

***“Hayek advises Fisher; Fisher recruits Harris; Harris meets Seldon.
In nine words, that is the start of the IEA.”***

- John Blundell, *Waging the War of Ideas*


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Timeline



- Apr/May 1945** Antony Fisher reads a summary of F.A. Hayek's *The Road to Serfdom* in the front of the April issue of Reader's Digest
- Jun/Jul 1945** Fisher talks to Hayek at the LSE. Hayek's advice: avoid politics and reach the intellectuals with reasoned argument – it will be their influence which will prevail
- 1948** Fisher publishes *The Case for Freedom*
- 1949** Fisher meets Ralph Harris at East Grinstead
- Jun 1955** Publication of *The Free Convertibility of Sterling* by George Winder; Fisher signs Foreword as Director of the IEA
- Nov 1955** Original Trust Deed signed by Fisher, John Harding, and Oliver Smedley
- Jun 1956** Harris comes from Scotland to discuss with Fisher the creation of the Institute
- Jul 1956** Trustees confirm appointment of Harris as General Director
- Jan 1957** Harris begins work as (part time) General Director at Austin Friars
- Feb 1957** Harris and Seldon meet at 4 Dean's Yard, Westminster
- 1958** Seldon appointed Editorial Advisor
- Jan 1958** Publication of *Hire Purchase in a Free Society*; second edition in July 1959 edited by Harris, Seldon, and Margot Naylor; third, rewritten in February 1961
- Sep 1958** Publication of *The City's Invisible Earnings* by W.M. Clarke
- Dec 1958** Publication of *The Future of the Sterling System* by Paul Bareaux
- Feb 1959** Publication of *Advertising in a Free Society* by Harris and Seldon
- Apr 1959** Michael Solly joins as Research and Editorial Assistant on six-month trial
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| Jun 1959 | Seldon appointed part-time Editorial Director |
| Sep 1959 | Fisher, Harris and Joan Culverwell help organise the Oxford Conference of the Mont Pelerin Society |
| Oct 1959 | Publication of <i>Survey of Large Companies</i> by Harris and Solly |
| Dec 1959 | Seldon proposes a series of Papers for economists to explore the market approach to issues of the day. They eventually emerge as the Hobart Papers; 132 published by early 1997 |
| Jan 1960 | Publication of <i>Not Unanimous – A Rival Verdict to Radcliffe’s on Money</i> , edited by Seldon |
| Feb 1960 | Publication of Hobart Paper 1, <i>Resale Price Maintenance</i> , by Basil Yamey |
| May 1960 | Publication of <i>Trade with Communist Countries</i> by Alec Nove and Desmond Donnelly |
| Jun 1960 | Publication of <i>Saving a Free Society</i> by Enoch Powell |
| Feb 1961 | IEA moves to Eaton Square |
| Jul 1961 | Seldon appointed full-time Editorial Director |
| 1961-62 | Harris downs tools to focus solely on fund raising; his salesmanship saves the Institute |
| Apr 1962 | A financial crisis. Harris and Seldon down tools and concentrate on fund-raising for three months |
| 1962 | Harris proposes the Eaton Papers to analyse the economics of information. Nine were published between 1963 and 1966 |
| 1962 | Seldon proposes periodic field studies based on comparative pricing of state and private welfare to reveal the universal fallacy of post-war ‘price-less’ opinion polling that claimed to have found that people would pay higher taxes for more state expenditure. Four studies from 1963 to 1978, assembled in 1979 in <i>Over-Ruled on Welfare</i> , vindicated the IEA findings that the demand for welfare varied with its price. |

