

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF AFRICA

TEMPLETONIAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION

Seville, Spain

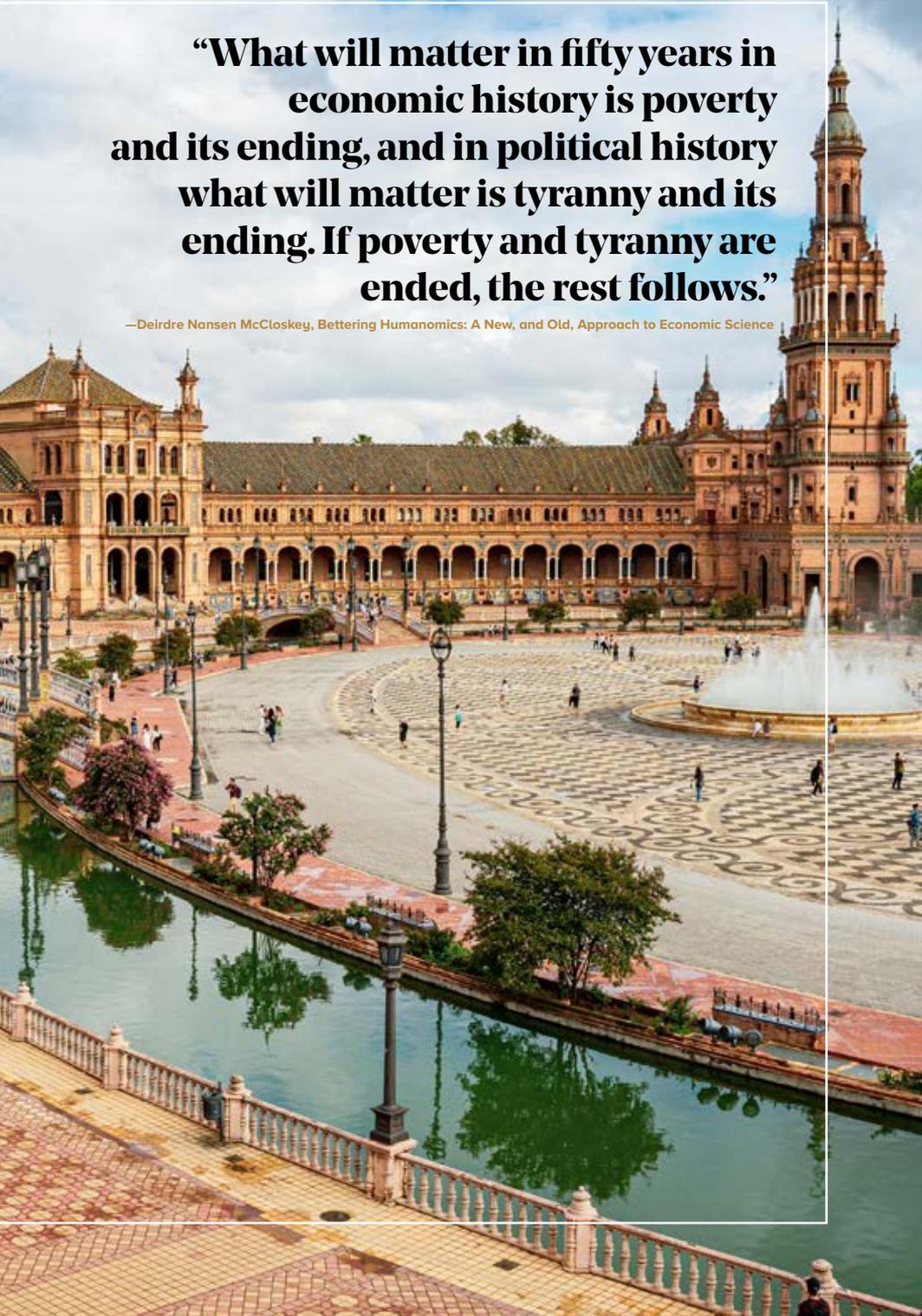
March 18-20, 2026





“What will matter in fifty years in economic history is poverty and its ending, and in political history what will matter is tyranny and its ending. If poverty and tyranny are ended, the rest follows.”

