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During my activities as the editor of the Heterodox Economics Newsletter I often get requests to announce the publication of new working papers related to heterodox economic approaches. In most cases I have declined these requests simply because keeping track of relevant working papers goes beyond the scope of the Newsletter - including working papers would significantly increase both, the size of the Newsletter as well as editor's duties, and would change the Newsletter's general character.

All those people interested in publishing their working papers in heterodox forums may consider the working paper series of various heterodox organizations and associations (see [here](#)⁴ or [here](#)⁵) as potential outlets. A particularly effective way to distribute working papers is to use the mailing lists on heterodox economics (and related issues) to be found within the RePEc project: There you can access and subscribe to mailing-lists on "[Heterodox Microeconomics](#)"⁶ (edited by Carlo D'Ippoliti) or "[Post-Keynesian Economics](#)"⁷ (edited by Karl Petrick) as well as other subject areas of potential interest (like "History and Philosophy of Economics" or "Sociology of Economics"). In order to have your paper announced in these lists you should submit it to some working paper series that is automatically included in RePEc (either [this one](#)⁸ or [one of these](#)⁹) and make sure that the paper can easily be identified as pertaining to any of these fields, by using appropriate keywords, JEL codes and abstracts.

I surely hope this hint will help some of you to get their papers more widely read!

All the Best,

Jakob

¹<http://www.heterodoxnews.com/n/htn178.html>

²<http://www.heterodoxnews.com/n/htn178.pdf>

³<http://heterodoxnews.com/hed>

⁴http://heterodoxnews.com/hed/journal/newsletters/#57_Newsletters_Working_Papers_and_Miscellaneous

⁵<http://heterodoxnews.com/hed/associations-web/>

⁶<http://nep.repec.org/nep-hme.html>

⁷<http://econpapers.repec.org/scripts/nep.pf?list=neppke>

⁸<http://mpira.repec.org>

⁹<https://ideas.repec.org/archives.html>

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Call for Papers

47th Annual UK History of Economic Thought Conference (Manchester, 2015)

2-4 September, 2015 — Benzie Building, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, UK

Abstracts of papers (around 300 words) on any topic concerning the history of economic thought should be sent to the local organiser (Dr. Fred Day, f.day@mmu.ac.uk¹⁰). **The closing date for submission of abstracts is 15 June 2015**, and acceptances will be announced by 29 June. (If an earlier decision about acceptance of your paper is required because of an application for funding, please indicate this when you submit your abstract.) As always, participants from outside the UK are very welcome.

Papers that cover the following areas will be particularly welcome:

1. Justification or discussions concerning the inclusion of the History of Economic Thought within the economic pluralist perspective.
2. Expositions of economists' responses to past financial crises, and their significance for current economic issues.

Conference fee: £190.

Further conference details will be posted on the society's [website](#)¹¹.

6th annual IIPPE conference (Leeds, 2015): Deadline extensions and relevant Sub-Calls

9-11 September, 2015 — University of Leeds, UK

The 2015 IIPPE conference aims at fostering a reflection on positive alternatives to the mainstream by examining political economy from the complementary angles of *pluralism, interdisciplinarity and activism*. Papers on all aspects of political economy are welcome, while those focused on these topics are especially encouraged, whether relating to the current crisis or otherwise.

The original Call may be found [here](#)¹².

¹⁰<mailto:f.day@mmu.ac.uk>

¹¹<http://thets.org.uk>

¹²<http://www.heterodoxnews.com/n/htn176.html#art-17592186054803>

Extended Deadline for abstract submissions: 22 April 2015.