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| Sep 1962 | G E Blundell joins part-time as treasurer |
| Mar 1963 | IEA incorporated as the Institute of Economic Affairs Limited, a private company limited by guarantee |
| Apr 1963 | John Wood appointed Trustee |
| Nov 1963 | Publication of first Occasional Paper, by George Stigler, edited by Seldon. 101 published by early 1997 |
| 1965 | Publication of the first of 12 Key Discussion Books intended for Sixth Form teaching |
| Jan 1966 | George Polanyi joins as non-resident, full-time researcher |
| Jan 1966 | Dinner to celebrate IEA's 10th year, attended by 150 academics, businessmen and writers; principal addresses by Professor John Jewkes, Sir Paul Chambers, and Lord Robbins reproduced in Occasional Paper 8, <i>Economics, Business and Government</i> |
| Jan 1966 | Solly proposes a series of Research Monographs; 52 published by late 1996 |
| 1967 | Harris becomes Hon. Sec. of the Mont Pelerin Society. He organises the meeting at Aviemore in 1968 and the Adam Smith Double Centenary Meeting at St. Andrews University in 1976 |
| Jun 1967 | Publication of the first IEA Readings. 45 published by the end of 1996 |
| 1967-68 | 'Hobart lunches' gradually evolve into discussions addressed by a visiting economist and presided over by Harris |
| Feb 1968 | Publication of the first of 4 <i>Background Memoranda</i> |
| Dec 1968 | Harris and Seldon draft <i>The Urgency of an Independent University</i> , signed by 45 British scholars (A 2nd Edn. in Nov 1969 listed 100 signatories.) |
| 1969 | John Wood joins staff part-time |
| Apr 1969 | Harris initiates the Wincott Foundation in memory of Harold Wincott, to sponsor annual lectures and prizes for economic journalists. By 1996, 26 Wincott Lectures had been published as Occasional Papers |
| May 1969 | IEA moves to Lord North Street |

- Sep 1970** First Wincott Memorial Lecture delivered by Milton Friedman on *The Counter-Revolution in Monetary Theory*
- 1970** Seldon proposes the Hobart Paperbacks to analyse the transition from ideas to policy. 31 published by the end of 1996
- 1970** Seldon's study of state pensions, *The Great Pensions Swindle*, published by Tom Stacey publishers
- Jul 1971** Wood appointed full-time Deputy Director
- Jun 1972** The first one-day seminar for IEA subscribers in industry, government, schools and universities held. The proceedings are published in IEA Readings
- Dec 1972** Death of G E Blundell
- 1972** Wood establishes the first of several agencies for overseas distribution of IEA Papers
- Oct 1974** IEA author Friedrich Hayek receives Nobel Prize in economics
- Jan 1976** Harris appointed Hon. Sec. of the Political Economy Club
- Feb 1976** University College at Buckingham opens to students
- Oct 1976** IEA author Milton Friedman receives Nobel Prize in economics
- Jan 1977** *Not from benevolence...*, written by Harris and Seldon in six weeks (and prepared and produced by Solly in 14 working days), published to mark IEA's 20th anniversary
- 1977** *20 Years of Economic Dissent* published. Contains messages from Milton Friedman, Armin Gutowski, Chiaki Nishiyama, George Stigler, Sergio Ricossa, Harry Johnson, B R Shenoy, Jacques Rueff and Gustavo Velasco and speeches by Antony Fisher, F A Hayek, Ralph Harris, S R Dennison and Sir Keith Joseph from the IEA Anniversary Dinner on 6 July 1977
- 1977** Seldon's study of pricing for 'public' services published as *Charge* by Temple Smith
- 1978** Publication of *The Coming Confrontation* with a contribution by The Duke of Edinburgh

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| Jun 1979 | Harris raised to the peerage as Lord Harris of High Cross (Cross-bench) |
| Jul 1980 | Harris proposes creation of the Patrick Hutber Memorial, a residence for students at the University College, Buckingham |
| Sep-Dec 1980 | IEA encourages Dr Digby Anderson to found an independent institute – The Social Affairs Unit – and assists him in finding financial support, with advice and with ‘house room’. The Unit was finally founded on receiving independent charitable status on 12 December 1980 |
| Sep 1980 | Seldon appointed to Board of the Mont Pelerin Society |
| Oct 1980 | First number of <i>The Journal of Economic Affairs</i> (quarterly) published by Basil Blackwell, proposed and edited by Seldon |
| Dec 1980 | Social Affairs Unit formed. Director, Dr Digby C. Anderson; Assistant Director, David Marsland |
| 1980 | <i>The Times</i> publishes Seldon’s predictions on the future of socialism: that it would fade in the U.S.S.R., China and Britain before the end of the century |
| 1981 | Martin Wassell appointed Editorial Director to succeed Seldon |
| Oct 1982 | IEA author George Stigler receives Nobel Prize in economics |
| 1982 | Seldon nominated a Vice-President of the Mont Pelerin Society |
| 1983 | Seldon appointed CBE |
| Jun 1984 | Hayek awarded the Companion of Honour |
| Jul 1984 | Centre for Research into Communist Economies established as an independent organisation housed at the IEA. Fisher and Harris appointed as Trustees, with Fisher serving as Chairman of Trustees |
| Sep 1984 | Publication of <i>Market or Plan</i> by Milton Friedman, the first CRCE publication, with a Comment by Alec Nove |
| 1985 | Wood appointed Editorial Director |
| Oct 1986 | IEA author James Buchanan receives Nobel Prize in economics |

