

May 29, 2015

Dr. Imad-ad-Dean A. Ahmad
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Dear Dr. Ahmad,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in a Liberty Fund Socratic Seminar entitled “2015-16 Socratic Leadership Seminar,” to be held in our offices in Indianapolis, Indiana, on November 5 - 7, 2015. The conference is intended to encourage the exploration of ideas through informal, yet serious, discussion among a small group of individuals from a range of disciplines and expertise.

I am organizing this conference on behalf of Liberty Fund, Inc. of Indianapolis, a tax exempt, private, operating foundation that conducts its own program of educational activities. The aim of the Foundation’s various activities is “to encourage the exploration of human liberty and those institutional arrangements that seem to support it.” I enclose a brochure that clearly states the purpose of Liberty Fund and its programs.

In the sessions, we will examine some of the central texts of Liberty Fund, including the Basic Memorandum and the Education Memorandum. Readings will combine Mr. Goodrich’s writings with essays by a few other authors. The focus of the conference is not merely scholarly; that is, as interested as we are in the content and context of the readings, our principal interest is their relationship to individual liberty and responsibility.

Liberty Fund programs reflect its founder’s conviction that education in a free society requires a dialogue among active minds freely engaged in pondering the ideas that have shaped human civilization in general and the free society in particular. The purpose is neither to convey doctrine nor to reach consensus. All Liberty Fund conferences are roundtable in nature, as experience has shown that the Socratic discussion format is most conducive to a full and open exploration of ideas.

The essence—and success—of Liberty Fund programs lies in the civil discourse that is cultivated in an atmosphere of learned fellowship shared among colleagues. Accordingly, please understand that each conferee should be committed to attending all sessions, receptions, and group meals. Your schedule should have adequate provision to attend the first session on Thursday, November 5th at 5:00 pm, and be present and on time for all scheduled functions, including the closing dinner on Friday night, November 6th. If such a commitment is not possible for you, please decline this invitation.

If you are able to accept this invitation, Liberty Fund will pay the cost of your room and meals provided at the conference site, and reimburse reasonable travel expenses. Information about booking travel will be sent after registration. Liberty Fund will also pay you an honorarium in the amount of \$700 if you participate fully in the conference.

Before accepting this invitation, please review the attachment titled

“Notifications about Honoraria and Reimbursements,” which describes instances in which Liberty Fund may not be able to pay the honorarium or reimburse expenses.

To accept, complete and return the enclosed registration form. We would appreciate a reply no later than June 30th, 2015. I hope you will join us for this singular event.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Den Uyl
Vice President of Educational Programs

Attachments: Registration Form