Recent Sub-Calls:

IIPPE Financialisation Working Group at the 6th annual IIPPE Conference

The Sixth Annual Conference of the International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy aims at fostering a reflection on positive alternatives to the mainstream economics by examining political economy from the complementary angles of pluralism, interdisciplinarity and activism. The IIPPE Financialisation Working Group intends to join this reflection by coordinating panels that explore the heterodox approaches on exchange, interest and profit rates, monetary theory of production, money, credit, finance and financial crises. In our capacity as coordinators of the IIPPE Financialisation Working Group on Financialisation, we would like to encourage you to submit proposals for individual papers or complete panels to the Working Group for consideration for the Sixth IIPPE International Conference. In accordance with the general call for papers, contributions could include, but are not limited to:

- Limitations of mainstream economic theory and; the role and use of alternative critical studies and methodology in financialisation theory; financialisation and the findings from mainstream economics literature on growth of bank deposits and growth of stock markets
- Integration of Middle Income and Developing Countries into the global finance with the increasing international capital flows;
- Financialisation and the increase in the turnover in the financial markets of “financialised” countries; the increase of financial operations of firms and households in relation to income.
- Financialisation and the progressive increase of the role of money in the economy and society shaping the forms of exchange, circulation and distribution; financialisation and the monetary circuit.
- The evolution of financialisation before and after the current financial crisis. The future of the Euro and proposals of alternatives for the creation of a sustainable, functional and efficient financial system.
- Financialisation and restructuration of banking system; financialisation and the rise of shadow banking.
- Financialisation and politics: the case of the Greek financial crisis.
- The relationship between financialisation, financial imbalances/crises and liber-

alisation of capital controls during the last three decades in a global scale; the importance of institutions, rules and controls in the global financial system.

We would particularly like to encourage the submission of panel proposals (2-4 presentations). Panels, which collectively present the work of institutions or other academic groups, provide an excellent opportunity to showcase work in a greater depth than is possible in single presentations. It is further hoped that the conference will provide an opportunity to deepen links between groups working on finance from a critical perspective.

Abstracts of individual papers (max. 300 words) or panel proposals (max. 500 words plus abstracts of the individual papers) should be submitted to iippefinancialisationwg@gmail.com¹³ by 15th April 2015.

Panel series on "Political Economy of China's Development" at the 6th annual IIPPE Conference

The IIPPE Political Economy of China's Development Working Group invites to submit papers for presentation on a series of panels on the subject of **"Political Economy of China's Development"** being organised by Niels Hahn and Sam-Kee Cheng as part of the International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE) Conference.

The economic crisis that started in 2007 has led to the rise of left populist and far-right movements in Europe and heightened tensions between the great powers. In some regions this has already materialised into armed conflict, such as in Ukraine and West Asia.

The Chinese economy, which has been continuing its dramatic expansion during this crisis, albeit at a slowing rate, has no doubt contributed to the current "recovery" through its linkages with emerging markets. According to the Spring 2014 *IMF World Economic Outlook*, China's growth has a direct positive impact on the latter through its influence in global commodity markets.

Most of mainstream and heterodox economists agree that China's economic development in the last 30 years was attributable to its integration into global capitalism. But it is still an under-researched topic on how China not only managing to escape, so far, the worst of the current crisis, but also posting strong growth, improving the prospects for developing countries and at the same time being an increasingly important force in the very same global system which has given birth to this crisis and many before.

The significance of China's rise is one of the greatest, most complex and challenging

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issues today. Since the advent of the current crisis, China has been actively pushing for a New Development Bank centred on the key developing countries and other alternative institutions to the World Bank/IMF nexus. Chinese plans for the New Silk Road and the Maritime Silk Road, unveiled in 2013, aim to link up the entire Eurasian land mass through a series of massive infrastructural projects costing billions of US dollars. These proposals have been widely seen to indicate the possible beginning of a fundamental shift in world political economy, which could displace US global hegemony. On the other hand, the US has been trying to massively strengthen its containment of China, by strengthening key military alliances, building preferential trade blocs which excludes China and supporting political forces which are hostile to the Chinese state.