—Deirdre Nansen McCloskey, *Bettering Humanomics: A New, and Old, Approach to Economic Science*



SCHEDULE

Subject to Change

Tuesday, March 17

Arrivals, check-in at hotel

Wednesday, March 18

7:30 am:	Breakfast Opens (Hotel's restaurant La Maestría)
8:30 am:	Registration Opens (Subfloor)
9:30 am – 10:00 am:	Welcome (Wolcott)
10:00 am – 10:15 am:	Introductions of Plenaries
10:15 am – 11:15 am:	Plenary 1: Challenges and Possibilities for Africa (Wade)
11:15 am – 11:30 am:	Break
11:30 am – 12:30 pm:	Plenary 2: The African School of Economics: Lessons Learned for Development on the Continent (Wantchekon)
12:30 pm – 12:55 pm:	Change into comfortable attire
12:55 pm:	Meet in lobby
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm:	Group Lunch (Offsite at El Favorito)
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm:	Walk to tour destinations
3:00 pm:	Cathedral Tour
4:30 pm:	Alcázar Tour
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm:	Free time
8:00 pm:	Group Dinner (Hotel's restaurant La Maestría)

SCHEDULE

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Thursday, March 19

7:30 am:	Breakfast Opens (Hotel's restaurant La Maestría)
9:00 am – 9:15 am:	Introductions and plans for the day (Wolcott)
9:15 am – 10:30 am:	Panel 1: Jesuit Universities in Africa: Values and Hopes for the Future (Kabore, Muhigirwa, Minaku, Garrido, Pérez)
10:30 am – 10:45 am:	Break
10:45 am – 11:30 am:	Plenary 3: The contribution of the Jesuits to Economics and Entrepreneurship Theory (Calzada)
11:30 am – 11:45 am:	Break
11:45 am – 1:00 pm:	Panel 2: African Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities Lockhart, Ntarangwi, Kirunda)
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm:	Group Lunch (Hotel's restaurant La Maestría)
2:30 pm – 3:45 pm:	Panel 3: Advocacy for Africa: Setting the Record Straight (Mugabi, Exaud, Dosso)
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm:	Break
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm:	Plenary 4: Raising Aspirations: Innovations in Institutions (Calzada)
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm:	Close for The Day (Wolcott)
5:15 pm – 7:55 pm:	Free Time
7:55 pm:	Meet in lobby
8:00 pm:	Group Dinner (Offsite at Torres y García)

