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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of Liberty International,

Freedom is about you, your life, here and now. You can give it up and let other people, including the ones called "government", run it for you. Do you need the government to disappear or drastically shrink to become a free and sovereign individual? The external conditions matter but let's be honest: freedom starts and ends with you. And you could be more free and prosperous in THIS world of taxes and regulations. Moreover, there was no better time for humanity than now - but it doesn't mean most people take advantage of that. Most people want others to run their lives.

At Liberty International we started to design our projects around Harry Browne's notion of founding freedom in an unfree world. We aim to help you to grasp opportunities and change your life, in a practical and libertarian fashion at the very same time. We run World Conferences, Project Arizona, Libertarian Solutions and other projects to give you the tools to empower you to make the first (or next) step. Because individual freedom is a necessary precondition for all other great things and values.

Don't trust libertarian politicians or think-tanks will suddenly make your life better, just take freedom into your own hands.

Yours for Liberty,

Jacek Spendel
President



A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

In spite of COVID restrictions, Liberty International has had an impressive year. As you can see from our financials, we give our donors the proverbial "big bang for the buck." Each dollar, peso, or Euro that our donors give to LI goes a long, long way to promoting the ideas of liberty.

We are able to do much with so little because of our worldwide volunteer network. We do contract out some of the work necessary to complete our projects, but even so we aren't paying top dollar. Those who work on our projects do so primarily out of love for liberty. Our Executive Director and co-Founder, Jim Elwood, as well as our dedicated and hard-working President take only a minimal salary. Our governing board, including myself, serves gratis.

We know that times are tough, especially in the last few years when governments world-wide have made devastating decisions for the global marketplace. We hope that 2022 will be better financially for everyone.

Unfortunately, freedom has suffered under the COVID crisis. That's why it's more important than ever to bring the world the good news about liberty and how it enriches the poor, protects the environment, deters aggression and yes, can even shorten the life of a pandemic. The world desperately needs to hear "the other side of the story."

LI's mission is to show how liberty works in the real world to bring us what politicians promise, but never deliver. However, we can't do it without YOUR help.

Our loyal donors are the lifeblood of this organization. Without you, LI can't support the many projects that you make possible. As you read the Annual Report, please tell us how we can do better and help us to raise the money to do it. We are always grateful for your support. If you are able to contribute to our 2022 budget, please do so. If you'd like to volunteer, we welcome that as well.

Be safe, be prosperous and let 2022 be the year that LI, with your help, makes freedom ring!

Dr. Mary Ruwart
Chairman



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OUR MISSION

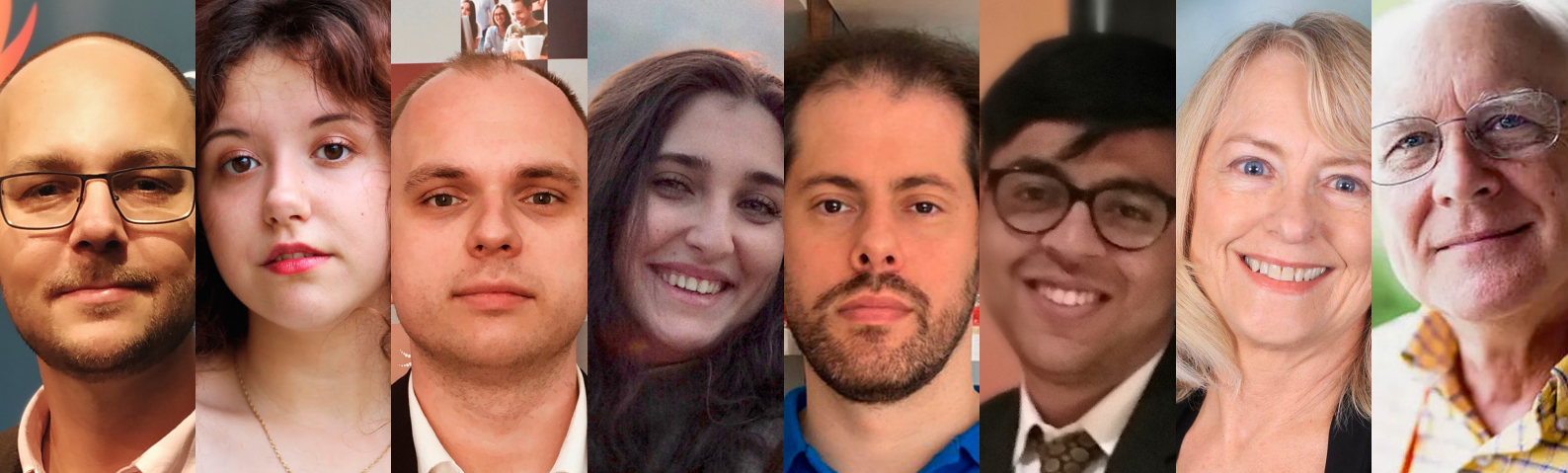
Established in 1969, Liberty International is the oldest organization promoting libertarianism worldwide. Our mission is to bring liberty to every corner of the world by sharing the philosophy and benefits of freedom, with special emphasis on educating newcomers. We spread liberty and foster a global network of freedom champions, empowering them to become change agents in their own countries.