The series of panels we are envisaging aims to analyse the various and differing discourses and interpretations on China's historic growth during a period when its integration with a global capitalism in crisis becomes increasingly problematic. Is "the Chinese model" an alternative to neoliberal capitalism? If not, then what is the interrelationship between the two? And of course, is there such a thing as "the Chinese model"? Papers which explore these key problems and related issues would be very welcome.

The submission deadline for abstracts is **April 1**, this must be done via the electronic application forms " [Individual Paper](#)¹⁴ " to IIPPE, AND to Sam-Kee Cheng (214533@soas.ac.uk¹⁵) and Niels Hahn (nsc.hahn@gmail.com¹⁶).

For further information, please visit IIPPE [website](#)¹⁷ .

If you have any questions concerning your paper submission, please contact Sam-Kee Cheng (214533@soas.ac.uk¹⁸) or Niels Hahn (nsc.hahn@gmail.com¹⁹).

The "Africa Working Group" invites proposals for the 6th annual IIPPE conference

The recently-established Africa working group aims to promote intellectual and practical exchange between scholars and activists of African political economy, and those in other IIPPE working groups. Many of the most pressing questions and themes concerning Africa's political economies – including land reform, the politics of resources, the influence of IFIs and econometric methodologies in development policy and academia, the relationship between state, capital and labour, financialisation and the changing and

¹⁴<http://iippe.us3.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=92a8d9d2b4dec27c4ac7c7b38&id=1ce785b62e&e=1cdbc2215f>

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¹⁶<mailto:nsc.hahn@gmail.com>

¹⁷http://iippe.org/wp/?page_id=2470

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continuous nature of capitalist transformation – open up channels for comparison with other processes and regions. At the same time, the continent’s modern histories of decolonisation and ill-conceived boundaries, structural adjustment, militarisation and the struggle for sovereignty over currencies and economic policy more generally, have created particular regional dynamics that merit an area focus.

The Africa working group is supported by the Review of African Political Economy, whose contributions are based on politically engaged scholarship from a range of disciplines. This journal pays particular attention to the political economy of inequality, exploitation, oppression, and to struggles against them, whether driven by global forces or local ones such as class, race, community and gender. It sustains a critical analysis of the nature of power and the state in Africa in the context of capitalist globalisation.

We particularly welcome paper proposals on the themes of: critiques of International Political Economy; populism in practice, i.e. when it is operationalised via policy/programme (e.g. by neoliberal governments); political economy of economic fraud and anti-fraud measures; conservation-related capital (ecotourism and forestry-related carbon markets); and currency and monetary policy.

Please submit paper and panel proposals directly to the IIPPE website (selecting Africa) [here](http://iippe.org/wp/?page_id=2470)²⁰ by **1 April** - contact h.cross@westminster.ac.uk²¹ for enquires about the conference or working group.

The "Agrarian Change Working Group" invites proposals for the 6th annual IIPPE conference

The IIPPE Agrarian Change working group brings together critical research on agrarian political economy that seeks to show up the limitations of mainstream thought and develop visions of progressive alternatives. The Agrarian Change working group will co-ordinate panels examining the interlocking crises in agrarian systems of production and distribution across the globe and exploring ways in which these can be overcome. We therefore invite researchers, practitioners and activists to submit proposals for individual papers or complete panel to the working group for consideration for the 6 International Conference in Political Economy. In accordance with the general call for papers, contributions could include, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- Class formation, class struggle, power and inequality in agrarian systems
- International trade in agricultural commodities and global commodity chains
- Certification systems for agricultural production and their impacts

²⁰http://iippe.org/wp/?page_id=2470

²¹<mailto:h.cross@westminster.ac.uk>

- Rethinking the relationship between agriculture and nutrition: investigating the production of affliction
- The development of agrarian capitalism(s)
- Agrarian questions past and present
- The political economy of land use and land acquisition
- Social relations of production, labour mobilisation, and labour struggles
- Social movements, agrarian resistance and anti-capitalism
- Political ecology, resources and environmental conflict

We would particularly like to encourage the submission of panel proposals (consisting of two to four presentations). Panels, which collectively present the work of institutions or other academic groups, provide an excellent opportunity to showcase work in a greater depth than is possible in single presentations. It is further hoped that the conference will provide an opportunity to deepen links between groups working on agrarian issues from a critical perspective.