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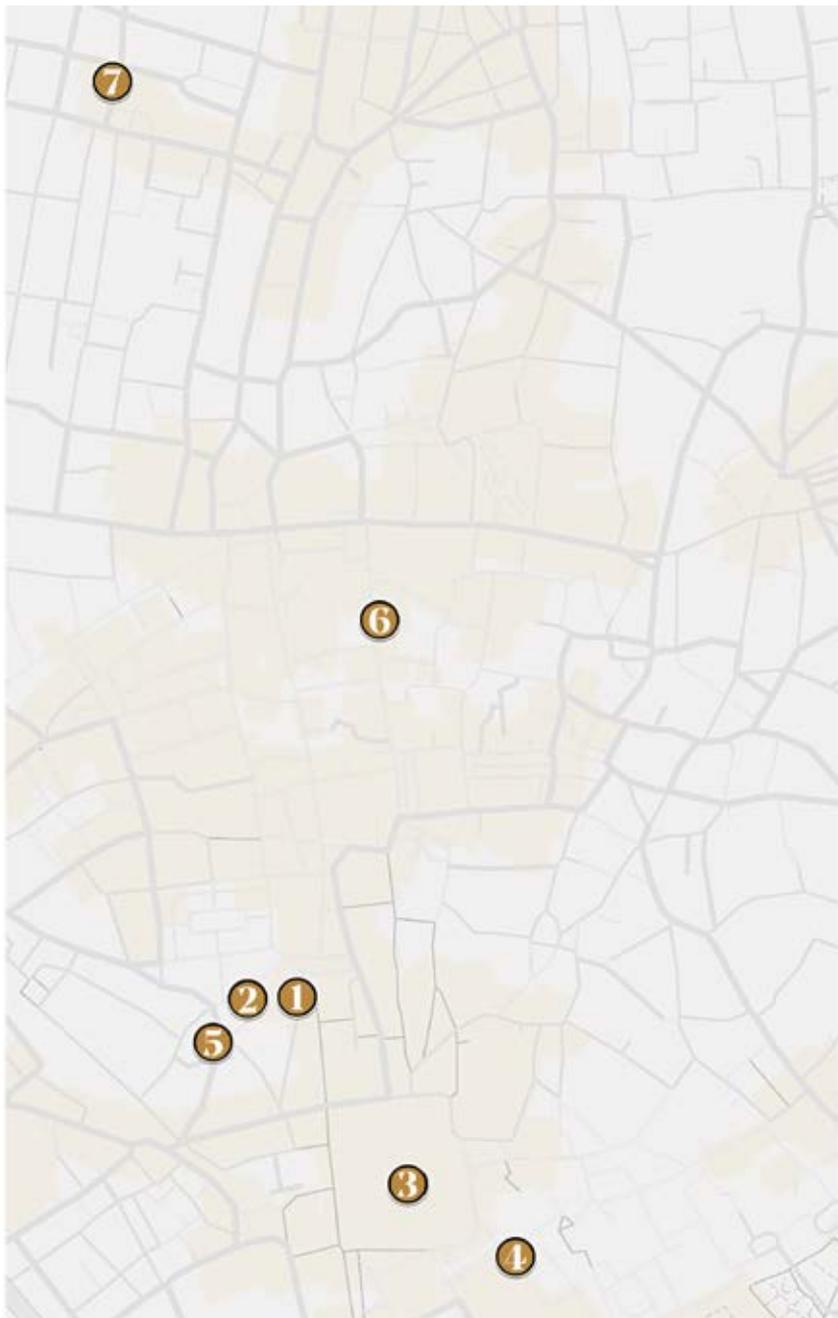
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Friday, March 20

7:30 am:	Breakfast Opens (Hotel's restaurant La Maestría)
9:00 am – 9:15 am:	Introductions and plans for the day (Wolcott)
9:15 am – 10:15 am:	Panel 4: Entrepreneurship: Africa in the World (Hechavarria, Hammond, Niang)
10:15 am – 10:30 am:	Break
10:30 am – 11:30 am:	Panel 5: View from Foundations and Entrepreneurship Networks (Hammond, Wachori, Chesney, Ng'weno)
11:30 am – 11:45 am:	Break
11:45 am – 1:00 pm:	Panel 6: Ideas in Action: Entrepreneurship Education Innovators (Brennan, Reid, Widmer)
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm:	Group Lunch (Hotel's restaurant La Maestría)
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm:	Workshop: Generating ideas (Mayens)
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm:	Break
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm:	Group discussion (Wolcott/Mayens)
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm:	Final remarks (Wolcott)
6:30 pm:	Meet in lobby
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm:	Flamenco (Espectáculo Flamenco en Teatro Sevilla)
8:30 pm:	Group Dinner (Offsite at Eslava)

Saturday, March 21

Breakfast and departures



Map Key

- 1. Hotel**
- 2. El Favorito**

- 3. Cathedral**
- 4. Alcazar**
- 5. Torres y Garcia**

- 6. Flamenco**
- 7. Eslava**



Richard Bollinger

John Templeton Foundation

Richard Bollinger is a Senior Program Officer within the Character Virtue Development funding area at JTF. He is a licensed clinical psychologist and previously worked as the Director of Psychotherapy Services at Penn's Outpatient Psychiatry Center.



