

Panelists

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In 1970 he graduated from Foreign Trade faculty in Central School of Planning and Statistics (CSPS) in Warsaw (now Warsaw School of Economics - WSE). In 1974 he gained an MBA at St. John's University in New York and in 1975 he received his Ph.D. in economics at the CSPS. Since October 1992 Leszek Balcerowicz has been a professor at the Warsaw School of Economics, and since 1993 he has been a director of Chair of International Comparative Studies at WSE. He has given many lectures and seminars world-wide. He has numerous publications on economic issues in Poland and abroad. He is a member of European Economic Association, Polish Association of Sociologists and Polish Association of Economists. 1989 - 1991 & 1997 - 2000 Leszek Balcerowicz became Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. Recipient of numerous honours from universities and awards worldwide. In January 2001, the Sejm of the Republic of Poland appointed Leszek Balcerowicz to the post of the President of the NBP.

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Andrzej Bratkowski is a graduate of Wydział Nauk Ekonomicznych (Faculty of Economic Sciences) of Warsaw University where he got the degree master of science (economics) in 1976. Within the period 1977-1988, he was employed at GUS (Central Statistical Office), and then Instytut Polityki Naukowej, Postępu Technicznego i Szkolnictwa Wyzszego (Institute of Scientific Policy, Technical Progress and College Education). At the same time, he participated in researches by Katedra Ekonometrii i Statystyki Wydziału Nauk Ekonomicznych (Department of Econometrics and Statistics of the Faculty of Economic Sciences). In 1984, he obtained doctor's degree at this faculty. In 1990, he started working at the Systemic Analysis Section of NIK (Supreme Chamber of Control), and in 1991 he became an advisor to Vice-Prime Minister, Leszek Balcerowicz. Within the period 1992-1993, he was an expert of the negotiation team on the reduction of debt to London Club. Since 1994, he has been an advisor at Bank Handlowy in Warsaw. He also participates in researches performed by CASE Foundation. On October 10, 2001, he was appointed Deputy President of the NBP.

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