OUR VISION

In our vision, we see the world free of governmental overpower yet full of individual responsibility. We see the world freer, more open, and more individualized.

HOW DO WE ACHIEVE IT?

We combine the knowledge and experience of our board members with motivation and fresh perspective of our volunteers from all around the world. Our team works daily from the US, Brasil, India, China, Poland, and the United Kingdom which makes it truly global!



OUR TEAM

There are people behind the actions. Our projects and major milestones of the past year would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our operations team. We work in different locations around the world. What unites us is our passion for freedom. Get to know us!

JACEK SPENDEL POLAND

Now President of LI for over two years, Jacek has done a great job of recruiting new, young individuals to perform key functions, and improve our outreach, especially on the Internet. He came to us as a scholarship student at our 2006 Prague conference, and then attended a Liberty Camp in Slovakia. Inspired, he committed his life to liberty.

JUSTYNA PIĄTEK-PAWŁOWSKA POLAND

Project & Event Manager. She manages external communications including monthly newsletter, website, and news service. This upcoming year, she will lead our second online course- Libertarian Solutions - as well as Liberty International World Conference 2022.

SEBASTIAN WĘGLARZ POLAND

As Social Media Manager, he has successfully magnified outreach for our activities on social media platforms — Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. These will greatly increase our exposure and recruiting possibilities to young people.

NENE KOLBAIA REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

Nene is responsible for managing LI's Project Arizona: promotion, marketing, application process, communication with participants and speakers, website, monthly newsletters and social media. As for now, besides Project Arizona, she is also a local manager for upcoming LIWC 2022 in Tbilisi, Georgia, responsible for scholarship holders, bookings and local entertainment.

HIMANSHU DHINGRA INDIA

As Development & Strategy Manager, he leads donor relations and overall fundraising efforts including grant acquisition, monitoring, and management. He also works closely with President in overall management of the projects and conceptualizing new initiatives.

GABRIEL CARPAV ARGENTINA

Gabriel obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts, specializing in Digital Arts, at the University of Oregon. Since then, he has been working as a freelancer in the fields of animation, design and illustration. He's currently collaborating with LI in the development of an animated series based on Ken Schoolland's Adventures of Jonathan Gullible.

KEN SCHOOLLAND USA

Ken is involved in numerous projects related to his The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible book, and spoke at Freedom Fest, the LI Medellin conference, the preceding Liberty Camp, and events in Ecuador.

