

Heterodox Economics Newsletter

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In addition to major (inter)national annual conferences, there are some regional conferences (mostly within the US territory) in which many heterodox economists participate. For example, URPE and ASE have organized a good number of heterodox economics sessions at the Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference ([see the 2013 conference program here](#)). AFIT has also been a major association at the Western Social Science Association annual conferences for the past several decades. [A group of heterodox economists at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, in cooperation with AFEE, AFIT, ASE, and URPE, is trying to organize various heterodox sessions at the Missouri Valley Economics Association annual conferences in October](#). It would be “of great benefit in advancing the scholarship in alternative methods of economic analysis, as well as strengthening community ties.” If you have a research paper to present and wish to meet like-minded heterodox economists in a congenial environment, you might consider participating in the MVEA conference.

Unless you’ve been living in a cave somewhere, you are probably well aware that [the UMass-Amherst Economics Department has been in the media spotlight owing to a study debunking a work published by two Harvard economists, Reinhart and Rogoff](#). We are always encouraged when heterodox economics and programs gain much needed publicity. We especially want to congratulate Thomas Herndon the lead author and graduate student who uncovered the main (Excel) errors in R&R’s study. We wish policy makers around the world would reconsider their austerity policies which are based upon empirically invalid mainstream research. Also note that many heterodox economists have long argued against such a religious view on “balanced budget” from various theoretical viewpoints (see, for example, [Nersisyan and Wray’s article](#) published in 2010).

While we are excited about all of the attention this brings to heterodox economics and the UMass program, we are dismayed and somewhat disappointed regarding a quote from a follow-up article about their program in the Washington Post. While we understand that comments are often taken out of context, we believe that heterodox economists should be united in our efforts to break the hegemony of mainstream economics. Mainstream media coverage is rare for heterodox economics, so let us use those opportunities to promote all heterodox economics and programs. Let’s have the debates in professional settings where we can talk to each other to better understand opposing viewpoints. The global financial crisis has given us an opportunity to take on the orthodoxy, let’s not waste it.

Lastly, we would like to call your attention to a new book by Hyman Minsky. Yes, you read that right. The Levy Institute has just published a collection of Minsky’s papers on full employment policy. This raises an interesting question: if Minsky can posthumously publish a book, can he also posthumously receive the Nobel prize in economics?

In solidarity,

Tae-Hee Jo and Ted P. Schmidt, Editors

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Call for Papers

Business History Special Issue

Business Groups Around the World

Guest-editors: María Inés Barbero (Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina) and Nuria Puig (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

This special issue aims to open a discussion about business groups as an organizational pattern from a historical and comparative perspective. Diversified business groups are a common form of business organization in late-developing economies, found more generally outside Anglo-American countries. They play a prominent economic and social role in Latin America, Asia and Africa, as well as in European countries such as Spain, Sweden, Italy and France.

Since the 1970s, development economists, economic sociologists, political scientists, management scholars and -last but not least- business historians have been paying increased attention to the institutional environment, organizational structure, economic performance and social implications of business groups.

They are relevant and pose challenges to Business History for at least three reasons:

- First, the existence and resilience of diversified economic groups shows that large firms adopt organizational structures other than the multidivisional, US-style corporation which is at the core of the Chandlerian model.
- Second, their diffusion in developing but also in advanced countries offers business historians the opportunity to test, and eventually challenge well-established theories of economic development.
- Third, historical studies reveal that business groups are not a new phenomenon, specific to the emerging economies, but an organizational structure that appeared and spread throughout the world in the second half of the 19th century (linked to the second industrialization and to the first globalization wave).

This special issue aims to contribute to the historical and comparative study of business groups by encouraging long-term, in-depth analysis of this unique form of organization and promoting a transcontinental scholarly dialogue.

The editors organized a session at the World Economic History Congress (Stellenbosch, July 2012) where papers from four continents were presented. Our expectations at the outset were, first, to gather new empirical evidence, qualitative as well as quantitative, about business groups in as many countries as possible and since the beginning of the first global economy; and second, to advance in the conceptualization of business groups, eventually challenging well-established theories.

Of the most frequently addressed issues, five stand out:

1. The role of the State as promoter of business groups through import-substitution-industrialization policies, public investment and entrepreneurship, and colonialism.
2. The role of merchant/investment banks.
3. The role of entrepreneurial families, founders and professional managers.
4. Business groups as institutional innovators and drivers of foreign investment.
5. The role of social networks in the genesis and development of business groups.

The theoretical implications of the papers were significant. Several papers, for example, identified the economic rationale behind business groups. Others discussed the arguments of authors such as Leff or Kock-Guillén. The diversity of national backgrounds combined with our historical approach was indisputably a major contribution of our session. The proposed issue will include some of the papers presented at the session as well as new contributions that provide both new empirical evidence and a sound basis for advancing in the conceptualization of business groups. Trans-national and trans-continental studies are most welcome, from different disciplinary approaches.

We suggest a set of common questions, grounded on history, which could serve as departure points for the research.

1. How can economic and business history contribute to the study of business groups, a distinct and resilient form of business organization?
2. Why are business groups ubiquitous? What are their historical determinants?
3. Is the business group a useful unit for analysis? Does it shed light on the history of capitalism?

The timeline for the Special Issue is as follows:

- 31 April 2013: Deadline for receipt of proposals.

- 31 May 2013: Confirmation of acceptance.
- 31 October 2013: Deadline for submission of papers.
- 30 April 2014: Completion of review process.
- 30 June 2014: Deadline for making final revisions.
- End of 2014: Planned publication.

Proposals (500-1,000 words) can be sent to both guest editors: mbarbero@udesa.edu.ar and nuriapuig@ccee.ucm.es. There is no standard length for articles, although 8,000 words, including all tables and notes, is a useful target. Please see the journal [website](#) for submission details and style guidelines.

Cahiers D'Economie Politique Special Issue

What Did We Learn on Classical Economy Since Sraffa?

Since its origin in the second half of the 18th century one particular current of thought has woven in a specific way the questions of competitive prices, income distribution, and dynamics: Classical political economy. In modern times, it is generally recognized that the publication in 1960 by Piero Sraffa of *Production of Commodities by Means of Commodities* has renewed this approach. It may now be useful to inquire into what we learnt on Classical economy during more than half a century since that book came out. The thematic issue will show the actuality of Classical economy by stressing the questions which have given birth to positive achievements and results.

Two main directions of inquiry may be distinguished. On the one hand, some topics analyzed in *Production of Commodities* have been refined and developed, such as joint production, land, fixed capital, the standard commodity, prices and reproduction. On the other hand, post-Sraffian topics have emerged, such as exhaustible resources, demand, gravitation, money and finance, structural change, disequilibrium dynamics, open economies, critique of economic theory, and others.

Contributors wishing to participate in that thematic issue should express their interest at the latest on July 10 2013 and then send a one-page abstract by September 15 2013. On the basis of these reactions, a conference might be envisaged, which would take place in the autumn of 2014. Whatever the decision taken about a conference, final papers for the thematic issue will have to be sent by May 31 2014; they will be refereed according to the usual procedure of the review. The publication is scheduled on December 2015.

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Conference on Local Economic Growth: Recession, Resilience and Recovery

11th-12th July 2013 | McGrath Centre, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, UK | [website](#)

The Cambridge Political Economy Society is delighted to announce a two-day conference that will bring together current and new thinking on the determinants of local economic growth. It will draw upon and explore a number of alternative perspectives and how these

help us to understand the forces that are shaping patterns of economic growth and development at the local level at a time when many local economies are struggling to resume economic growth and prosperity. The conference will assess the scope for policy intervention and the direction this might take.

The conference will focus on how regions and sub regions in the UK, Europe and the USA have differed in their response to, and recovery from, successive major economic recessions, and the extent to which these differences in response and recovery have affected long-run regional and sub-regional growth paths. A particular focus will be on the current crisis and recession, and how the geographies of this compare to those of the downturns of the early-1980s and early-1990s. The conference will also contribute to the development of policies aimed at building local economic resilience.

The conference will draw upon research being carried out by a Cambridge-Southampton based team on an ESRC funded project *How do Regions React to Recession: Resilience, Hysteresis and Long-term Impacts* and conducted under the aegis of the Cambridge-based [Centre for Geographical Economic Research](#). This conference expects contributions from researchers on cognate projects being funded by ESPON, and the European Research Council.

It is envisaged that papers selected from the presentations will form the basis of a special issue of the [Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society](#), an international journal based in Cambridge, published under the auspices of the Cambridge Political Economy Society.

The conference will attract several constituencies: academics working in the UK, elsewhere in Europe, and the USA; policy representatives of UK Government Departments (BIS, DCLG), the OECD and the European Commission (DG Regio); representatives from the English Local Enterprise Partnerships, and delegates from the business community.

Topics

Topics covered in the conference will include:

- The long-run empirics of local economic growth
- Understanding the determinants of local economic growth
- The resilience of local economies to recession
- The local impacts of fiscal austerity
- Policies for local economic growth

Timetable

The conference will start at 9.30am on Thursday 11th July and will close on the afternoon of Friday 12th July. Conference sessions are organised over these two days. Speakers presenting papers are requested to send in a short abstract and title by Friday **31st May 2013**.

Costs and Booking

The cost of the conference is £150 for those who just wish to attend the first day or £220 for those attending both days and includes a Gala Dinner on the evening of Thursday 11th July. Accommodation is excluded from the cost but can be booked at St Catharine's College. Speakers and delegates are requested to book for this event by Friday 28th June 2013 using [the weblink](#).

Accommodation

Accommodation is available at St Catharine's College at £77 per night (including VAT) and can be booked using the link [here](#).

Alternatively, there are a number of hotels nearby including those listed below:

- Doubletree Hotel (<http://www.doubletreecambridge.com/>)
- Felix Hotel (<http://www.hotelfelix.co.uk/>)

- Hotel du Vin (www.hotelduvin.com/Cambridge)
- Royal Cambridge Hotel (www.theroyalcambridgehotel.co.uk/)
- The Varsity Hotel and Spa (<http://www.thevarsityhotel.co.uk/>)

Further information contact:

If you have any further queries please contact Angela Brennan on amb54@cam.ac.uk, Ron Martin on rlm1@cam.ac.uk or Pete Tyler on pt23@cam.ac.uk.

Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy International Conference

7-10 July 2013 | Glasgow, Scotland | [website](#)
Management of Land and Sea Resources: What's New?
 Download the [call for papers](#).

Daniel Singer Essay contest 2013

The 2013 Daniel Singer Essay contest question has been released -- see [the attached display ad](#) -- and we are hoping you can help circulate notice off the contest, the question, and the August 31st due date.

Heterodox Economics at the Missouri Valley Economics Association Conference 2013

October 17-19, 2013 | Kansas City Marriott-Country Club Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri, USA

There is an opportunity to organize several sessions on the topic of heterodox economics, broadly defined, at the upcoming 2013 Missouri Valley Economic Association's annual meeting in Kansas City, MO.

Given the success of heterodox sessions at the annual meetings of the Eastern Economic Association and the Western Social Science Association, we feel that participation in the MVEA annual meeting would also be of great benefit in advancing the scholarship in alternative methods of economic analysis, as well as strengthening community ties.