Jason Brennan

Georgetown University

Jason Brennan is the Flanagan Family Professor of Ethics, Economics, and Public Policy at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. Author of over 20 books and 100 papers, he is editor-in-chief of *Philosophy and Public Affairs*.



Gabriel Calzada

Universidad de las Hespérides

Gabriel Calzada is the founder and president of Universidad de las Hespérides, a Spanish institution rooted in the classical liberal tradition. He previously served as president of Universidad Francisco Marroquín in Guatemala and has also presided over the Mont Pelerin Society and the Association of Private

Enterprise Education. In Spain, he was the founding president of the Instituto Juan de Mariana, recognized as one of the most influential think tanks in the Spanish-speaking world. He currently serves on the boards of the Rising Tide Foundation and Students for Liberty. His research and commentary have appeared in leading international outlets, including The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Newsweek, The Economist, Expansión, and Il Corriere della Sera. He has been invited to testify before the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Senate, and the Parliament of the Canary Islands.



Devin Chesney

ANDE

Devin joined ANDE in 2017 as the Director of Strategic Development, helping to steer the organization through its substantial expansion from 25 to nearly 60 staff members and the launch of its new SDG-aligned strategy. After a year in which Devin stepped up to lead the organization during a critical transition,

he reshaped ANDE's priorities and was confirmed as ANDE Executive Director in May 2025.

Devin holds a Master's in International Relations from the University of Chicago, specializing in political economy of development. He has nearly two decades of experience in the social impact sector, including roles supporting the UN World Food Program, leading a nonprofit consulting practice, and founding FairWear, a social enterprise focused on ethical clothing manufacturing in Bangladesh.



Tim Dalrymple

John Templeton Foundation

Timothy Dalrymple is president of the John Templeton Foundation. Prior to assuming this role in July 2025, he served as CEO of Christianity Today, where he led a multi-year transformation that reenvisioned the historic media property, expanded its reach in new media and global markets, and returned it to profitability

amid severe headwinds in journalism.

Dalrymple has led innovative media ventures and worked closely with writers, scholars, and philanthropists to elevate ideas that enrich public life. A former national champion gymnast turned philosopher of religion, he holds degrees from Stanford University, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Harvard University, where his doctoral work focused on the nature of suffering and religious knowledge.



Mafini Dosso

OIITID

Dr. Mafini Dosso, PhD, PMP, is an economist of innovation with 18+ years' experience. After 9 years at the European Commission JRC, she has cofounded OIITID (non-profit) and GAÏA Intelligence Africa, and she regularly advises global and regional bodies, while supporting local innovation ecosystems.



Evans Exaud

Liberty Sparks

Evans Exaud is a researcher, policy analyst, and institutional leader with deep expertise in public policy, economic research, and international affairs. As Founder and Executive Director of Liberty Sparks, he leads work advancing economic freedom, human dignity, and inclusive prosperity across Africa through

evidence-based policy reforms and free-market solutions.

He has earned wide international recognition, including the 2024 Not-for-Profit CEO/Managing Director of the Year Award and multiple honors such as the African Liberty Award (twice), Think Tank Shark Tank Award, Light, Camera, Liberty Award, and Women's Economic Empowerment Award. He previously received the Best Strategic Plan Development Award in Warsaw and was named a Top 50 Global Leader by Students for Liberty.

Evans holds a BA in International Relations from the University of Dodoma and is pursuing a Master of Research and Public Policy and an LL.B. He also contributes to regional and global policy forums and serves on international boards



Tracey Farquhason

Templeton World Charity Foundation

Tracey Farquharson is a Senior Program Officer at the Templeton World Charity Foundation. She oversees a global portfolio of grants from development to evaluation, focusing on the Individual Freedom and Free Markets and Character Virtue Development funding areas, including the Economics and Human Flourishing priority. She also leads regional grant making in The Bahamas, the Caribbean, and Latin America and oversees the annual Laws of Life Essay Competition in partnership with The Bahamas Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training. Tracey holds a doctorate in curriculum and instruction and has 10 years of experience in philanthropy and over 20 years of experience in education, school leadership, and international accreditation.