- 1986** Seldon re-appointed Editorial Director
- 1986** Publication of *The Unfinished Agenda: Essays on the Political Economy of Government Policy* in honour of Arthur Seldon
- 1986** Health and Welfare Unit established; Dr David G Green appointed Director
- Jan 1987** Graham Mather joins staff
- Apr 1987** Dinner held to mark IEA's 30th anniversary. Speeches by Antony Fisher, Sir Alastair Burnet, Sir Alan Peacock, Sir Keith Joseph, Lord Grimond, Lord Houghton, Samuel Brittan, John Horam, Lord Harris, Graham Mather and The Prime Minister
- Jun 1988** Founder Antony Fisher knighted
- Jul 1988** Death of Sir Antony Fisher; Lord Vinson LVO appointed Chairman of the Board
- Jul 1988** Nigel Lawson speaks at the IEA Special Lecture (which became Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture). His speech, *The State of the Market*, was printed as Occasional Paper 80
- 1988** Graham Mather follows Harris as General Director; Harris retires
- 1988** Seldon retires as Editorial Director
- 1988** Cento Veljanovski appointed Editorial Director
- Jul 1989** Robin Leigh-Pemberton speaks at the IEA Special Lecture. His speech, *The Future of Monetary Arrangements in Europe*, was printed as Occasional Paper 82
- Jul 1990** Karl Otto Pohl speaks at the IEA Special Lecture. His speech, *Two Monetary Unions – the Bundesbank's view*, was printed as Readings 33
- 1990** Seldon's book, *Capitalism*, published by Blackwell
- 1990** Hayek leaves a request in the manuscript of Volume III of *Law, Legislation and Liberty* that if ill health prevents him from completing the book he would like the task undertaken by Seldon

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| Aug 1991 | Death of John B Wood |
| Oct 1991 | IEA author Ronald Coase receives Nobel Prize in economics |
| Nov 1991 | Hayek receives the Presidential Medal of Freedom |
| Mar 1992 | Professor Colin Robinson appointed Editorial Director |
| Apr 1992 | Graham Mather steps down as General Director |
| Apr 1992 | Russell Lewis appointed Acting General Director |
| Jun 1992 | Jeffrey Sachs (Harvard University) gives First Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture |
| Oct 1992 | IEA friend Gary Becker receives Nobel Prize in economics |
| 1992 | Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award given to Seldon's <i>Capitalism</i> |
| Jan 1993 | John Blundell takes up appointment as General Director. He talks with Roger Bate about setting up an Environment Unit |
| Mar 1993 | Occasional Lecture series begins with Professor Richard Stroup |
| May 1993 | <i>Families without Fatherhood</i> by Norman Dennis and George Erdos receives a Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award |
| May 1993 | 1st Annual John B Wood International Memorial Essay Contest held. Prizes handed out to students by Chairman of the Judges Blundell at May Hobart. Brother Hugh Wood pledges a decade's support for the memorial |
| Jun 1993 | Michael Novak (American Enterprise Institute) gives Second Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture |
| Aug 1993 | Library remodelled and dedicated as The Arthur Seldon Room |
| Sep 1993 | Christine Blundell launches IEA student outreach programme |
| Oct 1993 | IEA/London Business School launch annual lecture series on utility regulation |
| Nov 1993 | All conferences sub-contracted to two profit-making firms |