Moreover, the Fall date of the Missouri Valley Economics Association's annual meeting could not be more fortuitous, as it does not coincide with either of the regional meetings mentioned above. Our hope, should there be sufficient interest, is to replicate the success of heterodox panels at other larger conferences, by providing a supplemental venue for scholars to present their original work and engage with each other. In this vein, we are thinking about having a collective dinner for all the presenters at a local KC restaurant.

To carry this out, we are coordinating the establishment of sessions that represent the **Association for Social Economics**, **Union for Radical Political Economics**, and the **Association for Institutional Thought** as well as some general heterodox economics sessions. As is the usual case, individuals have to be members of the

associations to partake in those sessions. In contradistinction, you do not have to be a member of the MVEA to participate or attend; however you do have to register for the MVEA meeting.

We do not have any particular theme in mind, but rather we are looking for both sessions and individual submissions on the subject of heterodox economics, broadly defined. We encourage submissions from all disciplines as well as those of an interdisciplinary nature. We strongly encourage submissions from graduate and undergraduate students. If you are interested please see [the call for papers below](#).

Specific details regarding the Missouri Valley Economic Association and registration for the meeting can be found [here](#); and membership information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

- Proposals for individual papers should include the title, a 200 word abstract, and the author's name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail.
- Proposals for complete panels are encouraged. Please send an abstract of about 200 words or a one page outline and a set of at least three presenters, discussants, and their themes by **July 11, 2013** to Andy Felkerson (jfelkerson@mail.umkc.edu)

All submissions should include name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, and email address.

If you have any questions, please e-mail us.

Sincerely,

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Missouri Valley Economic Association 50th Annual Meeting
October 17-19, 2013
Kansas City Marriott-Country Club Plaza
Kansas City, Missouri

General Heterodox Economics

Heterodox Organizers: Dr. Fred Lee (leefs@umkc.edu) and Andy Felkerson (jfelkerson@mail.umkc.edu)

There will be 2-3 general Heterodox Economics sessions at the MVEA conference.

Proposals for individual papers should include the title, a 200 word abstract, and the author's name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail.

Proposals for complete panels are encouraged. Please send an abstract of about 200 words or a one page outline and a set of at least three presenters, discussants, and their themes by July 11, 2013 to Fred Lee (leefs@umkc.edu) and Andy Felkerson (jfelkerson@mail.umkc.edu).

All submissions should include name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, and email address.

Historical Materialism Conference 2013

Making the World Working Class

November 7 - 10, 2013 | Central London, UK | [Website](#) | Deadline for submission of abstracts: May 1, 2013

'Capital is not a thing, but a social relation between persons' - and between classes. The complex task of analysing class structures and, at the same time, transforming and transcending them is at the core of Marx's legacy. 2013 marks the 75th anniversary of CLR James's "The Black Jacobins" and the 50th anniversary of EP Thompson's "The Making of the English Working Class". Wary of all reifications of class, Thompson showed how the working class was not only made by capital, but made itself in everyday struggles and political agitation. James affirmed the need to look at the international division of labour in the context of race and imperialism, and gave voice to the revolutionary agency of the 'black Jacobins' and other historically neglected enemies of capitalism and colonialism.

In the wake of the new conflicts thrown up by decolonisation and more recent processes of neoliberal 'globalisation', research in the field of labour and working class history has acquired an increasingly global dimension, and become more attentive to the critical role played by race and gender in the formations of working classes. Social struggles and resistance – from Latin America to Eastern Europe, from the Arab-Islamic world to East Asia – continue to show that working classes worldwide have not ceased remaking themselves, at the same time as they struggle against capitalist strategies to turn class composition into class decomposition, to unmake a world working class. Significantly, in order to understand this changing reality and the roots of the crisis of the neoliberal system, a growing body of scholarship questions the representation of labour as a passive factor in production, and investigates how workers' struggles co-determine processes of capitalist development, as well as cultural mutations and political transformations.

Despite rising levels of class struggle - from a growing working class movement in China to the Arab uprisings and mobilisation against austerity in Southern Europe - discourses of class remain largely marginal to political debate and action. Class struggle is often recognised, namely through the language of inequality, but is being increasingly filtered, also on the left, through notions of 'the people' or 'the 99%'. The tenth annual Historical Materialism aims to provide a forum for debating the descriptive and prescriptive roles that concepts of class and class struggle can have today. More generally, we seek contributions that account for how Marxist theory, historiography and empirical research can explain and intervene in the contemporary conjuncture. We will be hosting a stream on "Race and Capital" (for which a separate call for papers is forthcoming, along with a CFP building on last year's "Marxism and Feminism" stream), and we especially welcome papers that address the following themes:

- class, imperialism and migration
- class and gender
- Marxism and feminism
- geographies and spaces of class
- class, capitalism and environment in the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa)
- changing geographies of accumulation and resistance
- working class movements today
- class strategies against the crisis and 'austerity'
- revisiting Thompson's The Making of the English Working Class
- revisiting the legacy of CLR James
- history of the international communist movement
- Marxism and theories of intersectionality

- class struggle and political organisation, party and class
- theories of class formation and class composition
- crisis, austerity, and proletarianisation
- class and the agrarian question
- class, literature and literary theory
- cultures of class
- 'class struggle without classes'
- class, poverty, inequality
- representing class and capital in art and culture
- proletarianisation, pauperisation and precarity

We are, of course, open to proposals on other themes as well.

Abstracts (100-200 words) should be submitted at www.historicalmaterialism.org (shortly to go online). Panels can also be proposed but we reserve the right to disaggregate them and accept only some papers. Deadline: **1 May 2013**

Upload your abstracts [here](#).

Please note: the HM conference is not a conventional academic conference but rather a space for discussion, debate and the launching of collective projects. We therefore discourage "cameo appearances" and encourage speakers to participate in the whole of the conference. We also strongly urge all speakers to take out personal subscriptions to the journal.

Industrial and Labor Relations Review Conference and Special Issue

Work and Employment Relations in Health Care

March 14-15, 2014 | Rutgers University, USA

The Industrial and Labor Relations Review is calling for papers for a conference and subsequent publication devoted to work and employment relations in health care. Conference co-organizers Ariel C. Avgar (Illinois), Adrienne E. Eaton (Rutgers), Rebecca Givan (Rutgers), and Adam Seth Litwin (Johns Hopkins) will assist the journal's regular editors in developing the issue.

Scholars interested in participating should submit a paper to the conference organizers by November 15, 2013. Authors whose papers are accepted will be invited to a conference sponsored by the University of Illinois, School of Labor and Employment Relations and the School of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers University, to be held in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on March 14 and 15, 2014. Conference expenses will be partially subsidized. Papers presented at this conference should be suitable for submission to external reviewers. Based on the organizers' recommendations, discussions at the conference, and fit with the issue, a subset of authors will be asked to submit their papers to the ILRReview with the expectation that their papers will be published in the special issue once they pass the external review process.

Papers that reviewers deem of good quality that are not selected for the special issue will be considered for publication in a regular issue of the journal.

The healthcare industry in the United States and in most developed and developing countries is in a state of rapid change. The industry faces dramatic challenges both in terms of the quality of care provided and in escalating costs and shortages in many key

occupational groups. As such, scholarly interest is growing in this sector as a unique setting in which to study work, organizations, and employment relations.

Over the last decade, employment relations research in the health care sector has shed new light on a variety of innovations—from new models of labor representation and work structures to emerging methods of delivering patient care. Scholars from a number of disciplines have begun to examine the relationship between these innovations and their outcomes for organizations, employees, and patients. Nevertheless, the need is substantial for additional empirical evidence regarding the manner in which these different organizational innovations influence key outcomes for a variety of stakeholders. For example, large-scale investments in information technology (IT) are expected to revolutionize the nature of health care delivery in all three subsectors. However, employment relations theory and early empirical studies suggest that material performance improvements hinge on a careful restructuring of work systems around the new technologies. We also have much to learn regarding the interplay of market and institutional forces in the health care workplace. Apparent shortages in many important occupational groups, including primary care physicians, nurses, and other technical occupations, have sparked policy debates about the nature, sources, and solutions to these problems. Some scholars argue that perceived and actual shortages of domestically trained nurses and other occupational groups have led to programs of recruitment of foreign-trained and foreign-born workers to fill such gaps. And, at both the high- and low-skilled ends of the labor market, the system is dependent on global labor migration. All of this makes for a fertile context in which to study emerging workplace phenomena and their consequences for multiple stakeholders, within and beyond the healthcare domain.

We are especially interested in empirical submissions from scholars whose work is grounded in the healthcare workplace with diverse disciplinary perspectives from sociology, psychology, economics, or political science incorporated, as well as collaborative pieces from social scientists and scholars in medicine or public health. International research is especially encouraged, though U.S.-focused research is certainly welcome. Papers may be supported by a range of methodologies, including survey research, qualitative or quantitative case studies, or statistical analyses of archival data.

Potential topic areas include, but are not limited to:

- Management responses to technologically induced changes in the organization of work
- Implications of health care reform for multiple organizational stakeholders including patients, managers, employees, and unions
- Organizational experimentation with new forms of employee involvement
- Changes in physician compensation, pay inequality, and the gender pay gap resulting from new payment models, including managed care
- Partnerships between health care purchasers and providers aimed at improving care quality and efficiency
- New models of patient care delivery, such as patient-centered care or relationship-centered care
- New inter- or intra-organizational models of skill development and job ladders
- The relationship between care quality for patients and job quality for workers
- Workforce implications of the recent emphasis on health care quality and patient safety

Prospective contributors are urged to consult any of the coordinators regarding preliminary proposals or ideas for papers. To submit your full paper for consideration for the conference and subsequent consideration for the ILR Review special issue, please e-mail it to ERinHealthcare-submissions@illinois.edu by the November 15, 2013, deadline.

IPE Öresund/Øresund Network Workshop

Beyond States and Markets: The Social Roots of the Global Political Economy

8 November 2013 | Malmö University, Sweden | [website](#)

We live in a period where the image of the global political economy as an abstract and apolitical entity has become increasingly redundant. It is presently clear that economic globalization profoundly impacts, and is itself impacted by, society. This workshop seeks to explore this link, which is often described as the ‘social roots’ of the global political economy. Our interest is in research that explores philosophical and historical developments but also more contemporary moments that display the role of society – at the local, national, regional, and global levels – in reinforcing, shaping, contesting and re-making practices of global political economy. We welcome papers that speak to the workshop theme from a range of perspectives and approaches, including International Political Economy, Comparative Political Economy, Development Studies, Geography, Anthropology, Sociology, Finance and Management. PhD students are particularly encouraged to present their work.

The keynote speaker is Professor Matthew Watson (University of Warwick), who will speak on: “The Social Specificity of the Market Concept: The Place of IPE in the History of Economic Ideas”.

The one-day event will take place on November 8, 2013 at Malmö University, Sweden. It is jointly hosted by the Department of Global Political Studies (Malmö), Copenhagen University, Roskilde University and Lund University. Funding has been generously provided by the four universities and the Foundation for Danish-Swedish Collaboration (Fondet for Dansk-Svensk Samarbejde).

Attendance is free. Participants wishing to present a paper should submit an abstract of no more than 300 words by June 15, 2013.

Please send all correspondence to ipeoresund@gmail.com.