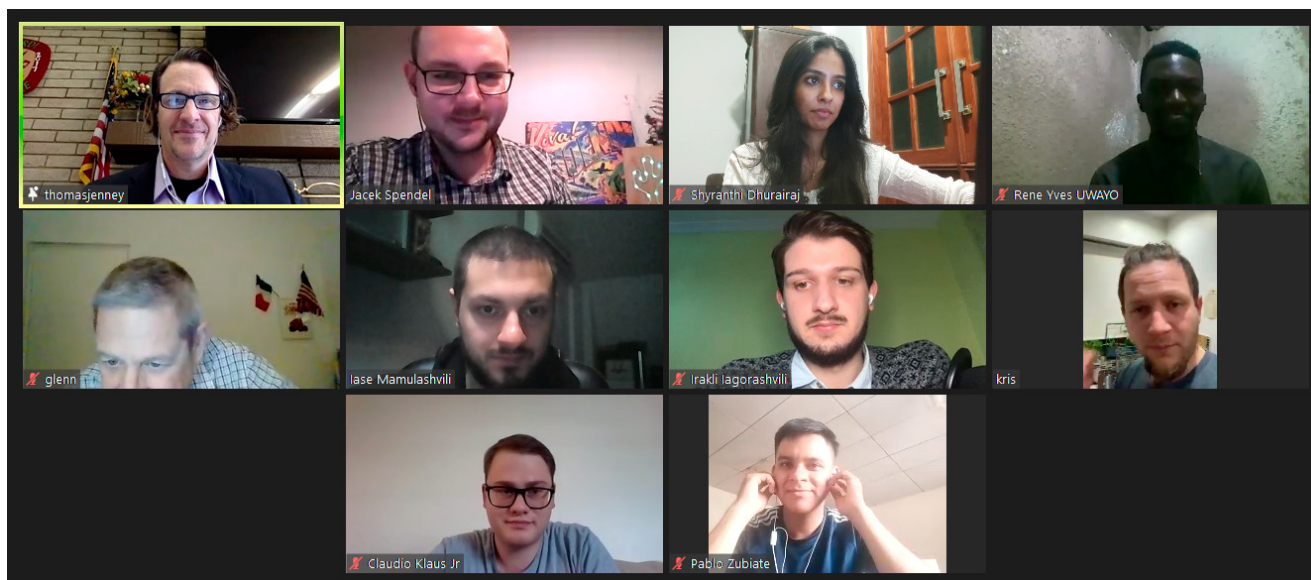
MARY RUWART USA

Mary continues to speak at libertarian events such as Freedom Fest, and via Zoom, and she is coordinating the upcoming Libertarian Solutions 2.0 webinar series with tips on improving personal wisdom, health and wealth regardless of the political situation.

JIM ELWOOD USA

Executive Director of Liberty International. He has performed administrative and fundraising duties, and assisted in international conference organization for LI since 1985. He served as a Libertarian Party state chair (Virginia) in the 1980s, and was the 1992 LP congressional candidate in San Francisco against current House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Earlier, he was in management in two major US retailers. He holds a B.A. in economics and political science from the University of Richmond.

PROJECT ARIZONA



- 13 candidates from 10 countries and five continents applied for the Project. We have chosen 7 to participate in the Virtual Project Arizona.
- Amazing resume of all the candidates – leaders of Students for Liberty, local libertarian activists, and just great personalities.
- Lawyers, writers, activists – all of our candidates this year are striving to help their own communities. The year 2021 has been different with the Covid-19 pandemic taking over the world. New restrictions and lockdowns were introduced, international travels were virtually banned, and hunger for freedom training only deepened.

That's why we have introduced a slightly different approach to our project that we've called Virtual Project Arizona 2021 – over 2 months of intensive online training and networking, unlike any of the previous editions.

Education: Students were provided with a variety of different teaching modules, including Creative Writing, the Laissez-Faire Theory, and guest lectures.

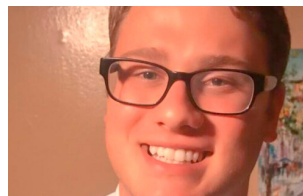
Networking: They had opportunities to meet several important figures of the liberty movement, including Marcin Chmielowski (Poland), Tomek Kołodziejczuk (Poland), Clint Bolick (USA), Glenn Cripe (USA), Thomas Jenney (USA), Antonio Saravia (USA) and Federico Fernandez (Argentina), but also our alumni Himanshu Dhingra (India)! ■



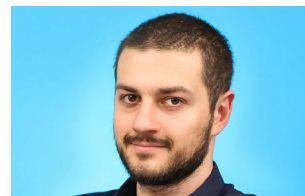
Shyranthi Dhurairaj, India



Rene Uwayo, Rwanda



Claudio Antonio Klaus Jr., Brasil



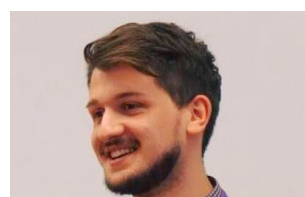
Iase Mamulashvili, Georgia



Pablo Zubiato, Peru



Ritik Kumar, India



Irakli Iagorashvili, Georgia

OUR FIRST WORLD CONFERENCE IN SOUTH AMERICA



84 ATTENDEES

23 SCHOLARS

31 SPEAKERS

The city of eternal spring, Medellín, was the home of the Liberty International World Conference for 4 days – from August 12 to 15, 2021.



