

On behalf of The Fund American Studies, I welcome you to the 4th annual International Conference of the Croatian Alumni Club. I am delighted that dozens of outstanding alumni from so many countries have gathered together in Croatia for this conference.

Through your participation in this conference, you and your fellow alumni are building the TFAS network, which numbers more than 11,000 around the world. Moreover, you are continuing to learn about the ideals that TFAS has promoted for more than 40 years: freedom, democracy and free-market economies.

Over the next several days, you will build relationships with other alumni and discuss important ideas about the future of free societies. You and your colleagues represent the leaders of your generation, and it is incumbent upon you to help advance the cause of freedom in your countries and the world.

As Samuel Adams, signer of the US Declaration of Independence once said, "No people will tamely surrender their Liberties, nor can any be easily subdued, when knowledge is diffused and virtue is preserved."

I wish you continued professional success, and I look forward to your continued association with TFAS for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Roger Ream
President