This inaugural workshop takes place within the context of the IPE Öresund/Øresund Network (IPE Ö/Ø), which has emerged to promote research and teaching collaboration between IPE scholars in the region as well as to encourage engagement from interested researchers from neighboring countries and beyond. If you are interested in finding out more about the IPE Ö/Ø Network you can visit or join [our Google Groups page](#).

Leituras de Economia Política

We have the pleasure to announce the publication of number 20 of the Journal *Leituras de Economia Política* (Readings of Political Economy or LEP). Since last number (number 19), the access for readings and work submission will be done at [our new open access website](#). In this system the submission of articles, reviews, and communications are continually open, that is, the submission can be done at any moment. To be updated with the new issues we are also on [facebook](#).

The LEP journal is organized by graduate students from the Institute of Economics the University of Campinas in Brazil (UNICAMP), a university known for being the house of heterodox economics in Brazil. We aim at promoting the scientific debate and publishing the writings of solely graduate students (Stricto Sensu) from the areas of Economics, Economic Development and related fields, from Brazil and overseas. Submissions can be

done in english, spanish or portuguese. The following fields are in the scope of the journal:

1. Economic Theory
2. International Economy
3. Brazilian Economy
4. Economic History
5. History of Economic Thought
6. Political Economy
7. Social and Labour Economics
8. Regional and Urban Economics
9. Agricultural, Environmental, and Ecological Economics
10. Industrial Organization

Best regards,
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Mark Blaug Prize in Philosophy and Economics 2014

The Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics invites submissions in the history, ethics and methodology of economics from Young Scholars. The prize includes a cash sum of 500 Euros. For more information visit [the website](#).

Postgraduate and Early Career Scholar Conference

Rising Powers in the New Global Political Economy
 July 5-6, 2013 | University of Nottingham, UK.

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts Sunday 12th May 2013

As the economies of Europe and North America have entered into a period of crisis and recession there has been an increased focus on the rise of new powers, most notably the so-called BRICS countries of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa but also other emergent regional powers such as Turkey, Indonesia, Iran and Venezuela. While many of these countries experience continuing high rates of growth there remains which is uncertain about their rise and the impact this will have on the global economy in the twenty-first century.

The aim of this conference is to explore the role of rising powers in the restructuring of the global economy and the challenges and tensions which their rise may provoke. Amongst the questions we will be asking are:

- How might the rise of the BRICS impact upon the International Financial Institutions (IFIs)?
- How might the rising powers impact on cultural globalisation?
- What forms of social struggles emerge from the changing global geo-political landscape?
- What are the security concerns arising from the new global configuration?
- What historical precedents are useful for understanding the impact of Rising Powers?

The conference aims to develop a holistic and inclusive approach to the study of International Political Economy and as such welcome papers and panels suggestions on a wide range of topics related to the Rising Powers in the New Global Political Economy. Possible panels and themes may include, but are not restricted to the following areas (panel proposals welcome):

- BRICS and global governance
- The BRICS & modern warfare
- Security issues in the rising powers: Food Security, Identity Security, Energy Security and the Challenges of Inequality
- The global involvement of BRICS. BRICS nations' political, economic and cultural engagement in regions such as Central Asia, Africa, South East Asia and in each other's countries.
- US responses to the rising powers
- Rising powers and development challenges
- Urbanisation
- Indigenous peoples and national minorities
- Gender & BRICS in the IPE
- Organised Labour in the BRICS Countries
- Global Labour Movement and the Transnational Working Class
- Contemporary Primitive Accumulation in the BRICS
- The green global political economy and rising powers
- The globalisation of the culture Industry
- Social media, the internet & resistance
- IPE, International Theory and the Non-West in the twenty-first century
- Post-Neoliberalism: Theoretical and policy responses to the decline of Neoliberalism
- The BRICS and the IFIs
- The BRICS and the Western financial crisis
- Recent declines in the economic performance of the rising powers

Keynote: Prof Shaun Breslin, University of Warwick, Co-Editor of The Pacific Review journal and author of China and the Global Political Economy (2007).

Conference Details

No attendance fees. There is no conference fee for participants, although you will be expected to pay for your accommodation. On-campus accommodation is available for around £40 per night (subject to availability). Lunch and refreshments will be provided. You are expected to make your own accommodation arrangements.

Financial assistance for participants. We are happy to announce that there are 10 awards for student participants to contribute towards travel and accommodation costs. This will cover a maximum of £240 in total (accommodation £140 and travel £120 maximum).

Submission of abstracts: Please include your name and affiliation along with paper title and a 250 word abstract to risingpowers2013@gmail.com. The final date for submission of abstracts will be SUNDAY the 12th of May 2013.

For panel proposals, please combine the three abstracts and proposed panel title into one document.

If you wish to be considered for the financial assistance award, please indicate on your abstract application and we will send you further application details.

Contact Details: If you have any further queries please contact the organisers at risingpowers2013@gmail.com

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RisingPowers13> @RisingPowers13

Organising committee: Rising Powers and the New Global Political Economy: Tracey Fallon, Jon Mansell, Philip Roberts

Radical Teacher Special Issue: The Professions

The Radical Teacher magazine is planning an issue on the academic profession's decline, looking for promising kinds of resistance, and hoping to find a few people who are teaching (broadly speaking) about these issues. Also, they hope to have a few pieces on other professions, since most of them are taking a whack.

The proposal for the issue, followed by contact information, is pasted below. So if anyone out there is interested in doing an article for this issue, please go ahead and send a proposal to the Radical Teacher people as indicated on its [website](#). If you are not familiar with the Radical Teacher, go to their [website](#).

Arthur MacEwan

Review of Keynesian Economics Special Issue

The Economics of Deflation

The Review of Keynesian Economics (ROKE) is planning a special issue on “The economics of deflation.” Articles can address theory, policy, history, and country specific experiences. Papers are due May 1, 2014 and should not exceed 7,500 words, including bibliography. Decisions will be made by June 30, 2014. Revise & resubmit by September 30, 2014. This special issue will be published in January 2015 and will contain seven articles. If you would like to submit a paper for consideration, send us an e-mail to let us know.

Please send to:

Louis-Philippe Rochon
Co-Editor, ROKE
lprochon2003@yahoo.com

MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory: Exploitation

4-6 September 2013 | Manchester, UK | [website](#)

Recently the concept of exploitation has received renewed attention in moral and political theory. We invite papers from graduate students, early career, and senior researchers, on exploitation. Papers from a wide range of disciplines—philosophy, economics, sociology and political theory—that address topics the following (and related) topics are welcome.

Topics:

- What is exploitation?
- What, if anything, is wrong with exploitation?
- What is the cause of exploitation?
- What role does exploitation play in broader moral and political theory?

Submission:

Please prepare a 500 word abstract suitable for a 30 minutes presentation and send it to Benjamin Ferguson by 20 May, 2013. Authors will be notified of acceptance by 10 June, 2013. Selected participants should submit their full papers (ca. 4500 words) to the conveners by August 1 so that they can be circulated among the participants.

Conveners:

Benjamin Ferguson: b.r.ferguson@lse.ac.uk

Roberto Veneziani: r.veneziani@qmul.ac.uk

General information about MANCEPT can be found [here](#).

Past Calls for papers can be found [here](#).

URPE Annual Conference 2013

The Political Economy of the Environment

October 5, 2013 | St. Francis College, Brooklyn, USA

The annual conference of the Union for Radical Political Economics will take place on Saturday October 5 at St. Francis College, Brooklyn, New York. It will focus on the relationship between political economy and the environment, ranging from discussions on analysis to policy changes and activism with an emphasis on the need for radical political economic and environmental analysis.

URPE members and others who would like to participate are invited to submit proposals for individual presentations or panels on the topic to the URPE National Office: urpe@labornet.org. You are also invited to share your ideas on this conference by corresponding with members of the URPE Planning Committee: Paul Cooney (pcooney@ufpa.br), Ann Davis (adavisa@gmail.com) or Paddy Quick (paddyquick8@gmail.com).

World Economics Association Online Conference on the Inequalities in Asia

12th May to 8th June 2013 | [Website](#)

It is generally recognized that inequalities of various kinds have been exacerbated during the period of globalization. This is true of global/regional inequalities as well as within-country disparities, except in a few countries where very conscious policies have been taken to reverse this. Concerns with growing inequality extend well beyond issues of justice and fairness, since the degree of economic inequality also affects social cohesion and political instability, and can also have negative implications for economic growth and sustainability. This conference will focus on various aspects of inequality in South, Southeast and East Asia from the broader perspective of examining their interlinkages with other economic, social and political processes. This region is known to have been among the most dynamic in terms of income growth as well as structural change, and the evidence of increasing inequalities is also marked in several major countries of the region.

The broad themes to be covered are noted below (I-VII). In addition, some more specific questions that could be taken up in individual papers are mentioned, but these should be seen only as indicative suggestions. Papers that consider other aspects that are not

explicitly noted here are also welcome.

1. Growth, structural change and inequality
 - What are the broad trends in horizontal and vertical inequalities in countries of the
 - region, and what arguments facilitate the understanding of these trends?
 - Is inequality necessarily associated with rapid economic growth? Does the Kuznets
 - relationship hold for fast-growing Asian countries? If not, why not?
 - What are the implications of reaching “Lewis turning points” for factor shares and
 - other aspects of inequality?
 - Is there a relation between the shift to service sector from manufacturing and rise
 - in inequality in East Asian and Southeast Asian economies (other than China)? Can
 - we understand this relationship by studying individual economies in East Asia and
 - Southeast Asia?
 - How significant is the relative absence of structural change in South Asia in
 - explaining changes in income inequality over the period of high growth?
2. Economic openness, trade and financial flows and the impact on regional and vertical
3. inequalities
 - Has the export-oriented model of economic growth contributed to increasing
 - inequality in fast-growing countries? What are the mechanisms?
 - What is the relation between capital flows from Asia and domestic inequalities in
 - the capital exporting countries?
 - How have recent trends in global commodity prices contributed to horizontal and
 - vertical inequalities in income and consumption?
4. Technological change and economic inequality
 - Is there any relevance to arguments that the East Asian technological path has
 - changed considerably since 1980s from the pre-1980s model? Does this have a
 - bearing on the inequality relationship?
 - How does the continuing technological diversity of production in South Asia impact
 - upon patterns of inequality?
5. Asset distribution and its impact
 - What is the importance of land reforms and such progressive redistributive
 - measures on the levels of inequality in Asian economies?
 - What are the trends in asset (of both real and financial assets) inequalities and how
 - have they been influenced by policy?
6. Wage inequalities and employment patterns
 - What are the factors affecting growing wage dispersion in most Asian countries?
 - What is the impact of greater global integration on wage inequalities?
 - How have gender wage gaps changed over the most recent phase of accumulation?
7. Inequality over the economic cycle and the impact of the ongoing global crisis
 - How have factor shares moved over the course of the economic cycle in

- particular
 - Asian countries? (The Southeast Asian crisis could be taken as one example.)
 - Is there any causal relationship between inequality in Asia and the recent crisis in
 - global capitalism?
- 8. The interaction of social, political and economic processes in determining patterns of
- 9. inequality
 - How do existing social inequalities (by gender, age, skills, class and other social categories) interact within market processes and patterns of accumulation?
 - Does high GDP growth result in changes in earlier forms of social discrimination and
 - exclusion?