Ignacio Garrido

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Ignacio Garrido is Coordinator of the International Alliances Unit at Universidad Loyola Andalucía, promoting strategic global partnerships and overseeing the university's Africa initiatives.



Alexander Hammond

Rising Tide Foundation

Alexander C. R. Hammond is the founder of the Initiative for African Trade and Prosperity and free trade fellow at the Institute of Economic Affairs. His primary role is as a Program Manager at the Rising Tide Foundation.



Diana Hechavarría

Babson College

Diana M. Hechavarría, PhD, is a Professor of Entrepreneurship at Babson College, specializing in nascent entrepreneurship, with a focus on gender, underrepresented founders, and social entrepreneurship. A Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) expert, Prof. Hechavarría was instrumental in harmonizing and disseminating GEM data via the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), enhancing its accessibility for global entrepreneurship research and policy development. She has authored GEM reports for the U.S. and Australia teams and applies GEM insights to policy briefs for the Diana International Research Institute at Babson College. Her research is published in leading academic journals, including the *Journal of Business Ethics*, *Journal of Business Venturing*, *Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice*, and *Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal*.





François Pazisnewende Kaboré

Kosyam Jesuit University of Science

Fr. François Pazisnewende KABORE is an economist, Promoter and first Rector of Kosyam Jesuit University of Science (KQJUS: <https://kosyamuniversity.edu.bf>) a brand new university built by Jesuits of West Africa in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso). Fr. KABORE is

also a Jesuit Priest and President of the Association of Jesuit Universities and Colleges in Africa and Madagascar (AJCU-AM) and member of the board of the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) whose headquarters are in Rome (Italy).

In addition to his administrative duties, he is a professor of economics, statistics for economists, econometrics and economics of knowledge. Since 2022, he is a Global Practitioner fellow at Georgetown GHD program where he taught previously as Assistant Professor. His area of research is development economics with a focus on the economics of knowledge, innovation, international intellectual property rights and technology transfer. Before going back home, Fr. KABORE was Director of CERAP/ Université Jésuite d'Abidjan (Ivory Coast). He also worked at the World Bank in Washington DC and consulted for the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) in Geneva (Switzerland).



Robert Kirunda

Makerere University School of Law

Robert Kirunda is a legal scholar and practitioner with seventeen years of teaching experience at the Makerere University School of Law, where he also serves as Convener of the Center for Law and Emerging Technologies. His research focuses on natural resources law, including a widely noted paper in the *Bulletin for International Taxation* assessing fiscal terms in Uganda's petroleum agreements. He recently completed his doctoral thesis at the University of Cape Town on balancing stakeholder interests in Uganda's natural resource fiscal regime.

Robert is the founding partner of Kirunda & Co. Advocates, guiding the firm's strategic direction and advising across complex legal issues. He has served on multiple corporate boards and held roles

shaping national policy. A trained arbitrator, he is affiliated with the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Uganda Law Society, and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He holds advanced law degrees from Stanford Law School, the University of the Western Cape, Makerere University, and the Law Development Centre.



Kurtis Lockhart

University of Oxford

Kurtis Lockhart is a PhD candidate in political science at the University of Oxford. His research examines the effect of institutional reforms on public goods provision with a regional focus on sub-Saharan Africa.

At Oxford he's taught both quantitative methods and African politics. Kurtis also served as Head of Research and Executive Director of the Charter Cities Institute, a think tank based in Washington, DC. He holds an MSc in Development Management from the London School of Economics, as well as a BA in Economics and Development Studies from McGill University. Find him on Twitter @kurtislockhart.



