectuals and artists. It is a platform for leaders and thinkers of various backgrounds to share their experiences and exchange ideas. The main objective of the second edition of the event is to gather 100 agents of change, who already work on improving the situation in Poland as well as in Europe as a whole. Our intention is to make Freedom Games a place where also residents of Lodz can debate the current issues they face, to bring them closer to the intellectual and cultural sphere of Europe, what will eventually result in strengthening the social potential of the city. The starting point for a debate during Freedom Games 2015 is one of the most fundamental questions of our times: "How to Save Democracy?"

The second edition of the event will be devoted to two main thematic blocks:

1. City – Revitalisation – Culture

City as a space for civic participation, that sometimes proves more attractive than democracy in traditional understanding itself, will be one of key topics during Freedom Games 2015. We will focus on revitalisation of post-industrial cities and cultural initiatives that assist this process.

In the ancient Greece, agora constituted an outlet for democracy. Nowadays, a marketplace seems to be a similar extension of a vibrant, entrepreneurial society. This is why our main objective is to create in the EC1 a symbolic marketplace of our city – a new agora full of civic activities, dialogue and ideas.

2. Democracy – Human Rights

The citizens' influence on the politics of a given state gradually decreases. Global market and the ever-tightening co-dependence of certain agents, increasing influence of big corporations and, on the other hand, populism, decreasing civic participation and political radicalism may pose a real threat to democracy. We will discuss the issues of protecting human rights in countries neighbouring the European Union and the states that continue to destabilise the situation in the region.

Freedom Games is a great opportunity for networking and sharing individual experiences and transferring good practices. Thanks to the interdisciplinary nature of the event – a mixture of experts, media, political scientists, politicians, artists, writers and business – Freedom Games has also a fantastic cultural and artistic dimension.

Freedom Games 2015 include the following blocks:

- workshops and networking (limited number of participants)
- open lectures delivered by representatives of socio-political and cultural spheres of European life
- market square for Lodz
- concerts of jazz, improvised and alternative music.

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Speakers

Among the speakers of Freedom Games 2015 you will find:



Edwin Bendyk

Polish publicist, writer, journalist at "Polityka" magazine



Adam Bodnar

Polish lawyer, social activist, Human Rights Defender



Malgorzata Bonikowska

Co-Editor of "THINKTANK Magazine"



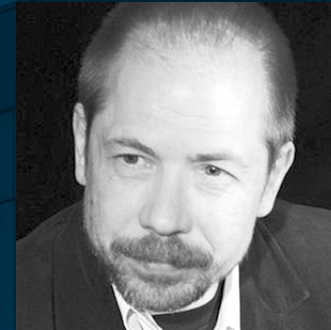
Jakub Borowski

Polish economist, Member of the Economic Council



Grzegorz Cydejko

Polish journalist, "Forbes" magazine



Przemyslaw Czapinski

Polish literary critic, professor of contemporary literature at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan



Krzysztof Dudek

Polish lawyer, Director of the Polish National Centre for Culture



Jacek Dukaj

Polish award-winning science fiction writer



Francesca Borri

Italian journalist, specialising in Middle Eastern affairs



Dimitris Christopoulos

Vice President of the International Federation for Human Rights



Pawel Ciacek

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Réka Csaba

Project manager of the Hungarian Republikon Foundation



Pavel Elizarov

Russian democratic opposition activist, exiled dissident



Giulio Ercolessi

Italian essayist, Member of the boards of Directors of ELF and European Humanist Federation, Co-Founder of LibMov



Anna Fornalczyk

Polish economist, academic lecturer and manager, former President of the Polish Antimonopoly Office, partner in COMPER Fornalczyk and Partners



Jaroslaw Gugala

Polish journalist, TV news anchor, diplomat, former Ambassador to Uruguay



Vladislav Inozemtsev

Russian economist, founder and director of the Center for Post-Industrial Studies in Moscow



Mikhail Kasyanov

Russian statesman and politician, former Prime Minister of Russia



Sylvie Kauffmann

Editorial director of "Le Monde"



Ivan Krastev

Bulgarian political scientist, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia, Co-founder of European Council on Foreign Relations



Malgorzata Ludwisiak

Director of the Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle in Warsaw



Jan Machacek

Czech journalist, commentator and analyst for "Lidove noviny"



