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Koch Lecture Series Brings Economic Experts to Friends University

A unique course will allow students to explore law, liberty and the market through a series of lectures that will bring four top minds on these topics to Friends University.

The class will function as a seminar, giving students the opportunity to hear from writers and thinkers beyond Friends University faculty members. The first scholar, John R. Hays Jr., will speak at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 in Alumni Auditorium in the Davis Administration Building. Hays is a practicing attorney from Austin, Texas, and teaches an energy law course at the University of Texas. His lecture – “Reflections on Markets, the Rule of Law, and How the Rules Matter: Some Lessons from Contracts and from Oil, Gas and Energy Law” – will explore the values and principles that make some economies more successful than others.

Other lecturers for the series include: Dr. Emily Chamlee-Wright of Beloit College, who will present a seminar on economic development at 7 p.m. March 2 in the Penn Science Building, room 100; Dr. Chris Fawson of Utah State University, who will show how the application of market principles by different societies product different results in liberty and prosperity at 7 p.m. March 30 in Alumni Auditorium; and Dr. Brian Domitrovic, who will explore whether or not we have learned anything from previous economic crises at 7 p.m. April 20 in the Marriage and Family Therapy facility, room 101. Dr. Domitrovic will speak with students about how religions seem to embrace different economic philosophies, and his evening lecture will focus on some of the key people and principles in his book “Econoclasts: The Rebels Who Sparked the Supply-Side Revolution and Restored American Prosperity.”

The Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation provided \$11,600 to fund the lecture series. According to Liz Koch, president of the foundation, the grant is one of four the foundation has awarded to support selected programs of professors in Kansas.

“Through our support of Friends University, we hope students will better understand the link between free societies, social progress and well-being,” Koch said. “These funds will also provide additional resources to expand students’ educational opportunities and career development.”

The lectures are free and open to the public. For more information on the Law, Liberty and the Market Series at Friends University, contact the Division of Business and Information Technology at 316-295-5526.

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