Abstracts of individual papers (max. 500 words) or panel proposals (max. 500 words plus abstracts of the individual papers) should be submitted to f_schaefer@soas.ac.uk²² by **1 April 2015**. Any proposals that cannot be considered for inclusions in the Agrarian Change stream will be forwarded to the conference organisers for consideration in the general conference programme.

The "Teaching Political Economy" Working Group at the 6th annual IIPPE Conference invites proposals

The theme for this year's IIPPE conference is '**Rethinking Economics: Pluralism, Interdisciplinarity and Activism**'. Following the successful roundtable discussion on Teaching Political Economy that was convened at the last IIPPE conference in Naples, there have been various further developments in relation to rethinking economics teaching, including the growth of the student movement, increasing cooperation and interaction between students and teaching staff, and the establishment of a new teacher initiative ("re-teaching economics"). In this context, the Teaching Political Economy Working Group is hoping to play an active role at the next IIPPE Conference to take place in Leeds.

The Teaching Political Economy Working Group seeks to bring together those working

²²mailto:f_schaefer@soas.ac.uk

from alternative and pluralist perspectives in economics education, and especially those who are delivering or trying to deliver heterodox teaching in the current academic environment. Through our stream we seek to create a platform to share our collective experiences in moving beyond mainstream economics in economics teaching

This is a call for papers that will contribute to this stream by addressing issues related to teaching, including examples of new and innovative ways of teaching alternative approaches in economics, evaluations of these approaches from students and staff perspectives, discussions around the challenges faced, and student involvement in the redesign of economics curricula, and other pedagogical issues that may need to be addressed

Please contact Elisa Van Waeyenberge (ew23@soas.ac.uk²³) and Kevin Deane (Kevin.deane@northampton.ac.uk) if you are interested, and also submit your abstracts through the IIPPE website indicating that you would wish your paper to be considered as part of the Teaching Political Economy Working Group stream.

Stream on Philosophy of Economics at the 6th annual IIPPE Conference invites proposals

Ioana Negru invites contributions for a Stream on Philosophy of Economics, (Scientific) Pluralism and Economic methodology on any desired theme, including applied economics, ethics and the methodology of econometrics.

Proposals for papers and sessions from undergraduate and graduate students on the above topics are particularly welcomed.

Please send proposals for abstracts (max. 500 words) and sessions to in8@soas.ac.uk²⁵ by 1 of April 2015 and **please do not submit your abstracts via the IIPPE conference website**. If you have already submitted an abstract or session proposal to the IIPPE conference team but you would like to be included in this stream instead, please write an email.

²³<mailto:ew23@soas.ac.uk>

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²⁵<mailto:in8@soas.ac.uk>

AIB US-NE 2015 Frontier Conference: "Bringing the Political Economy Back In" (Boston, 2015)

22-24 October, 2015 — Campus Center of UMB, Boston, US

Call for Papers

We are pleased to announce this year's Academy of International Business (AIB) Frontier Conference "Bringing the Political Economy Back In", organized by the US-Northeast (NE) Chapter of AIB – the leading association of scholars and practitioners in the field of international business – together with the [College of Management at University of Massachusetts Boston \(UMB\)](#)²⁶. The meeting will take place October 22-24, 2015, at the Campus Center of UMB in downtown Boston – a city with a rich cultural and historical heritage, and a global hub for education, science and technology. The conference includes regular sessions, a doctoral consortium and a paper development workshop. Deadline for submissions is May 31 2015. Details can be found below and on the conference [website](#)²⁷.

