

The S. A. Blejwas Endowed Chair
in Polish and Polish American Studies presents
The Koproski Lecture by



Leszek Balcerowicz

The Current World Economic Crisis:
Origins and Prospects

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Leszek Balcerowicz is an internationally renowned economist and statesman. His work in revitalizing the Polish economy after the fall of Communism—the so-called “Big Bang” theory won international attention and put Poland on a rapid path to recovery. Balcerowicz has been Chairman of the National Bank of Poland and Poland’s Minister of Finance. He is the recipient of the Order of the White Eagle, Poland’s highest decoration.

Balcerowicz graduated from the Central School of Planning in Warsaw, took his MBA at St. Johns University in New York and completed his doctorate at the Warsaw School of Economics. He is a member of the influential Washington-based Group of 30, and a member of Bruegel, a European think-tank. He is also a distinguished commentator on international economic issues. He holds 20 honorary degrees from universities around the world. The Blejwas Chair is especially pleased to present Dr. Balcerowicz’s analysis of this vital topic.

Koproski Family Foundation

The Koproski family members have been active in the Polish American Community for many years. The family came to the United States from Poland around 1895 and in 1903 Alexander J. Koproski, son of Julius and Victoria Markiewicz Koproski was born. Al Sr. was one of the first Polish American policemen in the City of Stamford. He and his wife, Gladys Kryger Koproski had two children, Joan and Alexander. Alexander R. Koproski met and married Patricia Velliquette Koproski and they have been in the real estate business for 40 years.

In 1989 Al and Pat were an integral part of the founding of the American Center of Polish Culture in Washington, D.C. They currently serve as Directors, Treasurer and Fund Raisers for the only Polish American organization in our nation's Capital. The Center owns the building, which houses its headquarters, which is located at 2025 "O" Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036-5913.

The Koproskis are members of many Polish American organizations and promote the positive ideals of Polonia. To help promote and preserve Polish Culture they formed the Koproski Family Foundation in 1992. They encourage other individuals to establish non-profit foundations to promote Polonia.

The Koproski Family Foundation has endowed an lecture on Poland's economy and on Polish business as part of the activities of the Endowed Chair of Polish and Polish American Studies at Central Connecticut State University. Mr. Koproski also serves on the University's Polish Studies Advisory Committee.

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