Tomasz Majewski

Polish Film and Cultural Studies scholar, lecturer at the Department of the Theory of Culture at the Institute of Literary Theory, Theatre and Audiovisual Arts of the University of Lodz



Jaroslaw Makowski

Polish philosopher, theologian and commentator



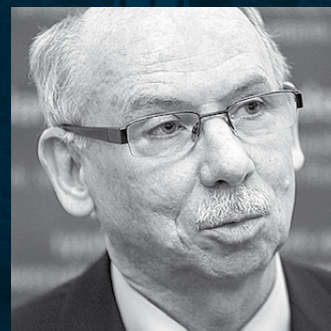
Robert Kwasnica

Polish educator, lecturer, Co-founder and Rector of the Postsecondary School of Lower Silesia



Philippe Legrain

British political economist, former adviser to European Commission president José Manuel Barroso



Janusz Lewandowski

Polish politician and economist, President of the Economic Council, Member of European Parliament



Elizabeth Linder

Politics and Government Specialist, Facebook EMEA



Radoslaw Markowski

Polish political scientist, Chair of the Center for the Study of Democracy at the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Head of the Comparative Politics Department at Polish Academy of Sciences



Jonathon McClory

Partner at Portland Communications, specialist in soft power, place branding, and cultural relations



Adam Michnik

Polish historian, essayist, former dissident, public intellectual, Editor-in-Chief of "Gazeta Wyborcza" daily



Emin Milli

Director of Meydan TV, exiled dissident from Azerbaijan



Jan-Werner Mueller

German political scientist,
Professor of Politics at Princeton
University



Osamu Okamura

Czech-Japanese architect,
program director of reSITE
Festival



Teele Pehk

CEO of the Estonian
Cooperation Assembly, urbanist
at the Estonian Urban Lab



Katarzyna Pisarska

Polish political scientist, Founder
and Director of the European
Academy of Diplomacy



Andrei Sannikov

Belarusian politician, diplomat
and civic activist, leader of
the "European Belarus" civil
campaign, Co-founder of the
"Charter 97"



Román Skrípin

Ukrainian journalist, Founder of
Hromadske.TV



Inga Springe

Latvian investigation journalist,
Co-Founder and Director of the
Baltic Center for Investigative
Journalism Re: Baltica



Filip Springer

Polish photojournalist and
reportage writer



Peter Pomerantsev

British journalist, film director,
producer of Russian heritage



Vitaly Portnikov

Ukrainian editor and journalist,
Editor-in-Chief of TVi



Pawel Potoroczyn

Polish diplomat and culture
manager, publisher, Director
of the Adam Mickiewicz Institute



Wojciech Przybylski

President of the board of the
Res Publica Foundation,
Editor-in-Chief of "Eurozine"



Agata Stafiej-Bartosik

Director for Ashoka Poland



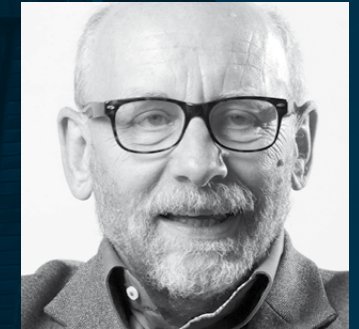
Jarosław Suchan

Polish art historian, critic and
curator, director of the Muzeum
Sztuki in Lodz



Katarzyna Szymielewicz

Polish lawyer specialised in
human rights and technology,
Co-Founder & President,
Panoptikon Foundation



Pawel Spiewak

Polish sociologist, historian,
commentator, Director of the
Jewish Historical Institute

Freedom Games Programme

Thursday 15/10/15 | Freedom Games 2015 Opening Night Gala

EC1 – Engine Hall, 1/3 Targowa St., Lodz

18:00 – 18:15

Welcome of Freedom Games 2015 Attendees

- Błażej Lenkowski – President of the Board of Fundacja Industrial,
- Krzysztof Dudek – Director of the National Centre for Culture,
- Vaclav Bacovsky – Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

18:10 – 18:40

“Agora for Lodz” – formal address

- Hanna Zdanowska - Mayor of the City of Lodz

18:40 – 19:10

“Security Policy Challenges in the Region” – formal address

- Mikhail Kasyanov - former Prime Minister of Russia

19:10 – 20:40

“Security Policy Challenges in the Region” – panel discussion

- Mikhail Kasyanov – former Prime Minister of Russia,
- Janusz Lewandowski – Polish politician and economist, President of the Economic Council, Member of European Parliament,
- Adam Michnik – Editor-in-Chief of “Gazeta Wyborcza” daily

Moderator: Leszek Jażdżewski – Editor-in-Chief of “Liberté!”