Conference Theme

This conference is designed as an interdisciplinary platform for intellectual exploration around the complex relationship between international business (IB) and the political economy. The decisions and operations of multinational enterprises (MNEs) and local firms are affected by institutional, economic, and political structures and processes at multiple scales - local, regional, and global. Moreover, MNEs increasingly participate as *political* actors as they interact with state and non-state actors around issues such as the natural environment, inequality, labor and gender, human rights, and international trade and investment agreements. In addition, other organizations such as NGOs, non-profits, social enterprises etc. increasingly have transnational impact through their interaction with MNEs and other actors on these issues. To examine these dynamics in more depth, this conference brings together senior and junior scholars from IB, management, sociology, political science, women's studies, and economics who share an interest in 'Bringing the Political Economy Back In'.

And it's about time! Today's world economy is in turmoil: Greece and the EU are battling over the future of the Eurozone; the Ukraine-Russia conflict is challenging regional stability and global energy security; the proposed Trans-Atlantic and Trans-Pacific trade and investment agreements are keenly contested by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and also challenge China and other emerging economies. The devastating Rana Plaza factory collapse in Bangladesh in 2013 has triggered quite different corporate responses in the US and Europe, but substantial risks remain for workers – as well as for

²⁶<http://www.umb.edu/academics/cm>

²⁷<http://conference2015.aibne.net>

corporate reputations. The 2008 Financial Crisis has left a precarious legacy for firms, consumers, workers, and states, without significant steps toward a more secure global financial system.

Guiding Questions and Conference Features

How do – and should - MNEs respond to and affect these political and economic dynamics? What roles do MNEs play as political actors, along with NGOs and other stakeholders, in governance, for example, through corporate social responsibility efforts, standards, lobbying, and in their own resource allocation decisions? Does business participate as a public spirited global citizen, or pursue a narrower conception of corporate interests at the firm or sector level?

We invite you to participate in this exciting conversation. The conference will feature a Doctoral Consortium and Paper Development Workshop, special panels and keynote speeches, and topic-centered sessions, as well as lunch and dinner events. In addition to the main theme, the conference will also address more conventional IB topics. Participants will be invited to submit their work to a special issue on IB and political economy in a major international business journal; the conference will also allow an opportunity to interact with the editors of the special issue and inquire about more details.

Hosting Team, Special Guests and Panels

The Frontier conference will be hosted by faculty and students of the [UMB Organizations and Social Change \(OSC\) Research Group](https://organizationsandsocialchange.wordpress.com/)²⁸ : Alessia Contu, Chacko Kannothenra, David Levy, Banu Ozkazanc-Pan, Suhaib Riaz and Chris Whynacht, in collaboration with the AIB NE Chapter, chaired by Stephan Manning, and faculty from other UMB departments, including Economics and Political Science.

Several well-known scholars from International Business, Sociology, Economics, Women's Studies, and Political Science will participate - as keynote speakers, panelists, track chairs and mentors for the Doctoral Consortium and Paper Development Workshop. We look forward to welcoming Jonathan Doh (Villanova U, Editor-in-Chief of Journal of World Business), Ram Mudambi (Temple U, Incoming President of AIB) and Mona Makhija (Ohio State U, Senior Editor of Journal of International Business Studies / JIBS) to assist with the Doctoral Consortium and to join as panelists and keynote speakers. For the main conference, Cynthia Enloe (Clark U) and John Cantwell (Rutgers U, Editor-in-Chief of JIBS) will give keynote addresses.

