

Liberty Camp Spain – July 2024 – Program

Friday July 5

- 14:00 -- 17:00 Camp arrival and check-in
- 17:00 -- 17:30 Welcome, teacher introductions (Glenn, Óscar, Steffen)
- 17:30 – 18:30 Student introductions
- 18:30 – 19:00 Classical Liberalism in Spain Today (Javier Wrana)
- 19:00 – 22:00 Argentine BBQ, sangria, campfire

Saturday July 6

- 09:00 -- 10:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 – 11:00 Session 1 (Glenn): History of Classical Liberal Thinking, Pt I: Liberty in England 1770-1790
- 11:00 -- 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15 -- 12:15 Session 2 (Óscar): Evolution of Republicanism from Aristotle to Today
- 12:15 – 13:00 Small group discussions
- 13:00 -- 14:30 Lunch, free time
- 14:30 -- 15:30 Session 3 (Jan Kubań): Entrepreneurship and Abundance
- 15:30 – 16:00 Games, coffee break
- 16:00 – 16:30 Session 4 (Nacho): Adventures of Jonathan Gullible
- 16:30 -- 18:00 Session 5 (Jan Kubań): Communications Workshop
- 18:00 -- 19:00 Free time, staff meeting
- 19:30 – 22:00 Dinner

Sunday July 7

- 09:00 -- 10:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 – 11:00 Session 1 (Glenn): History of CLT, Part II: Liberty in Europe 1840-1860
- 11:00 -- 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15 -- 12:15 Session 2 (Óscar): Spanish Liberalism in 19th-20th centuries
- 12:15 – 13:00 Small group discussions
- 13:00 -- 14:30 Lunch, free time
- 14:30 – 15:30 Session 3 (Marina): African Development and Freedom Initiatives
- 15:30 – 16:00 Games, coffee break
- 16:00 -- 18:00 Session 4 (Jan Kubań): Communications Workshop
- 18:00 -- 19:00 Free time, staff meeting
- 19:30 – 20:30 Dinner
- 20:30 – 21:30 Student Debate

Monday July 8

- 09:00 -- 10:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 -- 10:45 Session 1 (Glenn): History of CLT, Part III: Liberty in the 20th Century
- 10:45 – 11:30 Session 2 (Thomas): Thinking (and Living) “Outside the Box”
- 11:30 – 11:45 Break
- 11:45 -- 13:30 Session 3 (Thomas, Jan Kubań): Communications Workshop
- 13:30 -- 19:00 Lunch, free time Hiking at El Caminito del Rey (for example)
- 19:30 – 22:00 Dinner

Tuesday July 9

09:00 -- 10:00 Breakfast
10:00 -- 10:45 Session 1 (Glenn): What Makes Some Countries (people) Rich, and Some Poor?
10:45 -- 11:30 Session 2 (Steffen):
11:30 -- 12:15 Session 3 (Jan Krepelka): Libertarian Law
12:15 -- 13:00 Session 4: (Juan Carlos JK):
13:00 -- 14:00 Lunch
14:00 -- 14:45 Session 5 (Marina): Free Market Solutions to Environmental issues
14:45 -- 15:15 Session 6 (Jan Kubań):
15:15 -- 15:30 Break
15:30 -- 17:30 Session 7 (Thomas, Jan): Workshop and student presentations
17:30 -- 18:00 Closing remarks -- what to do next? (Glenn, Óscar, Steffen)
20:30 -- 22:00 Dinner and campfire
22:00 -- 24:00 Talent Show

Wednesday July 10

09:00 -- 10:00 Breakfast
10:00 -- 12:00 Checkout, departure

Resource persons (staff, discussion leaders, teachers)

Glenn Cripe (USA, Italy)
Marina Brierley (UK)
Jan Kubań (Poland)
Thomas Jacob (Switzerland)
Steffen Sjørølev (Denmark)
Óscar Rollón Aymerich (Spain)
Ignacio (Nacho) Alaniz (Argentina, Spain)

We will also enjoy remarks by / discussions with

Jan Křepelka (CZ, Switzerland)
Juan Carlos (JK) Tibocho (Spain)
Javier Wrana (Spain)

Breakfast will be Spanish / continental style (coffee, tea, juice, croissant or other pastries)

Lunch may actually be 13:30 – 14:30 (or even a bit later)

Evenings may include student debates, presentations by SFL or other guests, talent show, BBQ, campfire.

Our venue, La Huerta, is not a hotel with central kitchen, dining room, reception, bar, etc. It is a collection of cabins and small apartments, each with multiple bedrooms, kitchen, and bath. But we don't want or expect our guests to cook for themselves and eat in their own kitchen. We have organized the meals with a local caterer, who will bring the food at the arranged time, serve us the meal, then remove and clean the pots and pans. We will bring our necessary utensils to a common area for this, so we can all eat together with a minimum of fuss. For added flexibility, we will organize 1-2 shopping trips by car to a nearby market (too far to walk), where students can buy anything extra they may need (food, snacks, beer, wine, etc).

We will put a full menu online one week before the camp, after we have made final plans with the caterer. For those with special dietary needs, please give us details when you register, or send us an email asap so we can notify the caterer.

For a special treat on opening and closing evenings, Nacho, his wife Daniel Tabernig, and her sister Alicia have kindly offered to prepare an Argentine BBQ (yes, outside on a big grill). Óscar's special contribution will be a big bowl of sangria.

Notes, assumptions

Students are “beginners”, i.e., new to liberal thinking and looking for a “boot camp” to give them the basics, plus practical workshops about how to use these ideas in real life, like starting a business, plus practice with English conversation, including a 2-minute presentation to the whole group.

What we (fortunately) find in practice – some students are already knowledgeable about the ideas, maybe comfortable with public speaking, but in their own language.

Liberty Camp provides a unique environment to explore and develop all these skills in a friendly, informal, international atmosphere.

Topics should include

Job / wealth creation

Great freedom fighters: John Locke, Adam Smith, J.S. Mill, Bastiat, Rand, Hayek, Mises

Origin of rights and proper role of government

Morality of capitalism

Altruism vs. Egoism

Individualism vs. Collectivism

The Trader Principle / Meaning of Money

What is Seen and What is Not Seen

Myths of capitalism and liberalism and how to counter them

How classical liberal ideas can apply to your own life, and give you tools to develop your potential, and make you happier and more productive and successful

Bitcoin

Creative destruction

Opportunity cost

Rent-seeking

Economic harmonies