Karen Mayens

Universidad de las Hespérides

As the Director of Learning Experience Design and Innovation at the Universidad de las Hespérides, Karen supports both teachers and students in cultivating skills, mindsets and knowledge that allow them to grow and evolve, while fostering opportunities for connection and learning with and from each other. For

over a decade she has been designing and facilitating environments that foster learning, collaboration and co-creation, as well as conducting workshops aimed at nurturing these spaces. Karen is passionate about continuous learning and enjoys spending time in nature.



José Minaku

Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar

Father José Minaku Lukoli, a member of the Society of Jesus, is a Congolese national (Democratic Republic of Congo). He has held various roles within the Society, including serving as Provincial of the Central Africa Province. Since July 2023, he has assumed the position of President of the Jesuit Conference of Africa

and Madagascar (JCAM).

Father Minaku holds a Master's degree in Roman Philology from the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL) in Systematic Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley (USA). His primary research interests are intercultural dialogue and ecclesiology.



Ferdinand Muhigirwa

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Dr. Prof. Muhigirwa Rusembuka Ferdinand S.J. is a Jesuit Father, President and Rector of Loyola University of Congo (ULC), Executive Coach, Expert in Leadership and Management, an expert in mining governance in the DRC. He is Board Member of the Central African Electoral Training School (EFEAC),

a member of the Observatory of CENCO (National Episcopal Conference of DR Congo) and a Board member of ICAM (Institut Catholique d'Arts et Métiers) in France.



Amolo Ng'weno

Livelihood Impact Fund

Amolo leads the Entrepreneurship Initiative at the Livelihood Impact Fund where she is an Advisor. This follows three decades as a technology entrepreneur, philanthropy program officer, business manager and economist. She is based in Nairobi and Boston.





Aminata Niang

Atlantic Council

Aminata Niang is a visiting fellow at the Atlantic Council's Freedom and Prosperity Center and a dual visiting fellow with the LSE School of Public Policy. She is a second-year Master of Public Administration student at the London School of Economics (LSE), holding a master's degree in international affairs from

Sciences Po Bordeaux and a bachelor's degree in social and political sciences from Paris Sciences et Lettres.

Aminata has built professional expertise in applied research, policy analysis, and risk management across public and private sectors. She currently contributes to a multi-country industrial policy research project at LSE's Firoz Lalji Institute for Africa and investigates the impact of digital platforms on women in informal economies for the Atlantic Council. Previously, she served as a country risk analyst for Teranga Security Operations, conducting security monitoring and risk assessments across West Africa and the Sahel. A native of Senegal fluent in Wolof and French, Aminata is dedicated to advancing evidence-based policy and sustainable development in Africa and beyond.



Mwenda Ntarangwi

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Mwenda Ntarangwi is an accomplished executive leader, scholar, and educator whose career spans transformative roles in higher education, research, and intercultural studies. Currently serving as Vice Chancellor at United States International University-Africa (USIU-Africa),

Dr. Ntarangwi brings visionary leadership to

one of Africa's premier institutions, guiding strategic planning, financial stewardship, and external engagement to advance the university's mission in a dynamic global environment. Dr. Ntarangwi holds a PhD and MA in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as well as an MA and BEd in Swahili Cultural Studies and Language Education from Kenyatta University.



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Mercedes Pérez is Entrepreneurship Coordinator at Universidad Loyola Andalucía, leading programs that engage 1,500+ participants annually, support 150 early-stage projects, and accelerate 20 startups. Former Business Development Director at Alterna, social business cultivator in Guatemala.



Jeff Reid

Georgetown University

Jeff Reid is a globally recognized leader in entrepreneurship education who created and led award-winning programs at both UNC-Chapel Hill and Georgetown University. Georgetown Entrepreneurship was named “best in the world” by GCEC in 2024.