- Mar 1994** Environment Unit formally launched at first annual conference
- Mar 1994** Publication of first Environment Unit book, *Global Warming: Apocalypse or Hot Air?*, sells out in six months. Second impression needed by August
- May 1994** *Federalism and Free Trade* by Jean-Luc Migue receives a Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award
- June 1994** Peter Sutherland (Director General, GATT) gives Third Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture
- Dec 1994** Publication of *No, Prime Minister!*, a collection of 30 essays by Harris, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Assembled by Robinson with *A Personal Note* by Blundell
- 1994** Seldon's anthology, 75 of 250 essay-articles from 1936-1992, on the inevitably dwindling welfare state, published as *The State is Rolling Back* by IEA/E&L Books
- May 1995** Professor Harold Rose succeeds Lord Vinson as Chairman of the Board. Lord Vinson becomes Vice President
- Jun 1995** The Rt Hon Francis Maude (Morgan Stanley International) gives Fourth Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture
- 1995** Blundell and Dr James Tooley discuss setting up the Education and Training Unit. It is formally launched in September
- Apr 1996** Publication of first Education and Training Unit book *Education Without the State* by Tooley
- May 1996** *Global Warming: Apocalypse or Hot Air?* by Roger Bate and Julian Morris receives a Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award
- May 1996** Hobart lunch turns into surprise 80th birthday party for Seldon. Blundell gets more than 100 friends and colleagues, including 5 Nobel laureates from 14 countries, to send letters of tribute. These were later privately published with additional material by Marjorie Seldon in *Letters on a Birthday: The Unfinished Agenda of Arthur Seldon*
- Jun 1996** Dr Donald Brash (Governor, Reserve Bank of New Zealand) gives Fifth Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture
- Sep 1996** Seldon appointed first ever Honorary Fellow of the Mont Pelerin Society
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| Sep 1996 | IEA purchase freehold to 2 Lord North Street for £862,500 |
| Dec 1996 | Publication of Occasional Paper Number 100, <i>New Zealand's Remarkable Reforms</i> |
| 1996 | Seldon appointed Consultant for external promotion of IEA scholarship |
| 1996 | IEA turnover surpasses £1 million mark |
| Feb 1997 | Gerald Frost, Deepak Lal and Brian Hindley move the Trade and Development Unit from CPS to the IEA |
| Feb 1997 | Occasional Discussion series begins with a programme on a market in airport landing slots |
| Mar 1997 | <i>Economic Affairs</i> re-launched in new design, published by Blackwell, from Volume 17 no.1 |
| Apr 1997 | Harris and Seldon represent IEA at special meeting of the Mont Pelerin Society in Mont Pelerin |
| Apr 1997 | <i>Community Without Politics: A Market Approach to Welfare Reform</i> receives a Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award |
| Jun 1997 | Dr Vaclav Klaus (Prime Minister, Czech Republic) gives Sixth Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture |
| 1998 | State of the Economy Conference held twice a year |
| May 1998 | Sir Peter Walters appointed Chairman of the Trustees |
| Sep 1998 | John Blundell elected to the Board of the Mont Pelerin Society |
| 1998 | Dr Jonathan Sacks (The Chief Rabbi) gives Seventh Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture |
| Mar 1999 | Arthur Seldon receives an honorary PhD from the University of Buckingham |
| May 1999 | Professor Otmar Issing (Member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank) gives Eight Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture |
| Aug 1999 | Expansion of the Arthur Seldon Room commences |

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| 1999 | Death of Trustee Professor Michael Beesley. Annual Regulation Lecture Series become the Beesley Lectures in his honour |
| Oct 1999 | Trustees challenge Dr David Green to make business plan for a new institute |
| Jun 2000 | John Blundell presented with Aims of Industry Free Enterprise Award by Sir Nigel Mobbs, with remarks by Lord Forsyth and Mike Fisher |
| Jun 2000 | Dr Benno Schmidt (Edison Schools) gives Ninth Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture |
| Aug 2000 | Completion of launch of IEA Health & Welfare Unit as CIVITAS, The Institute for the Study of Civil Society. Chairman: Lord Harris of High Cross |
| Oct 2000 | Launch of <i>A Conversation with Lord Peter Bauer</i> video |
| Nov 2000 | London announced as the venue for the 2002 Mont Pelerin Society |
| Dec 2000 | Dr Arthur Seldon appointed Hon Fellow of the LSE |
| Feb 2001 | First IEA title with Profile Books |
| May 2001 | Professor David Myddelton appointed Chairman of the Board |
| May 2001 | Celebration of Arthur Seldon's 85th birthday and publication of <i>A conversation with Harris and Seldon</i> to coincide with the event |
| Jul 2001 | Charles Calomiris speaks on the topic of <i>A Globalist Manifesto for Public Policy</i> at the 10th Hayek Memorial Lecture sponsored by Nomura. Published as Occasional Paper 124 |
| Oct 2001 | Blundell presides at conference to mark the Anniversary of the opening of the University of Buckingham and IEA publishes as <i>Buckingham at 25</i> |
| Nov 2001 | Americas 'top cop' Ed Davis visits the IEA and gives public lecture |
| Dec 2001 | Sir John Templeton pledges \$250,000 for 3 year expansion of outreach to students and teachers |
| Apr 2002 | Professor Patrick Minford and Carolyn Fairbairn join the IEA board of trustees |