Liberty International and the host organization Movimiento

Libertario Colombia have been organizing the event for almost a year. With the main theme “Market Alternatives to the Government”, over 80 attendees from 19 different countries shared and gathered around the ideas of liberty. The topics covered were quite diverse – from the right to self medicate to the current migration issues in Venezuela. All days of the conference were very intense. The days were filled with lectures and workshops on freedom and freedom-related topics. We reached back to the source, analyzed freedom in economic, historical, social, and even moral terms! All this on a national and international scale. We thank all of our speakers for giving us the opportunity for dialogue, a dose of new knowledge and previously unknown perspectives with their speeches.

What is more, we had the pleasure of having guest activists and freedom fighters from Venezuela, Henry Song who talked about North Korea and ways to help escape the regime, and Mikhail Svetov, prominent defender of liberty from Russia. We also hosted a political figure – Marcel van Hattem – who has been elected federal representative of the State of Rio Grande do Sul in Brasília.



Fortunately the limits imposed on some countries for COVID-19 didn't stop some of the speakers like Dr. Mary Ruwart, Walter Block and Roberto Salinas from making a special appearance via zoom.



We believe in taking care of future generations of leaders – that is why LIWC has always welcomed newcomers with enthusiasm. On this occasion we created 3 spaces specially for our scholars: Lunch with Locke and Lunch with Ayn Rand sponsored by The Objectivist Standard Institute with Jon Hersey as speaker. In addition to that, Dr. Kyle Varner conducted a workshop on how to live a libertarian life.

The conference came to an end at the farewell dinner with an experience of the festival of flowers, a ride on a Chiva (Colombian party bus), folkloric dance and a percussion band called Papayera that brought everyone to the dance floor. No one was sitting still!



The energy in the room was blasting the ceiling, and the fun and dancing were intertwined with the thrill of having experienced such wonderful days together.



Read what our scholars have to say about the event:



WOJCIECH PODBIELSKI, POLAND

Meeting champions of libertarian thought and leaders of the struggle for freedom and against authoritarianism from around the world was such an inspiring and encouraging experience!

Lectures and talks gave me a lot to think about. Facing theorists and practitioners of libertarianism allowed me to better understand both the theoretical basis and practical consequences of its philosophy, as well as to recognize effective ways to spread ideas of liberty and voluntary cooperation. The great part of the conference was meeting young people like me and sharing passion for freedom despite the different environments we are coming from.

I am still looking for my way to contribute to efforts of making the world freer, but with such a great experience I definitely know better what to do!



ANDREA CASTELLANO, VENEZUELA

From the moment I walked into our hotel and was able to establish contact with different nationalities, I knew I was in the right place, at the right time and with amazing people. So I made sure I had the best attitude, ready to enjoy the experience.

I loved each and every one of the sessions, in which I was able to learn new things and reaffirm some of the things I already knew. I was also able to take note of many recommendations made by the speakers in terms of books, documentaries and actions to follow. I appreciate having the opportunity to talk about the situation in my country, Venezuela. To make us visible to people of different nationalities who may know little, much or nothing about us. Total thanks to Ken for giving us a voice, and to the entire LIWC team for making this possible.

I take with me a great contribution of ideas and knowledge that will help me grow as a person and further develop my knowledge so that I can replicate it to more people. ■



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JONATHAN GULLIBLE

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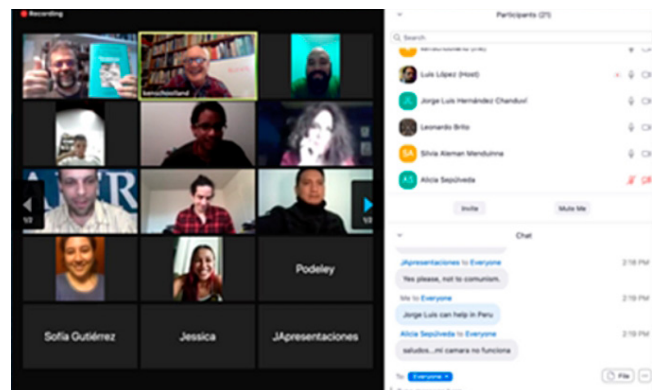
The book "The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible: A Free Market Odyssey" by our Vice President Ken Schoolland has been available for quite some time. Published in nine successive English editions from 1989 to 2021, it proves to be increasingly relevant. Although fictional, the book helps to better understand real societies by discussing important economic and philosophical ideas of liberty.