20:40 – 21:20

“Democracy versus China”

- meet the author session
Liao Yiwu - Chinese award-winning author, reporter, poet and human rights defender,
Moderator: Maciej Nowicki
- “Newsweek” magazine

21:20

Refreshments
(Lake of Memory)

22:00 – 23:00

Concert
• Marcin Masecki
– Beethoven: Last
Beethoven Sonatas

Interpretation will be provided during the entire Opening Night Gala

6. Dzielnica / 102 Piotrkowska St., Lodz

23:00

Networking evening at the Freedom Games 2015 official club

Friday 16/10/15 | Dialogues of Agents of Change

EC1 – Conference Rooms, 1/3 Targowa St., Lodz

Session I

Plato Room / Working language: Polish, no interpretation

8:30 – 10:00

On the Subjective Policy – panel discussion

Partner: The Jagiellonian Club

- Jan Maciejewski – Editor-in-Chief of Pressje,
- Krzysztof Mazur – President of the Council of the Jagiellonian Club,
- Bartłomiej Radziejewski – Editor-in-Chief of “Nowa Konfederacja”, President of the Nowa Rzeczpospolita Foundation

Aristotle Room / Working language: Polish, no interpretation

8:30 – 10:00

What Innovations Do We Need the Most? - workshop

Partner: Ashoka Poland

- Agata Stafiej-Bartosik - Director for Ashoka Poland

Socrates Room / Working language: English, no interpretation

8:30 – 10:00

Idea of European Federalism – panel discussion

Host: European Liberal Forum, co-funded by the European Parliament, Partner: Republikan Institute

- Jan Machacek - Czech journalist, commentator and analyst for “Lidove noviny”,
- Giulio Ercolessi - Italian essayist, Member of the boards of Directors of ELF and European Humanist Federation, Co-Founder of LibMov

Moderator: Krzysztof Iszkowski - “Liberté!”, United Left

Icarus Room / Working language: English, no interpretation

8:30 – 10:00

Liberté! Roundtable “Future of the Democracy in Ukraine”

- Vitaly Portnikov – Ukrainian editor and journalist, Editor-in-Chief of TVI,
- Marcin Świąćicki – Member of the Polish parliament, former President of Warsaw
- Kazimierz Wóycicki – Polish publicist, journalist, democratic opposition activist (tbc)



Jakub Turowski

Head of Public Policy
w Facebook Poland



Franak Viačorka

New Media Editor at RFE/RL,
President of the Belarusian
Svaboda Institute



Vincuk Viačorka

Belarusian civic activist,
former leader of Belarusian
opposition party



Dawid Wildstein

Polish philosopher, journalist
at “Gazeta Polska Codziennie”,
Deputy Editor-in-Chief at
“Frona”