Timetable

- Deadline for papers: 28st April 2013
- Discussion Forum: 12 May to 8th June 2013

For more information, visit the [WEA website](#).

Call for Participants

1st World Keynes Conference

Attacking the Citadel: Making Economics Fit for Purpose

26- 29. June 2013 | Izmir University of Economics, Izmir, Turkey | [website](#)

Economics as a science ought to be in disarray. Its vastly dominant mainstream models and policy recommendations – based on rational representative agents for example – should have suffered a devastating blow in response to the recent world financial crisis and even be seen as part of its cause. Whilst initiatives such as the Institute for New Economic Thinking or the foundation of the outspokenly pluralist World Economic Association demonstrate that there is now more room for dissenting views among economists and in the general public, it is still uncertain whether a more open and fruitful economics will prevail within the discipline. What can be learned from the past, including the experience of the “Keynesian revolution”, is that a major crisis can indeed challenge outdated theories, although it is salutary to bear in mind that the stagflation of the 1970s ultimately underpinned the emergence of the new classical economics. Its mark remains heavy on the discipline even where its extreme postures are rejected.

Against this background, the 1st World Keynes Conference will bring together economists and other social scientists from around the world to discuss alternatives to prevailing conventional wisdom from a variety of ‘heterodox’ approaches and theoretical perspectives.

Keynote Speakers

- Wolfram Elsner (University of Bremen)

- Heinz Kurz (University of Graz)
- John Weeks (SOAS London)

Registration

Registration can be made through the [conference webpage](#). Please click on 'payments' and fill in the required form. Conference fees are 100 €/125 \$/225 TL with a special student rate at 75 €/100 \$/150 TL

Program

The program will be made available [here](#).

Important Dates

- June 26, 2013 - Opening Plenary Session and Reception
- June 27, 2013 - Conference Dinner
- June 28, 2013 - Closing Keynote Address
- June 29, 2013 – Ephesus trip

IV International Gathering of the Workers' Economy

Self-management and Work as Alternatives to the Global Economic Crisis

July 9-12, 2013 | João Pessoa, Brazil

The IV International Gathering of The Workers' Economy, "Self-management and Work as Alternatives to the Global Economic Crisis," seeks to explore themes and issues related to self-management and workers' struggles in light of the global economic crises, from different perspectives and national contexts. It aims to provide space for discussion and debate using the experiences of workers' control and self-management as a point of departure, bringing together academics, social activists, and workers.

The IV International Gathering of "The Workers' Economy" will be held in the city of João Pessoa in the state of Paraíba in northeastern Brazil, and will be hosted by the Incubator for Social Enterprises (INCUBES) at the Federal University of Paraíba, and the Programa Facultad Abierta (Open Faculty Program) of the University of Buenos Aires.

Key Dates

- Abstract submission deadline for papers: April 23, 2013
- Notification of approved presentations: May 2, 2013
- Final papers submission deadline: June 30, 2013

Instructions:

- Abstract: maximum of one A4 page in Times New Roman 12, 1.5 spacing
- Complete article: from 10 to 25 pages in Times New Roman 12, 1.5 spacing

We have deliberately made the instructions simple so that people from non-academic circles are also encouraged to contribute accounts of their activities. This is a gathering where the focus of interest is on interaction between universities and people's social movements.

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Background

In an international context where the global capitalist crisis is increasingly affecting European countries, especially in the Mediterranean region, the only response from governments has been to implement the usual austerity measures. But austerity—tried and tested in other parts of the world—has, yet again, not only failed to regenerate economies, it has also led to further impoverishment, structural unemployment, marginalization, and insecurity for the majority who must work to earn a living. In response, large protest movements have begun to emerge in the “developed” countries, where the effects of the crisis are being felt the most. These movements underscore the need for changes in the economy’s management—changes that not only contemplate the welfare of workers, but that also assure workers’ management of the economy.

In the so-called “developing” countries—particularly in Latin America—social movements, people’s organizations, and labor movements have been spearheading self-managed organizations at a grassroots level for some time now. We can think of, for example, the worker-recuperated enterprises in various South American countries, or other forms of workers’ control, both urban and rural. In some instances, these movements have gained recognition and support from governments, bringing into question the role of the state and the relationship between state power and the autonomy of popular movements. On the one hand, the state can potentially facilitate the processes of workers’ control. On the other hand, it can be seen as an antagonistic instrument of traditional power with the potential to limit the autonomy of self-managed organizations.

The IV International Gathering of “The Workers’ Economy” seeks to explore these and other questions related to workers’ struggles from different perspectives and national contexts. It seeks to provide space for discussion and debate using the experiences of workers’ control and self-management as a point of departure, bringing together academics, social activists, and workers. Since our first meeting, we have been co-developing the International Gathering (Encuentro Internacional) and its themes with representatives from over 20 countries, including protagonists from worker-recuperated enterprises, cooperatives, labor movements and organizations, social movements, political groups, and academics, among others. We reiterate here what we emphasized in our three previous encuentros: While perhaps in uneven ways, workers are undoubtedly inventing alternatives that are not limited to the economic, but that extend out into wider cultural processes as well. Based on non-capitalist relations of production, these processes have increasingly opened up spaces for prefigurative politics. Moreover, these alternative economic institutions are affording workers room for discussing issues such as internal power and gender structures, as well as the relationship between workers, workplaces, and their surrounding communities. These processes, visible for example in the recuperated factories, workers’ cooperatives, and micro-enterprises of the world, show that workers can indeed self-manage a more humane and sustainable alternative than what corporate globalization offers.

History of the International Gathering of “The Workers’ Economy”

The International Gathering of “The Workers’ Economy” had its first encuentro in Buenos Aires in July 2007 under the theme “Self-management and the Distribution of Wealth.” It was organized by the Open Faculty Program of the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters of the University of Buenos Aires, in conjunction with academic institutions, social organizations, and workers from Argentina and around the world. The International Gatherings have

emerged into a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences between academics, activists, and workers. These ideas center on the possibilities and challenges of self-management; the regeneration of a political, economic, and social project by the working class and social movements; as well as critical discussion and analyses of the practices of academic research focusing on self-management and the workers' economy.

The Argentine experience of workers' control and self-management provided a solid basis for discussion at the first encuentro in 2007. These discussions took on an international nature by the second and third encuentros (held in Buenos Aires in 2009 and in Mexico City in 2011 respectively), exploring and learning from myriad experiences of the working class and social movements around the world. As an ultimate objective, the first three encuentros reflected on alternative economic, social, and political projects from those extolled by neoliberal global capitalism. Thus, the themes and discussion topics of the International Gatherings have become more diverse with each new encuentro. They have managed to embrace different areas of social struggle and critical thinking while still remaining grounded in the spirit suggested by the title of the International Gatherings: how to think about, debate, and construct an economy emerging from workers themselves and encompassing workers' self-management.

Thematic areas for IV International Gathering

Proposals for panels and paper presentations may include, but are certainly not limited to, the following thematic areas:

1. Analysis of capitalist management of the economy and proposals for self-management
2. The new crisis of global capitalism: Analysis from the perspective of the workers' economy
3. The historical trajectory of self-management: From traditional communities to labor movements
4. Actual practices of self-management today: Possibilities and challenges. (Including, but not limited to: worker-recuperated enterprises, cooperatives, and attempts at self-management by indigenous communities, peasants, and social movements)
5. Self-management and gender: Creating democracy
6. Analysis of the socialist experience: Past and future
7. The challenges of trade union experiences in neoliberal global capitalism
7. Informal, precarious, and degrading employment: Social exclusion or reconfiguration of labor in global capitalism?
8. New movements in response to the global economic crisis: Perspectives from the struggle for self-management
9. Challenges facing popular governments in the social management of the economy and the state
10. The university, workers, and social movements: Debates over methodologies and practices of mutual construction

Organizational structure for the IV International Gathering of "The Workers' Economy"

The IV International Gathering will take place July 9th-12th, 2013, with morning and afternoon sessions, and will be open to the public. There will be panels and workshops, videoconferencing, and a final plenary session where the encuentro's themes will be debated and discussed.

Organizing Committee

- Incubator for Social Enterprises (INCUBES), Federal University of Paraíba, João Pessoa, Brazil
- Department of Social Relations of the Autonomous Metropolitan University-Xochimilco, Mexico
- Programa Facultad Abierta (Open Faculty Program), Faculty of Philosophy and Letters, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

For more information on the International Gathering of the Workers' Economy (including previous meetings in 2007, 2009, and 2011): [Link 1](#) and [Link 2](#).

17th SCEME Seminar in Economic Methodology

May 24-25, 2013 | Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, UK

Presenters include: George DeMartino, Des Gasper, Jamie Morgan, Amos Witztum. The link for the registration and programme can be found [here](#).

We have limited places and we will appreciate early registration. The deadline for registration (mainly for catering purposes) is 13th of May.

We look forward to see you at the workshop. Can you please disseminate this information to your colleagues and other interested parties? Please note the postgraduate students have a reduced fee of 25£ to attend the workshop.

With warm wishes
Ioana Negru and Matthias Klaes

Historical and Philosophical Perspectives on Economics Seminar

May 1, 2013 | LSE, UK

The next session of HPPE (Historical and Philosophical Perspectives on Economics) at LSE's Economic History Department will take place next Wednesday, 1 May 2013, 1pm in room 168 of the East Building.

Gabriel Wollner will speak about "Justice, finance and international taxation"; see below for further details on topic and presenter.

Abstract:

There has recently been much debate about the idea of levying a tax on particular transactions on international financial markets. Economists have argued about how much revenue such an international financial transaction tax would raise and they disagree about what effects it would have on trade volumes, financial stability and overall growth. Politicians have argued about the feasibility of introducing such a tax internationally and they disagree on its adequacy as a policy response to the current financial and economic crisis. This paper contributes to the debate about international financial transaction taxation by bringing the perspective of political philosophy to bear on the politicians' and economists' arguments about policy. I shall outline a framework for thinking about justice in finance, and defend the idea of an international financial transaction tax as an instrument for making the international financial system more just.

About the presenter:

Gabriel Wollner is a lecturer in the Philosophy Department at LSE. His interests are in political philosophy and ethics, and the application of these inquiries to various issues in public policy.

How Class Works Conference 2014

June 5-7, 2014 | SUNY Stony Brook, USA | [Website](#)

The Center for Study of Working Class Life is pleased to announce the How Class Works 2014 Conference, to be held at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, June 5-7, 2014. Proposals for papers, presentations, and sessions are welcome until December 11, 2013 according to the guidelines below. For more information, visit [our Web site](#).

Purpose and orientation: The conference seeks to explore ways in which an explicit recognition of class helps to understand the social world in which we live, and ways in which analysis of society can deepen our understanding of class as a social relationship. Presentations should take as their point of reference the lived experience of class; proposed theoretical contributions should be rooted in and illuminate social realities. Presentations are welcome from people outside academic life when they sum up social experience in a way that contributes to the themes of the conference. Formal papers will be welcome but are not required. All presentations should be accessible to an interdisciplinary audience.

Conference themes: The conference welcomes proposals for presentations that advance our understanding of any of the following themes.