Mugabi John Socrates

Action for Liberty and Economic Development

John Mugabi Socrates is a graduate of economics from Kyambogo University in Kampala, Uganda. He is the founder of the free market think tank Action for Liberty and Economic Development in Uganda. He is a strong advocate of free-market policies in Uganda.



Michael Strong

The Academy of Thought and Industry

Michael Strong has spent his career creating innovative, high-impact educational programs. He launched a public initiative that enabled minority female students to gain four years of critical-thinking skills in just four months. He later founded Montessori-inspired secondary schools, including The Winston Academy,

where middle schoolers excelled on AP exams, and Moreno Valley High School, ranked 36th nationally by Newsweek. Michael co-founded KoSchool, blending AP rigor, SAT improvement, and entrepreneurial projects—a model that evolved into The Academy of Thought and Industry, now part of the largest Montessori network in the U.S. He wrote his dissertation under Nobel laureate Gary Becker and authored *The Habit of Thought*, as well as *Be the Solution*. His work is grounded in devotion to students and his family, including his wife, entrepreneur Magatte Wade.



Grace Wachori

Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs

Grace Wachori is a committed advocate for leveraging entrepreneurship to drive inclusive economic growth and address Africa's most pressing challenges, including poverty, inequality, climate change, and opportunities for future generations. She champions a view of business success that values people, planet, and

strong local entrepreneurial ecosystems. Her work focuses on strengthening the support systems that help small and growing businesses (SGBs) thrive, knowing that thriving enterprises uplift entire communities. As Regional Director for Africa at the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE), Grace leads efforts to build a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem by advancing collaboration, mobilizing resources, and advocating for policies that enable entrepreneurs to succeed. With over a decade of experience across social enterprises, NGOs, consulting, and ecosystem-building organizations—including roles at B Lab Africa, Dalberg, and ASSEK—she remains a vital champion for interconnected, resilient entrepreneurial communities.



Magatte Wade

Atlas Network

Magatte Wade is the Director of the Center for African Prosperity at Atlas Network, the leading organization of African free-market think tanks. She was listed as a Forbes “20 Youngest Power Women in Africa,” a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum, and a TED Global Africa Fellow.

Magatte is the bestselling author of *The Heart of A Cheetah*, and the host of *The Magatte Wade Show*. She’s spoken at the United Nations, Aspen Institute, Harvard, Oxford, Stanford, Yale, MIT, and the TED mainstage. Her work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Guardian*, the BBC, CNN, *Fast Company*, *Fortune*, and the *Huffington Post*. She has been on both Lex Fridman and Jordan Peterson’s podcasts (where she was among the most popular guests), with over 10 million views.



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Leonard Wantchekon is the James Madison Professor of Political Economy, Professor of Politics, and international Affairs at Princeton University. He is the Founder and President of the African School of Economics and the Pan African Scientific Research Council. He received his PhD in Economics from North-

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His research focuses on political economy, development economics, and economic history, with an emphasis on Africa and experimental methods. His work covers democracy, development, education, social mobility, and the long-term effects of slavery and colonialism. Wantchekon received the 2023 Global Economy Prize from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Econometric Society, a former Vice President of the American Political Science Association, and serves on the Executive Committee of the International Economic Association.



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Gregory Wolcott

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Greg Wolcott is the Director of Individual Freedom and Free Markets at the John Templeton Foundation. At JTF, he works with scholars and practitioners pursuing projects that explore classical liberal principles and their applications. He is interested in asking how freedom might foster space for people to

flourish both as individuals and as members of communities, and in his own published work he has examined this question by focusing on business and entrepreneurship, the moral foundations of markets, virtues and vices, the possibility of vocations.

Greg taught philosophy at the undergraduate and graduate level at various colleges and universities, including Saint Mary's College of California where he was an Assistant Professor of Business Ethics in the Department of Organizations and Responsible Business. He previously served as a faculty liaison and program director at the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. He obtained his PhD in philosophy from Loyola University Chicago and his BA in philosophy from The Catholic University of America.

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