Liao Yiwu

Chinese award-winning author,
reporter, poet and human
rights defender



Hanna Zdanowska

Mayor of the City of Lodz



Jacek Zakowski

Polish journalist, columnist,
commentator of “Polityka”
magazine



Jakub Zulczyk

Polish prose writer, screenwriter
and journalist

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17:15 – 19:15	The Emergence of the Urban Identity – panel discussion • Maciej Kowalczyk – PhenoHorizon, • Jarosław Makowski – Polish philosopher, theologian and commentator, former director of The Civic Institute, Co-author of the “Cultural Reform 2020 – 2030 – 2040” report, • Maciej Prus – Polish journalist, writer, poet, Co-founder of the Piękny Pies club in Cracow, • Jarosław Suchan – Polish art historian, critic and curator, director of the Muzeum Sztuki in Lodz, Moderator: Tomasz Janowski	17:15 – 19:15	Consequences of the Financial Crisis and Democracy in the EU – presentations and panel discussion Host: European Liberal Forum, co-funded by the European Parliament • Ivan Krastev – Bulgarian political scientist, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia, Co-founder of European Council on Foreign Relations, • Phillipe Legrain – British political economist, former adviser to European Commission president José Manuel Barroso, • Jan Werner Mueller – German political scientist, Professor of Politics at Princeton University, Moderator: Leszek Jażdżewski – Editor-in-Chief of “Liberté!”
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19:15 – 20:30	Perspectives of the Civil Rights and Liberties in the Third Republic of Poland - meet the civic rights activist session • Adam Bodnar – Polish Human Rights Defender Moderator: Marcin Celiński – Deputy Editor-in-Chief of “Liberté!”	19:15 – 20:30	The Image of Polish Cities in Literature – panel discussion • Przemysław Czapliński – Polish literary critic, professor of contemporary literature at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, • Kaja Grzegorzeczka – Polish writer based in Cracow, • Jakub Żulczyk – Polish prose writer, screenwriter and journalist Moderator: Rafał Gawin – Arterie, Dom Literatury in Lodz
20:30	Refreshments (Lake of Memory)		
21:00	Concert • Tom Trio		

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Saturday 17/10/15 Dialogues of Agents of Change	
EC1 – conference rooms, 1/3 Targowa St., Lodz	

Session I			
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9:00 – 10:30	Consequences of the Increasing Role of States in the Financial Sector – meet the economist session • Javier Capape – Spanish economist, Coordinator of the ESADEgeo Sovereign Wealth Fund Report Moderator: Tomasz Kamiński – Faculty of International and Political Studies, University of Lodz, “Liberté!”	9:00 – 10:30	Democratic Perspectives in Belarus – panel discussion Partner: Svaboda Institute • Andrej Sannikau - Belarusian politician, diplomat and civic activist, leader of the “European Belarus” civil campaign, Co-founder of the “Charter 97”, • Vincuk Viačorka – Belarusian civic activist, former leader of Belarusian opposition party, • Olga Zakharova – Russian human rights defender, Freedom Files, Civic Solidarity Platform, Moderator: Katarzyna Peszyńska-Drews - Svaboda Institute

Socrates Room / Working language: Polish, no interpretation	
9:00 – 10:30	Revitalisation of the City of Lodz – Key Concepts – presentation • Marcin Obijalski – Director of the Revitalisation and Development Office in the City of Lodz Office

Session II			
Socrates Room / Working language: English, no interpretation		Aristotle Room / Working language: Polish, no interpretation	
10:30 – 12:00	Does Promoting Democracy Have a Future? – panel discussion Partner: People In Need • Yuri Dzhibladze – President of the Centre for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights based in Moscow, • Pavel Elizarov – Russian democratic opposition activist, exiled dissident, • Emin Milli – Director of Meydan TV, exiled dissident from Azerbaijan • Franak Viačorka – New Media Editor at RFE/RL, President of the Belarusian Svaboda Institute, Moderator: Anna Zamejc – freelance journalist, cooperates with “Liberté!”	10:30 – 12:00	Practical State – panel discussion • Wojciech Przybylski – President of the board of the Res Publica Foundation, Editor-in-Chief of “Eurozine”, • Maciej Kuziemski – Board Member of Res Publica Foundation

Plato Room / Working language: Polish, no interpretation	
10:30 – 12:00	Polish Open Society: What Resources Do We Need to Change Poland and Does It Pay Off? – panel discussion • Maria Belka – Mentors 4 Starters, • Małgorzata Isakiewicz – Global Shapers Warsaw Hub, • Katarzyna Kamińska – MakeSense, • Zuzanna Lewandowska – The Kings Foundation

Session III			
Plato Room / Working language: Polish, no interpretation		Aristotle Room / Working language: Polish, no interpretation	
11:30 – 14:00	Liberté! Roundtable “Polish Economy versus Globalisation” • Jakub Borowski - Polish economist, Member of the Economic Council Moderator: Grzegorz Cydejko – Polish journalist, “Forbes” magazine	12:30 – 14:00	Who Owns the City? – panel discussion • Tomasz Majewski – Vice-President of the Polish Association of Cultural Studies, Department of Literature Anthropology and Cultural Studies, Jagiellonian University • Borys Martela – Topografie Association, supporter of the participatory budget in Lodz • Ryszard Kowalski – President of the Association of Employers- Producers of Construction Materials, Polish Confederation Lewiatan, Moderator: Marcin Wojciechowski – “Liberté!”