- The mosaic of class, race, and gender. To explore how class shapes racial, gender, and ethnic experience and how different racial, gender, and ethnic experiences within various classes shape the meaning of class.
- Class, power, and social structure. To explore the social content of working, middle, and capitalist classes in terms of various aspects of power; to explore ways in which class and structures of power interact, at the workplace and in the broader society.
- Class and community. To explore ways in which class operates outside the workplace in the communities where people of various classes live.
- Class in a global economy. To explore how class identity and class dynamics are influenced by globalization, including experience of cross-border organizing, capitalist class dynamics, international labor standards.
- Middle class? Working class? What's the difference and why does it matter? To explore the claim that the U.S. is a middle class society and contrast it with the notion that the working class is the majority; to explore the relationships between the middle class and the working class, and between the middle class and the capitalist class.
- Class, public policy, and electoral politics. To explore how class affects public policy, with special attention to health care, the criminal justice system, labor law, poverty, tax and other economic policy, housing, and education; to explore the place of electoral politics in the arrangement of class forces on policy matters.
- Class and culture: To explore ways in which culture transmits and transforms class dynamics.
- Pedagogy of class. To explore techniques and materials useful for teaching about class, at K-12 levels, in college and university courses, and in labor studies and adult education courses.

How to submit proposals for How Class Works – 2014 Conference

Proposals for presentations must include the following information: a) title; b) which of the eight conference themes will be addressed; c) a maximum 250 word summary of the main points, methodology, and slice of experience that will be summed up; d) relevant personal information indicating institutional affiliation (if any) and what training or experience the presenter brings to the proposal; e) presenter's name, address, telephone, fax, and e-mail address. A person may present in at most two conference sessions. To allow

time for discussion, sessions will be limited to three twenty-minute or four fifteen-minute principal presentations. Sessions will not include official discussants. Proposals for poster sessions are welcome. Presentations may be assigned to a poster session.

Proposals for sessions are welcome. A single session proposal must include proposal information for all presentations expected to be part of it, as detailed above, with some indication of willingness to participate from each proposed session member.

Submit proposals as an e-mail attachment to michael.zweig@stonybrook.edu or as hard copy by mail to the How Class Works - 2014 Conference, Center for Study of Working Class Life, Department of Economics, SUNY, Stony Brook, NY 11794-4384.

Timetable: Proposals must be received by December 11, 2013. After review by the program committee, notifications will be mailed on January 17, 2014. The conference will be at SUNY Stony Brook June 5-7, 2014. Conference registration and housing reservations will be possible after March 3, 2014. Details and updates will be posted at [our website](#).

Middlesex University Seminar: Phil Taylor

'The New Normal' – Work and Performance Management in an Age of Recession by Phil Taylor

Thursday 9th May 2013, 17:00 – 18:30 | W138, Williams Building, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4BT, UK

The seminar is based on a presentation given at the recent Work, Employment and Society, 25th Anniversary Conference. It will take as its point of departure a reflection on change and continuity in the sociology of work and employment over a quarter of century with reference to the comparative political and economic conjunctures. Focusing on the recent and the present, the presentation will consider the nature of what Richard Hyman called the 'new normalcy' in 1987 and the term McKinsey Consultants is using today - 'the new normal' - to justify an unprecedented managerial offensive against workers in the post-crisis world of work and employment. The lynchpin of the new regime in the workplace is an emerging system of Performance Management. Phil will present findings from a three-year study of the 'new workplace tyranny' and will consider ways in which it can be resisted.

Phil Taylor is Professor of Work and Employment Studies in the Department of Human Resource Management at the University of Strathclyde. He has researched and published extensively on all aspects of the call/contact centre, particularly work organisation and employment relations. Over the past decade he has extended this research to encompass the remote sourcing and the globalisation of business services. Other research interests include lean working, prison privatisation, union organising, occupational health and safety and . He was a lead member of a major project under the ESRC's Future of Work Programme, based at the University of Strathclyde and drawing on researchers across several Scottish Universities. He is currently editor of *New Technology Work and Employment*. He was co-editor of *Work, Employment and Society* from 2008 and 2010 having previously served on its editorial board (2004-2006).

If you would like to attend this event please confirm your attendance to Elena Karoullas: E.Karoullas@mdx.ac.uk

Networked Labour: Rethinking labour in an age of

networks and movements

7-9 May, 2013 | Amsterdam, The Netherlands | [website](#)

The upcoming international seminar, titled Networked Labour is initially supported by Networked Politics, Transform! Europe, Transnational Institute and IGOPNET (Institut de Govern the Politiques Pùbliques) and it will be held in Amsterdam between 7-9 May 2013.

Networked Politics have been an open project promoted by Transform! Italia, Transnational Institute - New Politics and IGOP, and developed in cooperation with Euro-movements. To provide a space for exchange between activists, researchers and activist-researchers there were several seminars and debates held between 2006 and 2009. Most of the encounters organised in parallel to the important movement-network gatherings like European and World Social Forums and reparatory meetings that were linked to the Forum processes. Several printed and online books, an online library, and an on-line 'New Politics Dictionary' were among the concrete outcomes of the Network Politics debate; along side the founding of initiatives like the annually held Free Culture Forums.

Our current work will be focusing on the changing worlds of labour and production, and emerging new movements, political actors and their politics. We will mainly be discussing these topics in relation to the accelerating developments in the ICTs. Our hope is to create new synergies by bringing together many contributors and observers of the recent changes, movements, protests, and mobilisations. We hope this will enable us to increase our collective understanding of the new possibilities emerging in front of us for a radical social change.

If you are interested in joining or following this open discussion and exchange simply register to the networked labour [weblog](#). We are looking forward to explore the change together!

Örsan Şenalp, Marco Berlinguer, Mayo Fuster Morell, Hilary Wainwright

Political Economy for Trade Unionists: An introductory series of evening classes

Fortnightly 30th April, 2013 – 23rd July, 2013 | [website](#)

At Marx Memorial Library, 37a Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DU UK.
Tel #44(0) 207 253 1485; Fax #44(0) 207 251 6039
info@marx-memorial-library.org

The classes will commence at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m.

Class Programme

- 30 April How capitalism develops: political economy, labour and value Tutors: Mick Carty and Mary Davis
- 14 May Labour power and exploitation Tutor: Mick Carty
- 28 May Capitalist crises and the contradictions of capitalism Tutors: Richard Ross and Mary Davis
- 11 June How monopoly changes the way capitalism operates: finance capital Tutor: Richard Ross
- 25 June The State and monopoly: the challenge of democracy Tutor: John McGhee
- 9 July Divide and rule: collective power and the dynamics of the labour market

Tutors: Wilf Sullivan and Mary Davis

- 23 July Challenging capitalism: posing alternatives in Britain Tutor: Jonathan White

To mark the Library's 80th Anniversary the fee will be £1 per class: £7 in total. This should be paid at the first class. Those wishing to attend are asked to register in advance by email to:

info@marx-memorial-library.org or by printing out the registration form found at our [website](#).

St. Catharine's Political Economy Seminar

May 1, 2013, 6-7 pm | St Catharine's College, UK

The next St Catharine's Political Economy Seminar in the series on the Economics of Austerity, will be held on Wednesday 1st May 2013 - Graham Gudgin and Ken Coutts will give a talk on 'Austerity Policies in the UK; Causes, Consequences and Alternatives.' The seminar will be held in the Ramsden room at St Catharine's College from 6.00-7.30 pm. All are welcome.

Graham Gudgin is Research Associate at the Centre for Business Research in the Judge Business School, Senior Economic Advisor at Oxford Economics and visiting Professor at the University of Ulster. His main research interests are on regional economic growth including the impact of corporation tax. In younger days he was a member of Cambridge Economic Policy Group, under Wynne Godley, and is currently working on a new policy simulation model of the UK Macro-economy based on Godley-ite principles.

Ken Coutts is Emeritus Assistant Director of Studies in the Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge, and Life Fellow in Economics, Selwyn College, Cambridge. A member of the Cambridge Economic Policy Group in his younger career, led by Wynne Godley, his main interests are in macroeconomics, monetary and fiscal policy, trade, capital flows and balance of payments. He has published widely in these areas. He has also written extensively on the pricing behaviour of manufacturing industries in the UK and Australia.

CONTENT: This seminar introduces a new empirical model of the UK macro-economy based on data and economic relationships over the last 60 years. The model is designed to undertake policy simulations and in this seminar is used to investigate the consequences of austerity in the UK and alternatives to a policy of direct debt reduction in the UK public sector. The model is used to account for the 'mystery' of rising employment during periods of low, or no, expansion in GDP, by taking account of the cash-flow position of private companies. A huge loss of output has occurred since 2007 relative to previous trends and this loss may turn out to be permanent. The presentation will discuss why this should be so.

Please contact the seminar organisers Philip Arestis (pa267@cam.ac.uk) and Michael Kitson (m.kitson@jbs.cam.ac.uk) in the event of a query.

Summer Institute for the Preservation of the History of Economics 2013

We are pleased to announce that registration for the 14th annual Summer Institute for the Preservation of the History of Economics is now [online](#).

The Summer Institute schedule is online as are papers and videos from previous years. We should emphasize that there is no charge for attendance; indeed, we are able to provide lodging, many meals and a good deal of coffee for many participants.

Transforming Finance: Fresh thinking on democracy, finance and debt

10th May, 2013 | Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, London | [website](#)

This one day event will bring together leading academics and campaigners to address these urgent questions:

- How can we get finance flowing into projects with social and environmental value?
- How can we end the injustice of privatised gains and socialised losses from our financial system?
- What can we do about unpayable debts?

Confirmed speakers include:

- Thierry Philipponnat, General Secretary of Finance Watch
- Nicola Smith, Head of the TUC's Economic and Social Affairs Department
- Prof Tim Jackson, author of *Prosperity Without Growth* and Professor of Sustainable Development at the University of Surrey
- Thomas Keidel, Head of Financial Relations at the German Savings Banks Association, DSGV which represents 450 publicly owned regionally headquartered banks
- Victoria Chick, one of the world's leading scholars of Keynes and monetary economics and Emeritus Professor of Economics, University College London
- Gary Dymski, Chair in Applied Economics, Leeds University Business School
- Paul Woolley, co-author of *The Future of Finance: The LSE Report*, and Founder of the Paul Woolley Centre for the Study of Capital Market Dysfunctionalities, LSE Prof Marianna Mazzucato, economist, author of *The Entrepreneurial State*, and Professor of Science and Technology Policy at Sussex University
- Prof Richard Werner, Director of the Centre for Banking, Finance and Sustainable Development, Southampton University whose 2005 book *New Paradigm in Macroeconomics* correctly predicted the collapse of the UK banking system and property market.
- Stephany Griffith-Jones, Financial Markets Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University

The Transforming Finance conference has been organised by an alliance of think tanks and NGOs with an interest making the financial system work for people and planet, including Friends of the Earth, the New Economics Foundation, the Finance Innovation Lab, ResPublica, Civitas, ShareAction (formally Fair Pensions), the World Development Movement and Positive Money.

