12th Conference of the Association for Heterodox Economics

The Economy of Tomorrow

Call for papers

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The Twelfth Conference of the Association of Heterodox Economics (AHE) will be held at the University of Bordeaux – France – from Wednesday 7th to Saturday 10th July 2010. This year’s Conference theme is The Economy of Tomorrow.

Long run processes have exacerbated the contradictions of the world economic system leading to a crisis in all spheres including social, political, financial and environmental. The economic crisis that opened in 2008 increases our awareness that economies and societies must change radically in all these spheres in the 21st Century, though views of the changes required, and their depth, will differ. This conference will provide a forum for discussion on current and future changes needed in developed and developing economies in all these spheres. The following areas, closely intertwined in theory and in policy action, are of special interest but this is not an exhaustive list and do not preclude other topics approached with a holistic perspective:

1. Social aspects: for example income distribution, labour markets, pensions, the nature of work, poverty, human development, welfare;
2. Financial aspects: for example financialization, capital mobility, corporate governance, taxes on international monetary transactions, financial innovations and possible reforms;
3. Environmental aspects: for example models of production and consumption, eco-innovations, environmental governance, alleviation or adaptation to global warming, and new cities;
4. North-South relations: for example the trajectories of emerging countries, potential for a new world order, international trade, development aid, development cooperation;
5. The reform of economics: for example pluralism in research and teaching, evaluation and metrics, innovation and creativity, and the relation between economists and decision-makers.

The conference invites submissions on or before 7th March 2010 which either accord with the conference title; or which otherwise deal with topics of ongoing interest in heterodox economics.

Building on successful recent innovation, we invite proposals for themes: connected sets of sessions providing for dialogue around a single topic. Papers selected for inclusion in a theme will be peer reviewed by the theme organisers. A theme proposal should provide

1. An appeal for submissions to a consistent set of panels of no more than 500 words;
2. A short title for the theme (no more than 10 words);
3. The name of panel organisers or organiser, together with contact details;
4. A brief description of the peer review process which the theme organisers will apply.

Standards for peer review are under still discussion in the AHE; for the 2010 conference, theme organisers will be responsible for reviewing the papers accepted into their theme, applying generally accepted academic standards, but having specific regard to pluralist principles.
Details of themes that the AHE has approved, and contact details of theme organisers, will be posted on the AHE website www.hetecon.net and regularly updated. The closing date for theme submissions will be 7th March, the same as that for papers.

The conference language is English.

Guidelines for submission

There will be two types of session, normal sessions and poster sessions. Normal sessions will be 90 minutes long and will usually consist of either two papers with at least one discussant, or three papers with or without a discussant. Poster sessions, which encourage new and incomplete work, will allow participants to display their main ideas, distribute their work, and discuss their work with colleagues.

Participants in normal sessions, whether themes or general papers, must submit an abstract by 7th March 2010 and must provide a full paper by 23rd May 2010. Participants who cannot provide a complete paper by the deadline will be invited to present their ideas in a poster session.

All participants must register by June 6th 2010. Participants will be expected to take part in at least two full days of the conference to be included in the final programme. Participants should also be prepared to serve as discussants and/or session chairs.

Themes

Please send a short title for the theme as well as a short description of the papers that are requested and the name of panel organisers or organiser. Please send these by email only to the local organiser Ali Douai (ahe2010@u-bordeaux4.fr), and the AHE coordinator, Alan Freeman (afreeman@iwgvt.org).

Proposals for single papers

This year, conference submissions will be automated. Please visit the site www.hetecon.net and follow the instructions there. As part of the procedure, you will be able to indicate whether you are submitting your paper to a theme or as a non-themed paper.

Support for international scholars

The international character of the conference has been a vital factor in its growing success. Scholars requiring documentation in support of visa or funding applications should indicate this in their initial submission. The fees, cost for transportation and accommodation are at the expense of participants. Nevertheless, the steering committee will attribute some limited grants to participants from outside the US and European Union whose proposal for a paper or theme has been accepted. To apply, please contact the steering committee (ahe2010@u-bordeaux4.fr) by Monday 29th March 2010.

Deadlines

Proposals for themes, and for single papers should be received by Sunday 7th March 2010.

The AHE Committee will consider all proposals for themes as soon as practically possible. Accepted themes will be posted on the AHE website at www.hetecon.net. The committee, working with theme organisers, will consider all submissions soon after 7th March and will notify participants of acceptance or rejection of their initial proposal by Monday 22nd March 2010.

Acceptance is conditional, except for poster sessions, on receipt of a full paper by 23rd May 2010.

All acceptances are conditional on registration for a minimum of two days of the conference, by Sunday June 6th 2010. Registration details will be published later.

To see details of previous conferences, to keep up to date with the 2010 conference and other AHE activities, and to keep yourself informed of AHE activities subscribe to the AHE-ANNOUNCE mailing list by visiting www.jiscmail.ac.uk/ahe-announce.