The book has received many adaptations and is increasingly acclaimed around the world. We are happy to report that it has reached several important milestones in 2021:

- New book translations: Romanian, Dari and Chichewa language, as well as bilingual Spanish/English edition.
- Book promotion on various events: Liberty Camp, Guatape, Colombia; Liberty International World Conference in Medellin, Colombia, Libre Razon & Students for Liberty in Quito, Ecuador.
- Ken and his wife Li gave multiple presentations at Mark Skousen's Freedom Fest 2021 in Rapid City, South Dakota, and continue to promote JG and sign books for fans
- Online events and meet-ups: Weekly International JG Reader's Group organized by Glenn Boyer. AIER and the Bastiat Society of Venezuela hosted a presentation about the book in teaching free market ideas. Bishnu Timilsina did much the same with the Language of Liberty Institute and 30 teachers of Pokhara, Nepal. Hiroshi Yoshida hosted a presentation with the Economic Research Association in Tokyo, Japan. The Rondine Foundation Seminar was in Arezzo, Italy. Language of Liberty Institute, with Uwayo Yves Rene as organizer, hosted online seminars in Kigali, Rwanda and with Bishnu Timilsina and Students for Liberty in the Maldives Islands.

One thing is certain - Jonathan Gullible global outreach will keep expanding and reaching new audiences around the world. Among other things, new language versions are planned for 2022, as well as the official cartoon series.

Go to www.jonathangullible.com to stay up to date with the book's development.



LIBERTARIAN SOLUTIONS VIDEO SERIES

In October 2021, we published the Libertarian Solutions Video Series. Our goal was to get back to basics and explain simply that prosperity comes from freedom. At the same time, we emphasized that state protectionism not only does not bring prosperity, but in the middle class it leads to poverty and in the long run even to war.

- Episode 1 focuses on how countries get rich not because of natural resources, but because of the freedom of individual decisions.



- Episode 2 focuses on how labor market regulation is a cost, not a social gain. This cost is being paid by the poor.



- Episode 3 focuses on negative consequences of providing humanitarian aid. It's about the sum of two phenomena that on the surface have a good PR (aid & customs duties) but end up with the worst possible outcome - misery and war.

TOMASZ AGENCKI
POLAND



Filmmaker & podcaster. Tomasz produced and narrated the whole Libertarian Solutions Video Series. Above that, he created excellent summary videos of the Krakow and Medellin LI World Conferences.

You can watch all of the mentioned videos on our YouTube channel!

📺 youtube.com/c/libertyinternationalorg



NEWSLETTER AND BLOG

If you would like to know more about our projects and keep up to date with where we are, what we do and how we fight for liberty all around the world, we encourage you to visit our blog. We post articles, project reports and events' summaries which reflect the hard work we put into them.

Go to: **liberty-intl.org/news**

In addition to that, we started sending out our official monthly newsletter, which has been very successful among its recipients.

Every month we send curated materials that keep our audience updated with the liberty movement around the world. If you would like to receive our newsletter, go to our website **liberty-intl.org** and sign up with the pop-up subscription window. No SPAM guaranteed! ■



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PLANS FOR 2022

PROJECT ARIZONA 2022

Our leadership training program - Project Arizona is scheduled for January to March 2022. The class of 2022 includes 6 participants representing five countries - Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Turkey, and Poland. We have planned an intensive schedule including internships at liberty-oriented organizations, classes at Arizona State University, constitutional classes by Justice Clint Bolick at the Supreme Court of Arizona, among other networking and volunteering opportunities.



LI WORLD CONFERENCE IN TBILISI, REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

The conference will be held from August 11-15, 2022. Under the main theme "How to Expand Freedom Throughout Life," we want to bring together participants from around the world to learn how to expand personal freedom under the conditions and challenges we face everyday.



LIBERTARIAN SOLUTIONS

The second edition of our online course Libertarian Solutions is scheduled for January to February 2022. It will consist of four main pillars, each consisting of several sessions, presented by experts who have used and experimented with these tools themselves. It will focus on how liberty and self-responsibility can help an individual become healthy, wealthy and wise in an unfree world.



SUPPORT US!

The budget of the Liberty International in 2021 was based only on private funds. Our tradition and goal, always achieved, is financing our activity only from individual payments, grants from private institutions and from the sale of our products and services. This was also the case in 2021, it was the same in all the previous years of the organization's activity, and it will also be so in the future.

Liberty International does not accept public money because we respect liberty. For this reason, our work depends on the generosity of individuals and would not be possible without them. We need your support to keep the organization moving forward. If you share our values and believe our work is needed, please make a voluntary donation.

HOW TO SUPPORT US?

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