We are also planning some exciting panels, including two on October 22 for the Doctoral Consortium – on conducting high impact research in IB, and managing dissertations and job search; as well as four panels on October 23/24 on political economy challenges to IB research; global governance and the role of multinational enterprises; international

²⁸<https://organizationsandsocialchange.wordpress.com/>

development, violence and gender; and climate change, IB and global politics of energy. Panelists include beside the ones above (in alphabetical order) Frank Ackerman (Tufts U), Cornel Ban (Boston U), Elora Chowdhury (UMB), Kade Finnoff (UMB), Dirk Matten (York U), Craig Murphy (UMB) and Ravi Ramamurti (Northeastern U)

Short Paper Submission

We invite submissions of ‘short papers’ (around 3,000 words) for individual presentations that link, in interesting and novel ways, various aspects of the local and global political economy to international business. We also invite submissions that bring in institutional and political aspects to more conventional IB topics, such as theory of the MNE; managing geographic and institutional distance; international joint ventures and alliances; political risk, lobbying, and corruption; international expansion, sourcing and foreign entry modes; learning and knowledge management; and managing in cross-cultural contexts. We are interested in both theoretical and empirical work, using either qualitative or quantitative methods. We are open to a broad range of theoretical approaches, both critical and traditional, from IB, organization theory, sociology, political science, international political economy, and other perspectives.

Based on short paper submissions, we will group accepted papers into tracks and select paper discussants within each track. The following list of topics and questions is not meant to be exclusive, but gives a flavor of what we are looking for in addition to or combined with more regular IB themes:

Local and global institutions; Governance, collaborative and contested; CSR and shared value; MNEs as political actors; Interactions between MNEs, states, and civil society; MNEs and development; Emerging varieties of capitalism; Transnational crime, from human trafficking to money laundering; Gender, race, and ethnicity in MNEs and the global economy; Political and institutional risks; Climate change responses; Sustainability standards; Global financial system issues, including tax havens, shadow banking and other controversial industry practices; Intellectual property rights; Labor and human rights; Migration and transnational networks; Conflict, violence, peacemaking and reconstruction; Economic and social inequality; Transnational movements, communities and networks; Post- and neocolonial relations.

Short papers should be submitted through the Conference Website (up to three submissions allowed per author). All submissions will be double blind reviewed by scholars with expertise in the respective field. The Best Student Paper as well as The Best Paper on the Conference Theme will receive an award at the end of the conference. Submitters are expected to also sign up as reviewers. We will issue a Best Reviewer Award.

Deadline for submission of short papers is May 31 2015.

Full paper submissions are invited, upon the acceptance of short papers, by August 31. They will be presented by authors and discussed by domain experts at the conference.

Applications for Doctoral Consortium and PD

Doctoral students are invited to submit 3-page proposals to the doctoral student consortium on October 22. Proposals should be submitted through the conference [website](#)²⁹. The format of the Consortium will facilitate a constructive discussion among the doctoral students and the participating faculty on topics related to political economy issues in international business. Applications for the Doctoral Consortium should include:

1. **Abstract of the dissertation proposal (not to exceed 3 pages, single spaced):** Please include title, author information, abstract, keywords, and dissertation research summary. Diagrams, tables, and references should be provided at the end of the document but do not count towards the 3-page limit. The extended abstract should succinctly cover the research question, theoretical background, proposed research design, and intended contribution.
2. **Resume (not to exceed 1 page):** Highlight your academic and work experience, along with publications including manuscripts under review.
3. **Letter of nomination:** The student's dissertation advisor should send a nomination letter to the Consortium Co-Chairs. The letter should discuss the progress of the student in the program and his/her academic performance and potential. If the student is enrolled in a doctoral program that does not have a formal proposal defense, the dissertation advisor's statement of approval of the proposal will suffice. Please e-mail the nominations for the Doctoral Consortium to co-host Chacko Kannothenra (subject "AIB Doctoral Consortium"): Chacko.kannothenra@umb.edu³⁰

Deadline for applications is May 31 2015.

The best proposal will receive a Doctoral Student Best Proposal Award. In addition, there will be a half-day paper development workshop (PDW) on October 22, following the Doctoral Consortium. This workshop is designed to facilitate general feedback and a one-on-one feedback session with a well-known scholar on a particular paper. Both PhD students and more senior scholars can participate. For this purpose, please submit a short paper version of 3,000 words. Deadline is May 31 2015. Full papers shall be submitted, based on acceptance of the proposal, by August 31 2015.