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12:30 – 14:00	The Future Of The European Union – presentation and debate Host: European Liberal Forum, co-funded by the European Parliament Presentation of the European Liberal Forum report: The Future Of The European Union – Giulio Ercolesi, Commentator: Jan Werner Mueller – German political scientist, Professor of Politics at Princeton University
20:30	Lunch (Lake of Memory)

Saturday 17/10/15 Open Lectures	
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10:30 – 12:00	Media versus Democracy – panel discussion • Jarosław Gugała – Polish journalist, Polsat News anchor, • Agnieszka Lichnerowicz – Polish journalist, Head of the Foreign Desk of Radio TOK FM, • Inga Springe – Latvian investigation journalist, Co-Founder and Director of the Baltic Center for Investigative Journalism Re: Baltica, • Roman Skrypin - Ukrainian journalist, Founder of Hromadske.TV • Paweł Wroński – “Gazeta Wyborcza” daily, Moderator: Marcin Celiński – Deputy Editor-in-Chief of “Liberté!”

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12:30 – 14:00 Too Late for Modernity – panel discussion
Partner: Polish Chamber of Commerce
• Piotr Augustyniak – author of “Homo polacus. Essays on the Polish Soul”,
• Przemysław Czapliński – Polish literary critic, professor of contemporary literature at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań,
• Paweł Śpiewak – Polish sociologist, historian, commentator, Director of the Jewish Historical Institute,
Moderator: Magdalena M. Baran – “Liberté!”

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15:00 – 16:30 What Reforms Does Poland Need to Catch Up with the West?
– presentation and debate
Partner: Civic Development Forum (FOR)
• Anna Fornalczyk – Polish economist, academic lecturer and manager, former President of the Polish Antimonopoly Office, partner in COMP-ER Fornalczyk and Partners,
• Ireneusz Jabłonski – Deputy Mayor of Łódź,
• Aleksander Laszek – Civic Development Forum (FOR), Warsaw School of Economics (SGH),
• Marcin Górski – Tataj & Górski Attorneys,
• Radosław Stepien – wiceprezes Banku Gospodarstwa Krajowego (tbc),
Moderator: Marek Tatała – Civic Development Forum (FOR)

15:00 – 16:30 Migration – Ultimate Test for Europe
– panel discussion
• Francesca Borri - Italian journalist covering Middle Eastern affairs, recently war in Syria
• Dimitris Christopoulos - Vice President of the International Federation for Human Rights
Moderator: Joanna Łopat - “Liberté!”

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16:30 – 18:00 City of Future – Futurologist Variations – meet the author session
• Jacek Dukaj – Polish award-winning science fiction writer, philosopher

16:30 – 18:00 Role of Culture in the Process of Revitalisation of Cities – panel discussion
• Małgorzata Ludwisiak – Director of the Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle in Warsaw,
• Osamu Okamura – Czech-Japanese architect, program director of reSITE Festival,
• Teele Pehk – CEO of the Estonian Cooperation Assembly, urbanist at the Estonian Urban Lab,
• Paweł Potoroczyn – Polish diplomat and culture manager, publisher, Director of the Adam Mickiewicz Institute,
Moderator: Katarzyna Janowska – TVP Kultura

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18:00 – 19:30 Is Different Russia Feasible? – meet the economist session
• Vladislav Inozemtsev - Russian economist, founder and director of the Center for Post-Industrial Studies in Moscow,
Moderator: Maciej Nowicki – Polish journalist, “Newsweek” magazine

18:00 – 19:30 Landscape of Polish Cities – meet the author session
• Filip Springer – Polish photojournalist and reportage writer, author of four reportage collections on socialist architecture and the Polish landscape, and on the accomplishments of the renowned team Zofia and Oskar Hansen
Moderator: Marcin Wojciechowski – “Liberté!”

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19:30 – 20:30 How to Save Democracy? – closing speech
• Ivan Krastev – Bulgarian political scientist, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia, Co-founder of the European Council on Foreign Relations

20:30 Refreshments (Lake of Memory)

21:00 Concert
• Mitch & Mitch

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23:00 Afterparty at 6. Dzielnica

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