



Mao Yushi Wins Cato's Friedman Prize

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Today the Cato Institute has announced that Mao Yushi, one of China's most outspoken and influential activists for individual rights and free markets, has been named the 2012 winner of the [Cato Institute's Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty](#). Mao, an 83-year-old economist, is a well-known advocate for an open and transparent political system and is one of the pioneers of the movement in China for civil society and freedom. You can read the [full announcement here](#).

At Students For Liberty we were honored to include the first English translation of one of Mao Yushi's most noted essays in our 2011 publication *The Morality of Capitalism*. From Tom Palmer's introduction to the essay [The Paradox of Morality](#).

Mao Yushi is founder and chairman of the Unirule Institute, based in Beijing, China. He is the author of several books and many scholarly and popular articles, has taught economics at a number of universities, established some of the very first non-state charities and independent self-help organizations in China, and is well known as a courageous champion of liberty. In the 1950s he was punished through forced labor, exile, "re-education," and near starvation for saying, "If we have nowhere to buy pork, then pork prices should rise," and "If Chairman Mao wants to meet a scientist, who should visit whom?" And in 2011, just before this book went to press, at the age of 82, he wrote a public essay that was published in Caixin online

called “Returning Mao Zedong to Human Form” (把毛泽东还原成人). That essay earned him numerous death threats and a greater reputation as a voice of honesty and justice. **Mao Yushi is one of the great libertarian figures in the contemporary world and has worked tirelessly to bring libertarian ideas and the experience of freedom to the people of China and the wider world.**

You can download the PDF and read the full essay here: <http://studentsforliberty.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/The-Morality-of-Capitalism-PDF.pdf>

We would like to thank the Cato Institute for recognizing the work of such an extraordinary figure and especially to thank Mao Yushi for his lifetime commitment to advancing the principles of a free society.