Conference Registration

Registration for the AIB US-NE 2015 Frontier Conference is now open. The registration includes three lunch events, two dinner receptions and one gala dinner. If you have a question regarding registration, please email co-host Chacko Kannothenra: Chacko.kannothenra@umb.edu³¹. Registration Rates are available [here](#)³². Note: Stu-

²⁹<http://conference2015.aibne.net>

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³¹<mailto:Chacko.kannothenra@umb.edu>

³²<http://aibne.net/conferences/aib/2015/index.php/aib/aib2015/schedConf/registration>

dents need to attach a proof of student status to attend.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by August 31, 2015: Refund less a \$50 processing fee.

Cancellation after August 31, 2015: No refunds available.

Conference Venue and Hotel Accommodation

The conference will take place at the Campus Center of UMass Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston MA 02125, near the JFK/UMass Metro Stop. For those who would like to stay close to the campus, we recommend accommodation at the Double Tree Hotel close to the conference venue. Details on booking and conference rates will be available on the conference [website](#)³³.

For any inquiries about the Call for Papers please send emails to conference co-host Chacko Kannothis: Chacko.kannothis@umb.edu³⁴. Updates on the Call for Papers, registration and hotel accommodations can be found on the conference website.

Cuadernos de Economía Crítica: Special Issue on "Teaching pluralist economics"

"United across borders, we call for a change of course. We do not claim to have the perfect answer, but we have no doubt that economics students will profit from exposure to different perspectives and ideas. Pluralism will not only help to enrich teaching and research and reinvigorate the discipline. More than this, pluralism carries the promise of bringing economics back into the service of society." (from ISIPE Open letter, first days of May 2014)

Cuadernos de Economía Crítica invites researchers and scholars from the social sciences in general and economics in particular to submit articles to its special issue #3, to be published next September 2015. The purpose of this special issue is to address the problem of Pluralistic Teaching in Economics: Challenges for the XXI Century. Cuadernos de Economía Crítica is the journal of the Sociedad de Economía Crítica of Argentina and Uruguay (SEC), a peer reviewed publication.

In November 2011, a group of Harvard University students expressed their dissatisfaction with the kind of teaching of economics they were receiving. Students publicly rebuked Professor Gregory Mankiw, a renowned economist who teaches the module Introduction to Economics (Economics 10). This statement resonated globally because of its

³³<http://conference2015.aibne.net>

³⁴<mailto:Chacko.kannothis@umb.edu>

unprecedented nature within a paradigmatic University in the teaching of mainstream economics.

These expressions have ever since multiplied over the globe. During last May, the International Student Initiative for Pluralism in Economics (ISIPE) released an open letter under the title “International Appeal students of economics in favor of a pluralistic education”. The SEC is the Argentine-Uruguayan chapter of ISIPE. This organization pointed out the ongoing crisis in the teaching of economics, and its strong impact not only within the university but rather on society as a whole by molding the minds of future generations. They stressed the progressive impoverishment of the curriculum, after its explicit lack of theoretical and methodological diversity, as well as the lack of courses that provide proper contextualization and encourage the discussion on economics as a discipline and its methods.

SEC far from being blind to these claims has encouraged this discussion. The topic is permanently on the agenda at its annual meeting, Jornadas de Economía Crítica. In 2010, we conducted a detailed research on the status of the curricula of degrees in economics in Argentina, which lead to the report “Por un cambio en la formación en Economía” (For a change in learning Economics). This document was the product of a debate between students, graduates and lecturers from seven public universities: Buenos Aires, Cordoba, La Plata, del Litoral (Province of Santa Fe), Mar del Plata, Rosario and del Sur (Bahía Blanca). That is why, to further promote the debate, we are launching this special issue of Cuadernos de Economía Crítica.

