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THE ATLAS TRADITION

Atlas Economic Research Foundation's founder, Sir Antony Fisher (1915-1988), devoted his life to liberty and the free society. Seriously concerned about the popularity of socialism and collectivism after World War II, and highly motivated by F.A. Hayek's *Road to Serfdom*, he founded the market-oriented Institute of Economic Affairs (London) in 1955.

The success of the IEA in influencing public opinion in Britain was evident by the early 1970s, prompting Fisher to help create five more institutes in North America during that decade -- each guided by the belief that social problems can be solved efficiently and humanely when institutions are organized with respect for individual liberty and private property.

Requests for help and advice increased steadily, prompting Fisher to establish Atlas in 1981 to assist in institute creation and development. His commitment and motivation continued until his death in 1988. By that time, the Atlas network included more than 40 institutes in Canada, the United States, Latin America, Europe, Asia, and Australia.

Fisher's devotion and achievements did not go unrecognized. For his defense of freedom and dedication to liberty and the free society, Queen Elizabeth II knighted Antony Fisher in 1988. Only weeks after receiving this great honor, Sir Antony passed away.

The Atlas staff has maintained the tradition established by Sir Antony. The Atlas network now includes more than 100 institutes, each working to promote peaceful intellectual change towards a better understanding of the free society by presenting the ideas of a free society in authoritative publications, seminars, conferences, and other public forms.

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MISSION AND PERSPECTIVE

Incorporated in 1981, the Atlas Economic Research Foundation helps to create, develop, advise, and support independent public policy research institutes internationally. Atlas serves institutes by offering advice and referrals, financial assistance, informational workshop programs, and access to an international network of leaders and scholars who share the common goal of promoting a free society.

Each institute that Atlas works with is an independent organization supported by voluntary private contributions. Free of vested interests and government influences, the institutes can conduct unbiased research and maintain principled positions, even on highly controversial issues. In each of its programs and projects, Atlas encourages financial, intellectual, and political independence.

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