University of Leeds Ph.D. Summer Workshop

Gender and Race Imbalances of the 'Great Moderation' and the 'Great Recession'

June 24-25, 2013 | Leeds University Business School, and the School of Politics and International Studies
University of Leeds, UK

The two decades preceding the onset of the financial crisis in 2007 have been characterised by low and stable inflation and low output variability. For this reason, economists have labelled this period the „Great Moderation“. Starting in August 2007 the „Great Moderation“ has been replaced by one of the worst global recessions on record, the „Great Recession“, and then by an on-going period of slow or no economic growth. One of the most striking features of the „Great Recession“ and its aftermath is the creation of persistent levels of high unemployment, especially in the USA. Compared with job declines in the second post-war period, the recent decline in employment stands out as one of the longest and of the most severe. However, there is another feature of the „Great Recession“ and its aftermath which is not less striking: the gender, race and ethnicity stratification of the labour market. Indeed, there is increasing evidence showing that the current economic downturn, together with the widespread public spending cuts and austerity measures that followed it, have been far from homogenous, hitting women and minorities disproportionately.

The Economics Division of Leeds University Business School (LUBS) and the School of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) are jointly organising a two-day workshop to investigate the impact of the „Great Moderation“ (or earlier periods), the „Great Recession“, and its aftermath on the gender, race and ethnicity stratification in the USA, Europe and other countries. The first day will bring together academics with a long track record in the areas of macroeconomics, income inequality, and gender, race and ethnicity imbalances.

Confirmed speakers include, Philip Arestis, Aurélie Charles, Gary Dymski, J.K. Galbraith, Jill Rubery, Malcolm Sawyer, Stephanie Seguino, Mark Stuart, Jennifer Tomlinson, and Brigitte Young.

The second day is aimed at supporting PhD students working on gender, race and ethnicity imbalances. PhD students will give extended presentations on their research and will receive detailed feedback from assigned discussants. A roundtable with senior researchers and journal editors on how to conduct research and publish in leading journals is also planned. The workshop is funded by COST Action ISO 902 “Systemic Risk and the Financial Crisis” and is supported by the Post Keynesian Study Group (PKSG).

If you are a PhD student working on gender, race and ethnicity imbalances, and you are interested in presenting your work at the workshop, please send an extended abstract (800-1000 words) to Annina Kaltenbrunner (A.Kaltenbrunner@leeds.ac.uk) by the **6th May**. In your e-mail, please also copy in Charles Danreuther (ipicd@leeds.ac.uk) and Giuseppe Fontana (gf@leeds.ac.uk). Thanks to the financial support of COST and the PKSG, university accommodation and support for travel costs (within-UK only) is available. If you require university accommodation and/or travel support, please state so in your submission with an estimate of the expected travel costs.

Job Postings for Heterodox Economists

Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands

Assistant Professor | International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague, The Netherlands

Field of Agrarian, Food and Environmental Studies

The Staff Group Rural Development, Environment and Population Studies has a position (1.0 FTE) for an Assistant Professor level in the field of: Agrarian, Food and Environmental Studies

The Staff Group is engaged in research, teaching, advisory work and capacity building in international development studies. It has recently formed a research programme (RP), "[Political Economy of Resources, Environment and Population](#)". This research programme includes two main inter-related research areas, namely Agrarian, Food and Environmental Studies (AFES) and Population Dynamics and Social Policy (PSSP).

This RP focuses on agrarian and rural development, environment and conservation, poverty, socio-economic security, population studies, and child and youth studies, and shares an explicit engagement with a political economy framework of analysis of power relations and processes of global change that reinforce rather than reduce poverty and socio-economic insecurity.

Profile

We are looking for top-talent which will contribute innovative high quality research and teaching capacity to a number of crucial issues relating to Agrarian, Food and Environmental Studies in developing and/or transition countries, in a rapidly changing global context.

AFES is focused on the interface between agricultural and environmental change within the context of global, political-economic transformations. It addresses challenges associated with the ownership, control, use, management and distribution of natural resources and the dynamic relationships between nature, agriculture and socioeconomic development.

It pays particular attention to contemporary environmental and resource-related conflicts and how these can be understood and mediated with an eye at bringing about just, equitable and sustainable development in developing nations and beyond.

For a full profile and vacancy description, download the [job description](#)

Task and Responsibilities

- Production and publication of high quality research output at international standards
- Preparation (individually or jointly with other staff) of externally funded research grant proposals
- Contribution to teaching in the AFES Major; Supervision of MA and PhD students in the AFES field

Requirements

- A completed PhD in one of the social sciences
- Evidence of publication capacity, including both a strong publication track record and clear research and publication plans
- Teaching experience, preferably at post-graduate level
- Proven evidence of the ability to attract external finance for research and other projects
- Ability to work in an inter-disciplinary team
- Experience with gender-based analysis is welcomed
- While open to all regional specializations, we hope that the successful candidate will have at least one area specialization in Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, East Asia or Indonesia.

[Full job description and further conditions](#)

Institute for New Economic Thinking, US

Postdoctoral Fellowship

[The Institute for New Economic Thinking](#) seeks aspiring new economic thinkers for a Postdoctoral Fellowship to commence September 2013 in New York City. The position provides outstanding opportunity for engagement with other new economic thinkers in our rapidly expanding global network. Primarily, fellows pursue their own research so priority is given to candidates whose own interests complement one or more of INET's many research and education initiatives. Appointment is for one year, but may be renewable. PhD must have been received within the past three years.

Please submit cover letter, CV, and 2 letters of reference. Cover letter should address specifically how the candidate's own research agenda advances the mission of INET.

Apply [here](#).

Newcastle University, UK

Lectureship in International Political Economy | School of Geography, Politics, and Sociology

The School of Geography, Politics, and Sociology at Newcastle University (UK) has posted an ad for a Lectureship in International Political Economy. Part of the remit will be to lead our MA programme in Globalisation, Poverty, and Development, so scholars with expertise in the Global South are encouraged to apply. You can search for the job advert [here](#)

York University, Canada

One-year Sessional Assistant Professor in Business & Society | Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, Department of Social Science

Applications are invited from qualified candidates for a one-year Sessional Assistant Professor position in Business & Society. Applicants must hold a PhD (or near completion) in one of the social sciences or in a relevant discipline (e.g. legal studies, law, ethics, political philosophy) and have an active research program relevant to the programme. Applicants must have an interdisciplinary background and expertise to teach in the area of economics and law, corporate governance and regulation (for further details of the programme, see [here](#)). Excellence or the promise of excellence in teaching is essential. Demonstrated versatility in teaching (e.g., at different levels of the curriculum and in varying pedagogical formats) is an asset.

This contractually limited appointment carries a teaching load of three full courses or the equivalent. The start date for this position is July 1, 2013. All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval.

York University is an Affirmative Action Employer. The Affirmative Action Program can be found on York's website at www.yorku.ca/acadjobs or a copy can be obtained by calling the

affirmative action office at 416-736-5713. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents will be given priority. Temporary entry for citizens of the U.S.A. and Mexico may apply per the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Applicants are to submit, in hard copy, (i) a letter of application outlining their professional experience and research interests; (ii) an up-to-date curriculum vitae and a teaching dossier; and (iii) one sample publication. They are also to arrange for three confidential letters of recommendation to be sent directly to Professor Kimberley White, Chair, Department of Social Science, South 756 Ross Building, York University, 4700 Keele St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M3J 1P3.

The deadline for applications is May 19, 2013.

Conference Papers, Reports, and Podcasts

AFIT 2013 Student Competition Papers

The winners of the 2013 AFIT student papers competition and their papers can be found on the [AFIT website](#).

- Joseph Baines, York University, [Walmart's Contested Expansion in the Retail Business: Differential Accumulation, Institutional Restructuring and Social Resistance](#)
- Zoe Sherman, University of Massachusetts Amherst, [The Commodification of Audience Attention, 1865-1920](#)
- Klara Helene Stumpf, Leuphana University of Luneburg, Susanne Hanger, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, and Igor Ferraz da Fonseca, University of Brasilia, [Including justice in institutional analysis -How do frameworks for institutional analysis consider ideas of justice?](#)

Centro Sraffa Publications

Centro Sraffa is pleased to inform that Quaderni di Ricerca and Materiali di Discussione (old series) are now available online.

For download please go to [Publications](#)
Please visit [the website](#) for the complete list of events at Centro Sraffa.

CJE Conference in honour of Geoff Harcourt: podcasts now available

A conference in honour of Geoff Harcourt sponsored by the Cambridge Journal of Economics that took place in June 2011. Go to [the conference homepage](#) and follow the link to the podcast library.

Heterodox Journals

Economic Thought, 2(1): 2013

Journal website: <http://et.worldeconomicsassociation.org/>
 Special Issue on **Ethics and Economics** | [Download this issue in full \(PDF\)](#)

- Ontological Commitments of Ethics and Economics/ Karey Harrison
- Codes of Ethics for Economists: A Pluralist View / Sheila C Dow
- No Ethical Issues in Economics? / Stuart Birks
- Professional Economic Ethics: Why Heterodox Economists Should Care / George DeMartino
- And the Real Butchers, Brewers and Bakers? Towards the Integration of Ethics and Economics / Riccardo Baldissoni

Feminist Economics, 19(1): 2013

Journal website: <http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/rfec20>

Articles

- Women's Empowerment and Gender Bias in the Birth and Survival of Girls in Urban India / Sucharita Sinha Mukherjee
- Negotiating Domestic Labor: Women's Earnings and Housework Time in Australia / Janeen Baxter & Belinda Hewitt
- An End to Job Mobility on the Sales Floor: The Impact of Department Store Cost Cutting on African-American Women, 1970–2000 / Katrinell M. Davis
- Border Enforcement and Selection of Mexican Immigrants in the United States / Fernando A. Lozano & Mary J. Lopez
- Exploring “Underachievement” Among Highly Educated Young British-Bangladeshi Women / James Niven, Alessandra Faggian & Kanchana N. Ruwanpura

Book Reviews

- Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty / Nora Lustig
- Gender Inequalities, Households, and the Production of Well-Being in Modern Europe / Genevieve LeBaron

Forum of Social Economics, 42(1): 2013

Special Issue: [Teaching Heterodox Economics](#)

Introduction to Teaching Social Economics / Geoff Schneider & Daniel Underwood

Teaching Macroeconomics

- Daniel A. Underwood / 'Critical Thinking and Applied Political Economy: Towards Understanding the Social Construction of Reality'
- Mark Lautzenheiser and Yavuz Yaşar / 'Krugman Meets Marx and Keynes at the Baby-Sitting Co-op'
- Kevin Furey / 'A Reading on Money and Money Creation'

Teaching Microeconomics

- Aaron Pacitti and W. Scott Trees / 'Minimum Wages and Economic Justice: A Classroom Exercise'
- Timothy Wunder / 'But That Is Unfair Professor: Using a Grade Structure to Help Students Understand Income Quintiles'

Gender/Social Construction of Knowledge

- Genna R. Miller / 'Teaching Feminist Economics through Student-Written Diaries'
- Elizabeth Moorhouse / 'Examining the Unique Characteristics of Economics: A Description of a Student Assignment'

Student Evaluations and Heterodox Teaching

- Geoff Schneider / 'Student Evaluations, Grade Inflation and Pluralistic Teaching: Moving from Customer Satisfaction to Student Learning and Critical Thinking'

Read this free special issue on Teaching Social Economics. Articles include 'Minimum Wages and Economic Justice: A Classroom Exercise' and 'Teaching Feminist Economics through Student-Written Diaries'. The whole issue is free to read [here](#).

