

Dorian & Antony  
**Fisher**  
Venture  
Grants



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# Investing in the Future of Liberty

2009 Dorian & Antony Fisher Venture Grant Recipients



**CENTER FOR POLITICAL STUDIES – CEPOS (COPENHAGEN, DENMARK)**  
Martin Ågerup, President of CEPOS, moderating a CEPOS conference.



**INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC & SOCIAL STUDIES - INESS (BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA)**  
INESS's conference attracted influential representatives from the energy sector in Slovakia.



**INSTITUTO JUAN DE MARIANA (MADRID, SPAIN)**  
IJM's Summer School program.



**PROSPERITY FOUNDATION – SAMRIDDHI (KATHMANDU, NEPAL)**  
Students at Arthalaya, School of Economics and Entrepreneurs



**SHOW-ME INSTITUTE (MISSOURI, USA)**  
Joseph Haslag testifies before a House committee about policy study exploring cable industry deregulation.

Atlas established the Fisher Venture Grants program in January 2008 to recognize and assist think tanks that represent “great investments” for the future of liberty. Grantees are younger institutes with a track record that suggests a strong potential for improving the climate of ideas among their target audience.

Each of the five institutes receives \$100,000 over a three-year term, during which time Atlas will be in frequent contact to help develop plans and to monitor performance. Half of the grant is structured as a “matching program,” providing strong incentive for think tanks to attract new local supporters for their important work.

*December 1, 2009 is the deadline to apply for the 2010 Fisher Venture Grants. For details, visit [www.atlasnetwork.org](http://www.atlasnetwork.org)*

*Dorian and Antony Fisher believed that independent think tanks can produce enormous leverage for changing the climate of ideas in a country. They saw that investments in emerging think tanks could be extremely cost-effective, especially when complimented with mentoring to further improve those think tanks' prospects for long-term success. This program honors the memory of Atlas's founders, Sir Antony Fisher and his wife Dorian, who passed away in 2007.*



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