- May 2002** IEA takes over running of the National Free Enterprise Award from Aims of Industry
- May 2002** IEA author Peter Bauer posthumously receives first Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty from the Cato Institute. Blundell, a judge, makes both the presentation and acceptance speeches
- May 2002** Launch of the Liberty Fund video *A conversation with Alan Walters*, with Blundell as interviewer
- May 2002** Kevin Bell and Professor Tim Congdon join the IEA board of trustees
- Jun 2002** Hernando de Soto speaks on the topic of *The Road to Capitalism and the Spontaneous Generation of Law* at the 11th Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture sponsored by Nomura
- Jul 2002** Professor Colin Robinson retires as Editorial Director and addresses Hobart Lunch on the theme of *Markets, Perfect and Imperfect: Fifty Years On*
- Jul 2002** IEA friend Milton Friedman turns 90. Blundell writes lead op-ed in *The Daily Telegraph* titled *On Friedman's 90th birthday we still need his remedy*
- Jul 2002** *The Making of The Institute*, a selection of Arthur Seldon's prefaces (1960 – 1992) is published as hard-back book
- Sep 2002** Professor Philip Booth of Sir John Cass Business School commences duties as Programme and Editorial Director
- Oct 2002** John Blundell hosts MPS 2002 at the Queen Elizabeth II conference Centre with 545 delegates from 47 countries. During the event it is announced that IEA author and Academic Advisory Council member Vernon Smith has received the 2002 Nobel Prize in Economics
- Nov 2002** National Free Enterprise Award, now run by the IEA, goes to Lloyd Dorfman, Chief Executive of Travelex
- Dec 2002** Former IEA Production Manager Mike Solly dies
- May 2003** 20th State of the Economy conference held at RSA
- Jun 2003** Bill Emmott, Editor-in-Chief at *The Economist*, speaks on the topic of *Saving Capitalism from Itself* at the 12th Hayek Memorial Lecture sponsored by Nomura
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- Jun 2004** Martin Wolf speaks on *One economy many states* at the 13th Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture, sponsored by CQS (UK)
- Dec 2004** Lord Harris turns 80 and celebrates his birthday at the IEA with Lady Thatcher and other guests
- Jan 2005** National Free Enterprise Award given to Dr Terence Kealey, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buckingham
- Jun 2005** 50th Anniversary Dinner at the Reform Club
- Jun 2005** 60th Anniversary of the day Antony Fisher met F A Hayek and the 50th Anniversary of the very first IEA book, *The Free Convertibility of Sterling* by George Winder
- Jul 2005** Hayek Lunch Re-launch of the Reader's Digest condensed version of *The Road to Serfdom*. Arthur Seldon visits the IEA for the last time
- Jul 2005** Michael Hintze and Professor J R Shackleton join the IEA board of trustees
- Oct 2005** Seminar held on *Economic issues for Christians in the Modern World*, sponsored by The Foundation for Business Responsibility
- Oct 2005** Dr Arthur Seldon CBE, the IEA's first Editorial Director, dies – obituaries in all major papers
- Nov 2005** Second Political Economy Conference
- Nov 2005** The IEA's 50th Anniversary lecture held at Cass Business School. The President of the Czech Republic, Professor Vaclav Klaus speaks on *The European Union, Economic Freedom and Prosperity: A View Influenced by the IEA's Ideas*
- Nov 2005** Andrew Neil speaks on *China and Europe: The Fatal Conceit* at the 14th Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture, sponsored by CQS (UK)
- Dec 2005** Celebration of the life and work of Dr Arthur Seldon CBE (1916 - 2005) held; and a major new series, *The Collected Works of Arthur Seldon* (published by Liberty Fund), launched
- Jan 2006** Memorial Service held for Dr Arthur Seldon CBE 1916-2005; a service of thanksgiving to mark the life and work of IEA's co-founder and first Editorial Director
- Feb 2006** Patience Wheatcroft presents the inaugural Seldon Award (2005) to James Bartholomew for his book *The Welfare State We're In*
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- Feb 2006** National Free Enterprise Award given to Neil Collins, City Editor of *The Daily Telegraph* for 20 years and now a columnist on the *Evening Standard*
- Jun 2006** Launch of the revised and updated paperback edition of *The Welfare State We're In* by James Bartholomew
- Jun 2006** The Hon Gale Norton (US Interior Secretary 2001-2006) speaks on *Hayek, the Market and the Environment: A US Perspective* at the 15th Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture, sponsored by CQS (UK);
- Jul 2006** IEA Founders' Day Party with remarks by:
Dr Barbara Kolm-Lamprecht (honouring F A Hayek),
Gerald Frost (honouring Sir Antony Fisher),
Rt Hon the Lord Tebbit CH (honouring Lord Harris of High Cross)
and Professor Colin Robinson (honouring Dr Arthur Seldon CBE)
- Special remarks by: Dr Alejandro Chafuen, President and CEO, Atlas Economic Research Foundation, Virginia presenting A Special Antony Fisher Lifetime Achievement Award
- Master of Ceremonies: John Blundell, Director General, IEA
- Vote of Thanks: Professor David R Myddelton, Chairman of Managing Trustees, IEA
- Oct 2006** Lord Harris of High Cross, one of IEA's four founding fathers and its first Director General, dies – obituaries in all major papers
- Nov 2006** Third Political Economy Conference held. Speakers included Chris Huhne MP, Michael Meacher MP, Professor Colin Robinson, Professor Alison Wolf, Dr. Mark Pennington, Dr. Diane Coyle. Main themes were: the environment, immigration and education.
- Nov 2006** Professor Milton Friedman, IEA author and Nobel Prize-winning economist, dies
- Dec 2006** Evening Panel Discussion to celebrate the life and work of Milton Friedman held. Many friends and colleagues speak, including Eben Wilson, producer of Friedman's *Free to Choose* television series
- Feb 2007** A Celebration of the Life and Work of Lord (Ralph) Harris of High Cross. Some several hundred liberal economists and other friends gather at St John's, Smith Square to celebrate the wonderful life and terrific achievements of Lord Harris of High Cross