Journal of Institutional Economics, 9(2): June 2013Journal website: <http://journals.cambridge.org/JOI>

Research Articles

- Role models that make you unhappy: light paternalism, social learning, and welfare / Christian Schubert, Christian Cordes
- Does religiosity promote property rights and the rule of law? / Niclas Berggren, Christian Bjørnskov
- Studying institutions in the context of natural selection: limits or opportunities? / Pascal Boyer, Michael Bang Petersen
- 'Model-Platonism' in economics: on a classical epistemological critique / Jakob Kapeller

Fragment

- Editorial introduction to 'Ownership' by A. M. Honoré (1961) / Geoffrey M. Hodgson

Middle East Development Journal, 5(1): May 2013Journal website: <http://www.worldscientific.com/worldscinet/medj>

Special Issue: Political and Economic Transformations in the Arab World

Guest Editor: Ishac Diwan

- Introduction: Political and Economic Transformations in the Arab World/ Ishac Diwan

- The Political Economy of Arab Presidents for Life — and After / Roger Owen
- The Elusive Quest for Economic Development in the Arab Countries / Ahmed Galal, Hoda Selim
- The Making of the Tunisian Revolution / Fadhel Kaboub
- Understanding Revolution in the Middle East: The Central Role of the Middle Class / Ishac Diwan
- On The Determinants of Democratic Transitions / Caroline Freund, Melise Jaud
- Islamists in Power? Inclusion, Moderation, and the Arab Uprisings / Jillian Schwedler
- Politico-Economic Developments in Turkey and the Transformation of Political Islam (1950–2010) / Hasan Ersel
- What Happened in the Early Years of Democracy: Indonesia's Experience / Akhmad Rizal Shidiq, Philips Jusario Vermonte

New Political Economy, 18(2): 2013

Journal website: <http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/cnpe20>

- Coping Strategies of Urban and Rural Welfare Organisations and the Regulation of the Poor / Elizabeth Seale
- The Political Economy of Brazilian (Latin American) and Korean (East Asian) Comparative Development: Moving beyond Nation-centred Approaches / Nicolas Grinberg
- The Political Economy of Addressing the Climate Crisis in the Earth System: Undermining Perverse Resilience / Liam Phelan, Ann Henderson-Sellers & Ros Taplin
- Beyond Myths, Lies and Stereotypes: The Political Economy of a 'New Scramble for Africa' / Alison J. Ayers
- The Making of Oil-backed Indigenous Capitalism in Nigeria / Jesse Salah Ovidia
- National Government Responses to Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Certification: Insights from Atlantic Canada / Paul Foley

Review of Keynesian Economics, 1(2): April 2013

[Journal website](#)

- Endogenous money, financial Keynesianism and beyond / Riccardo Bellofiore
- An endogenous money perspective on the post-crisis monetary policy debate / Scott T. Fullwiler
- What's the use of banks, especially after the crisis? / Virginie Monvoisin
- Endogenous money: the evolutionary versus revolutionary views / Louis-Philippe Rochon and Sergio Rossi
- Endogenous money, circuits and financialization / Malcolm Sawyer
- Keynes's theories of money and banking in the Treatise and The General Theory / John Smithin

Book reviews

- Charles Goodhart, The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision: A History of the Early years, 1974–1997 (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK 2011) 624 pp. / Nathan Tankus
- James D. Gwartney, Richard L. Stroup, Dwight R. Lee and Tawni H. Ferrarini, Common Sense Economics: What Everyone Should Know About Wealth and

Prosperity, Revised Edition (St. Martin's Press, New York, USA 2010) 240 pp. / Salewa Yinka Olawoye

- John Weeks, The Irreconcilable Inconsistencies of Neoclassical Macroeconomics: A False Paradigm (Routledge, New York, USA 2012) 304 pp. / Wesley Marshall

Review of Political Economy, 25(2): April 2013

Journal website: <http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/crpe20>

Articles

- Keynesian, Classical and New Keynesian Approaches to Fiscal Policy: Comparison and Critique / Thomas I. Palley
- The State of Short-term Expectation / M. G. Hayes
- Competition, Welfare and Macroeconomics: A Classical/Sraffian Perspective / Graham White
- Why and How Do Capitalists Divide Labour? From Marglin and Back again through Babbage and Marx / Bruno Tinel
- Precarious Work in Global Exports: The Case of Indonesia / Shaienne T. Osterreich
- The Causes and Consequences of the Misdiagnosis of the Financial Crisis in the United States / Wesley C. Marshall
- On Keynes's Criticism of the Loanable Funds Theory / Giancarlo Bertocco
- Endogenous Money in the Age of Financial Liberalization / Gökçer Özgür & Korkut Alp Ertürk
- Endogenous Money: A Note on Some Post-Keynesian Controversies / Bill Lucarelli

Book Reviews

- Casualties of Credit: The English Financial Revolution, 1620–1720 / John Berdell
- Argentina's Economic Growth and Recovery: The Economy in a Time of Default / Jacob Lederman
- A Modern Guide to Keynesian Macroeconomics and Economic Policies / Claudio Sardoni

Rethinking Marxism, 25(2): April 2013

Journal website: <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rrmx20/current>

In Memoriam: Stephen A. Resnick (1938–2013)

Key words

- Marxism / Stephen A. Resnick & Richard D. Wolff

Articles

- The Class Dimension of Hip Rebellion / Forrest Perry
- Reification through Commodity Form or Technology? From Honneth back to Heidegger and Marx / Christian Lotz

Symposium: Arab Spring, European Summer, American Fall

- The Arab Revolts: The Old Is Dying and the New Cannot Be Born / Yasser Munif
- Prefiguring the Realm of Freedom at Occupy Oakland / Emily Brissette
- Politics of Indignation: Radical Democracy and Class Struggle beyond Postmodernity / Mario Espinoza Pino

Art

- Susan Kleckner and Documents from the Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp (September 1984–March 1986) / Susan Jahoda

Remarks

- Democracy and Commodity Fetishism in Marx: A Response to Antonio Callari and David Ruccio / Vasilis Grollios
- Marxism, Materialism, and Subjectification: A Rejoinder / Antonio Callari & David F. Ruccio
- It's the Time of Your Life: Marxism in Animated Films / Catherine P. Mulder

Review

- Debt: The First 5,000 Years, by David Graeber. New York: Melville House Publishing, 2011. / Joseph Rebellio

Review of Social Economy

This month we are offering 7 days free access to the Review of Social Economy. For over sixty-five years, the journal has published high-quality peer-reviewed work on the many relationships between social values and economics. Enjoy unlimited access to the journal for 7 days, just simply click on this [link](#), then sit back and enjoy reading.

Heterodox Newsletters

CCPA

- [The Fog Finally Clears: The Job and Services Impact of Federal Austerity](#), by David Macdonald
- [10 Ways To Close Ontario's Gender Pay Gap](#) by Mary Cornish

EuroMemo Group

[Working Group of European Economists for an Alternative Economic Policy in Europe](#)

EuroMemorandum 2013 available in several languages

The EuroMemorandum 2013 “The deepening crisis in the European Union: The need for a fundamental change”, published in December 2012 in English, was translated into several languages. The long version of the EuroMemorandum is now available as download in English, French, German, Greek, Italian and Spanish at our [website](#).

EuroMemorandum 2013 – as booklets

As in previous years booklets of the printed version of the EuroMemorandum 2013 are available in English, French and German. Please contact transform!europe: office@transform-network.net for the English version, Espaces Marx (France): Espaces_Marx@internatif.org (3,00 €) for the EuroMemorandum in French, and

Zeitschrift Sozialismus (Germany): redaktion@sozialismus.de (6,50 €) for the German printed version.

GDAE

- [The Damaging Links Between Food, Fuel and Finance: A growing threat to food security](#) by Timothy A. Wise

Global Labour Column

- [The State as the Employer of last Resort](#), by Cedric Durand and Dany Lang
- [Wages for Equitable Growth](#), by Patrick Belser

Levy Institute

- [The Lender of Last Resort: A Critical Analysis of the Federal Reserve's Unprecedented Intervention after 2007](#), L. Randall Wray. Research Project Report, April 2013
- [Employment Recovery\(?\) after the Great Recession by](#) Michalis Nikiforos Policy Note 2013/3, April 2013
- [On the Franco-German Contradiction and Ultimate Euro Battleground](#) by Jörg Bibow Working Paper No. 762, April 2013

PERI

- [Does High Public Debt Consistently Stifle Economic Growth? A Critique of Reinhart and Rogoff](#), by Thomas Herndon, Michael Ash, Robert Pollin
- [Early Childhood Education as an Essential Component of Economic Development](#), by Arthur MacEwan

PKSG

- [Effective Demand: Securing the Foundations – A Symposium](#), with Olivier Allain, Jochen Hartwig and Mark Hayes
- [Income distribution and aggregate demand: A global Post-Keynesian model](#) by Özlem Onaran and Giorgos Galanis
- [Changes in income inequality from a global perspective: an overview](#) by by Thomas Goda

Heterodox Books and Book Series

Down the Up Escalator: How the 99% live in the Great Recession

By Barbara Garson

April 2013. Random House. ISBN: 978-0-385-53274-7 | [website](#)

“Garson’s vivid, shrewd, warmly sympathetic profiles show the resilience with which ordinary Americans respond to misfortune, but also the enduring costs as they abandon hopes for a fulfilling career, an extra child, or a secure retirement. The result is a compelling portrait of an economy that has turned against the people.” Publisher’s Weekly 11/19/2012

Ending Poverty: Jobs, Not Welfare

By Hyman Minsky

April 2013. The Levy Economics Institute. ISBN: 978-1-936192-31-1 | [website](#)

Although Hyman P. Minsky is best known for his ideas about financial instability, he was equally concerned with the question of how to create a stable economy that puts an end to poverty for all who are willing and able to work. This collection of Minsky’s writing spans almost three decades of his published and previously unpublished work on the necessity of combating poverty through full employment policies—through job creation, not welfare.

Marxism in the United States: A History of the American Left

by Paul Buhle

March 2013. Verso Books. ISBN: 9781781680155 (pb) | [Website](#)

Brimming over with archival finds and buoyed by the recollections of witnesses and participants in the radical movements of decades past, **MARXISM IN THE UNITED STATES** includes fascinating accounts of the immigrant socialism of the nineteenth century, the formation of the CPUSA in the wake of the Bolshevik Revolution, the rise of American communism and of the hugely influential Popular Front in the 1920s and ’30s, the crisis and split of the ’50s, and the revival of Marxism in the ’60s and ’70s.

This revised and updated edition also takes into account the last quarter century of life in the U.S., bringing the story of American Marxism up to the present. With today’s resurgent interest in radicalism, this new edition provides an unparalleled guide to 150 years of American left history.

A Marxist History of the World: From Neanderthals to Neoliberals

By Neil Faulkner

April 2013. Pluto Press. ISBN: 9780745332147 (pb) | [Website](#)

This magisterial analysis of human history - from 'Lucy', the first hominid, to the current Great Recession - combines the insights of earlier generations of Marxist historians with radical new ideas about the historical process.

Reading history against the grain, Neil Faulkner reveals that what happened in the past was not predetermined. Choices were frequent and numerous. Different outcomes - liberation or barbarism - were often possible. Rejecting the top-down approach of conventional history, Faulkner contends that it is the mass action of ordinary people that drives great events.

At the beginning of the 21st century - with economic disaster, war, climate catastrophe and deep class divisions - humans face perhaps the greatest crisis in the long history of our species. The lesson of A MARXIST HISTORY OF THE WORLD is that, since we created our past, we can also create a better future.

The US Economy and Neoliberalism: Alternative Strategies and Policies

Edited by Nikolaos Karagiannis, Zagros Madjd-Sadjadi, Swapn Sen

March 2013. Routledge. ISBN: 978-0-415-64505-8. Series: [Routledge Advances in Heterodox Economics](#) | [website](#)

This new edited volume, from a top international set of contributors, seeks to answer these questions and to offer alternative, realistic and feasible strategies and policy recommendations towards reversing this situation. In particular, the volume seeks to challenge US neoliberalism on theoretical and political grounds, and to offer alternative strategies and policies towards addressing the country's recent challenges and multi-dimensional problems.

Heterodox Book Reviews

Keynes's General Theory for Today: Contemporary Perspectives

- Jesper Jespersen and Mogens Ove Madsen, editors, *Keynes's General Theory for Today: Contemporary Perspectives*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2012. x + 237 pp. \$110 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-1-78100-951-2.
- Reviewed for [EH.Net](#) by Paul Davidson, Department of Economics, University of Tennessee.
- [Read the review](#).

Marx and Philosophy Review of Books

New reviews just published online in the Marx and Philosophy Review of Books:

- Tony Mckenna on Davidson on the Bourgeois Revolutions
- Paul Mullan on Badiou, Philosophy For Militants
- John Higgins on Levine, Marx's Discourse with Hegel
- Amy Wendling on Ricoeur, On Psychoanalysis
- George Quesada on Bosteels, Marx and Freud in Latin America
- Alex Cistelean on In Marx's Shadow
- James Parisot on Reading Poulantzas

The reviews and a new list of books for review, all [here](#).

Heterodox Graduate Programs, Scholarships, and Grants

Kingston University MA Programs

Kingston University is offering a distinctive range of MA degrees for the autumn 2013 centred round political economy. Please see the links below and/or send an email to Paul Auerbach at P.Auerbach@Kingston.AC.UK.

[The MA Economics \(Political Economy\)](#) offers a singular opportunity to pursue economic analysis to MA standard using both standard and heterodox approaches. It covers neoclassical as well as Keynesian and Marxist theories. Topics covered include selfish versus social foundations of human behaviour, the reasons for and effects of changes in income distribution and efficiency versus instability in the working of financial markets.

The MA Political Economy gives the opportunity to study the recently emerging discipline of political economy. It offers an approach to economics that highlights issues of effective demand, social conflict and financial instability as features of modern capitalism. The course covers Neoclassical, Post Keynesian and Marxist theories and applies them to contemporary issues of austerity policy, neoliberalism, financialisation and globalisation.

[The MA Philosophy and Political Economy \(PPE\)](#) is a significant and distinctive interdisciplinary offering building upon established programmes in the disciplines of philosophy, politics and economics and integrating them into a co-ordinated and multi-faceted programme. This MA deals with the great issues of the day – economic and social inequality, the nature of work and exploitation in the contemporary world, ecological issues, the legacy of imperialism, international conflict and trade.

Kingston is also a partner (along with the Berlin School of Economics and Law, Università degli studi di Torino, Université Paris 13 and the University of Witwatersrand) in the [EPOG \(Economic Policies in the age of Globalisation\) MA](#).

Please note as well that the [Political Economy Research Group \(PERG\)](#) at Kingston is

sponsoring an interdisciplinary workshop this summer that may be of interest:

- [An Introduction to Post Keynesian Economics and Political Economy1](#)
- A three-day collaboration between PKSG and PERG
- Conference - 11 July 2013, 9:00am to 13 July 2013, 5:00pm

INET and CIGI Grants

The Institute for New Economic Thinking ([INET](#)) and The Centre for International Governance Innovation ([CIGI](#)) of Ontario, Canada, are accepting research proposals for their joint 2013 Grant Program, with grants ranging in value from \$25,000 to \$250,000.

This will be the fifth cycle of research grants to be issued under the program. To date, the organizations have awarded more than \$20 million in grants since the program's initial round in Fall 2010.

In this round, INET and CIGI are primarily seeking to support research that is focused on five broad themes that are complementary to the organizations' other activities and forthcoming research programs. The five key areas of research are:

- Fundamentals of macroeconomics and macroeconomic management
- Behavior and the economy
- Financial stability
- Political economy of income and wealth distribution and inequality dynamics
- Innovation

While these are the key areas in which proposals will be funded, INET and CIGI will give due consideration to any proposal which is consistent with our mission of furthering new economic thinking.

Grant proposals are due by June 13, 2013, and should be no longer than four pages in length, plus a one-page summary. A research jury will review first stage applications by early August 2013, and invitations to submit complete applications will be issued to those with the most promising proposals. Grants will be awarded by early November 2013.

For detailed information regarding the application process and grant program, including subtopics under each research theme, please visit the [INET website](#) or email: grants@ineteconomics.org.

Heterodox Websites

Mythbusters Blog New Economics Foundation

Strivers versus skivers. Britain is broke. Our economy needs the City. Three familiar statements, endlessly repeated by politicians and rarely contested in the media, but each of them completely false. If we are to push for fairer, progressive and more compassionate government policies, anyone - from campaigning organisations to individuals - needs to be able counter these and other such economic untruths. That's why, alongside the Tax

Justice Network, [we have launched Mythbusters](#) - a new series of blogs, comment pieces and essays from journalists and nef researchers.

You may have already seen our explanation of why, contrary to popular belief, [Britain isn't broke](#). Today we launch the second installment in the series, [exposing the false rhetoric behind the 'Strivers versus Skivers' mantra](#). Those who seek to push this damaging story ignore the realities of our difficult job market, demonising some of the most vulnerable people in society while overlooking the value of unpaid work.

We need to tell the real story. [Help us share it on Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

As well as tackling more of these myths in the next few months, we will also be trialling a 7-week online course. Each class will focus on one of our Mythbuster essays, and will be presented by journalists and economists such as Owen Jones, Zoe Williams, Richard Murphy and James Meadway. [We're offering the course at a subsidised fee of £50, and are taking applications now.](#)

Myths peddled by politicians and the media are causing real social, economic and environmental damage. It's time to reveal the truth.

Stephen Reid
Campaigns Organiser

New Reading Group Blog on Darwin's Conjecture

A blog has been set up by Geoff Hodgson and Thorbjørn Knudsen to discuss their book Darwin's Conjecture: The Search for General Principles of Social and Economic Evolution (University of Chicago Press, 2010). You are invited to join the reading group for this book, make comments, and raise questions, on a scheduled, chapter-by-chapter basis.

Darwin's Conjecture is now available in paperback. You are invited to read the work in stages and join with the authors and others to discuss its ideas. The first batch of comments and questions is invited for the 20-26 April period, when discussion on the Preface and Chapter One will take place. The full reading schedule can be found [here](#). For reactions to the book visit [here](#).

Registration

To register for this blog please email Geoff Hodgson on g.m.hodgson@herts.ac.uk, with a message something like: "I would like to join the Darwin's Conjecture Blog".

You are asked to read the book and join in the discussion blog in a scholarly manner, while following the schedule for reading and comments.

You will then receive an invitation for you to join the blog, free of charge.

You will be directed to the Wordpress blog site where you can register, set up a personal profile, and join the blog. No payment is required.

Feel free to forward this announcement to others.

Best wishes
Geoff Hodgson

URPE New Economy Connection Page

Economy Connection has a new page in its section of the URPE website -- this page has links to audio and video recordings of talks that EC has helped to arrange. Visit [here](#).

URPE Visions of Socialism

Long-time URPE and EC member George Reiter has interviewed a number of URPE people on Socialism: how they became interested, what it means to them, what it might look like, and how we might get there. George hosts a radio program called Thresholds on KPFT, a Pacifica station in Houston, every Thursday morning at 6:00 am Central Time. This Socialism Series includes the following shows:

- Chris Williams, Capitalism and the Ecological Crisis
- Paddy Quick, Freedom to Be: Life Beyond the Capitalist Workplace
- Al Campbell, The Cuba and Coop Experiments
- Robin Hahnel, Making it Work: A Participatory, Democratic View
- Greg Wilpert, Venezuela: Progress and Problems of the Bolivarian Revolution

Inspiration from the 1930s

George interviewed Molly Klopot at the 2010 URPE Summer Conference. Molly, whose last name means "trouble" in Polish, turned 94 in April 2013. Her activism began during the Great Depression; today she is active in the Grannies and WILPF (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom). In this interview Molly gives an inspiring description of the strong sense of community activists felt in the 1930s.

AND MORE!

Additional programs presented by Thresholds, the Marxist School of Sacramento, and the Long Island Progressive Coalition include Al Campbell on Cuba and Venezuela, Robert Weil on China, Greg DeFreitas and Manny Ness on immigration, Jane D'Arista on a new global economic order, Minqi Li on China and capitalism, and Paddy Quick on the banking system.

Watch or listen to them [here](#).

Heterodox Economics in the Media

The Reinhart & Rogoff Debacle

- [Reinhart and Rogoff Are Wrong about Austerity](#), by Robert Pollin and Michael Ash from the Financial Times, April 17.
- BBC News, "[Reinhart, Rogoff... and Herndon: The student who caught out the profs](#)," April 19.
- L.R. Wray, "[Why Reinhart and Rogoff Results are Crap](#)," April 20.
- L.R. Wray, "[Expansionary Austerity: Reinhart & Rogoff and the Neolibs](#)," April 21.
- [Inside the offbeat economics department that debunked Reinhart-Rogoff](#), Washington Post blog, April 24
- [Colbert Report "Austerity's Spreadsheet Error"](#) and [Interview with Thomas Herndon](#), April 23

- Dean Baker, "[The University of Massachusetts Econ Department: How We Know Reinhart and Rogoff Were Wrong](#)", April 24.

Additional Reading:

- Yeva Nersisyan and L. Randall Wray. [Does Excessive Sovereign Debt Really Hurt Growth? A Critique of This Time Is Different, by Reinhart and Rogoff](#). Levy Working Paper No. 603. June 2010
- Thomas Herndon, Michael Ash, Robert Pollin, "[Does High Public Debt Consistently Stifle Economic Growth?](#) A Critique of Reinhart and Rogoff," PERI Working Paper, April 2013

For Your Information

EEA Social Gathering

Dearest Comrades,

Since there will many radical/heterodox/pluralist/economists in town for the eastern economics conference, the economics department at John Jay organized a social gathering, much like the one two years ago, for an evening during the easterns.

We booked the upstairs room at Gossips, a restaurant/bar close by. Gossip's is located on 9th ave between 49th and 50th street. We will start at 6:00 pm for drinks and food on Thursday May 9th. It is pay as you go with no cover.

Hope to see you there.
Cheers,

John Jay College Economics Department
Joan Hoffman, Jay Hamilton, Mathieu Dufour, Cathy Mulder, Ian Seda, and Geert Dhondt

For more info or questions, you can email geert at gdhondt@jjay.cuny.edu