- Mar 2007** The National Free Enterprise Award given to James Tooley, Professor of Education Policy, University of Newcastle upon Tyne
The Arthur Seldon Award for Excellence given to David B Smith for his IEA publication *Living with Leviathan: Public Spending, Taxes and Economic Performance*
- Apr 2007** The IEA wins the 2007 Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award for its role in producing *The Welfare State We're In* by James Bartholomew
- Feb 2008** The National Free Enterprise Award given to Prof. Patrick Minford, Professor of Applied Economics, Cardiff University Business School
- Jun 2008** Leading historian Paul Johnson speaks on *Freeholds and Freedom* at the 17th Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture
- Sep 2008** Launch of the IEA Blog
- Mar 2009** Philip Booth speaks on *Catholicism and Capitalism* at Westminster Cathedral
- Jun 2009** James Tooley, Professor of Education Policy, University of Newcastle upon Tyne speaks on *The Beautiful Tree*, his book about private education in the developing world, at the 18th Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture
- Oct 2009** IEA authors Oliver Williamson and Elinor Ostrom win the Nobel Prize for Economics
- Dec 2009** Mark Littlewood is appointed Director General of the IEA; John Blundell steps down to become Distinguished Senior Fellow
- Dec 2009** The IEA helps launch the Public Sector Pensions Commission
- Feb 2010** John Blundell is awarded an honorary doctorate at the University of Buckingham
- Feb 2010** The National Free Enterprise Award is given to Eamonn Butler and Madsen Pirie
- Jun 2010** Professor Gary Becker speaks on immigration at the 19th Annual Hayek Memorial Lecture