This special issue is intended to enrich the discussion of the previous diagnosis about the deficiencies in tools that allow the development of critical perspectives, after the monolithic education sustained in a unique view of economics: neoclassical theory. Contributions are expected to discuss the quality of teaching in economics and its implications, as well as broaden the debate using different perspectives. Key questions for the issue are: which are topics that are a matter of interest for the understanding of actual economies and have been excluded from the discipline; why are the range of possible methodologies reduced to a limited set of techniques (discussion of the role of mathematics and econometrics); how would a theoretical perspective influence the construction of economic problems; how to establish dialogues with other disciplines and why; limitations in the current configuration of the curriculum and their impact on professional training (academic or otherwise); analysis of successful experiences of alternative education, among others.

We invite submissions of papers before June 30, 2015.

Critical reviews on books that also address this topic are also welcome. The journal will still be accepting contributions outside the scope of the special issue, remaining open to the full range of topics throughout the year. Papers can be written in Spanish, Portuguese and English.

Contributions to Cuadernos de Economía Crítica should send their papers to the following e-mail: cuadernosecocrítica@gmail.com³⁵ . For instructions for authors, check the following [link](#)³⁶ .

Historical Materialism Conference: "Revolution and Restoration" (Rome, 2015)

17-19 September, 2015 — Roma Tre University, Italy

Two hundreds years after the Vienna Congress, a new strategy of restoration has imposed itself at the core of Europe. The process of reorganization of class power, which started in the 1970s, has stabilised after the 2007-2008 crisis on the basis of austerity policies, the dismantling of workers' rights and the welfare state, the contraction of democratic space, and punitive restrictions on the right to protest. We know the 1815 restoration was a reaction to the revolutionary conquests of 1789; can we say something analogous about this new restoration? Does this latter amount merely to a response to the attack launched by the subaltern classes in the '60-'70? Can we define neoliberalism, as David Harvey suggests, as the 'restoration of class power'?

What deserves further exploration is the extent to which neoliberal restoration has acquired the offensive and constitutive dynamic traditionally linked to the concept of 'revolution'. The interrelation between restoration and revolution emerges, in part, from the composition, nature and unfolding of the struggles that characterize our times: urban movements claim ing a 'right to the city', border conflicts, migrant struggles, the constellation of Arab 'springs', independent and conflictual trade unionism, experiments in workers' self-management, feminist, queer and decolonial movements, rural, indigenous and environmental struggles .

Can these new struggles contrast the neoliberal manipulation of those democratic forms that emerged from the post-war compromise between labour and capital, and between direct and representative democracy? Can new subjectivities, new rights from below, new institutions offer any foothold for detaching the idea of 'revolution' from its absorption by the mechanism of 'restoration'? Within this complex and stratified framework, it is crucial to take-up the traditions of Marxist theory – from the in-depth analysis of Bonapartism by Marx and Engels to Workerism, passing through Gramsci and the reflections on the appropriation and subordination of anti-colonial movements – that have distinguished themselves by their capacity to interrogate the deep connection between revolution and restoration in the history of the capitalist social totality.

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³⁶<http://jornadaseconomiacritica.blogspot.com.ar/p/cuadernos-de-econom.html>

Separate calls go out for the following streams:

- Marxism and Philosophy: The Italian Debate and its International Effects³⁷
- New World Disorder: Crisis, Conflicts and Transformations of Class Struggles³⁸
- Powers, Organizational forms, New Institutions³⁹
- The Right to the City⁴⁰

We welcome abstract proposals on these themes or any others, in all disciplines, from all continents and from all perspectives within Marxism.

Please send your 200 words abstracts to: hmrome2015@gmail.com⁴¹. IMPORTANT: if you apply to any of the 4 strands listed above, add the title of the strand in your email subject.

Extended Submission Deadline: 1 April, 2015.

International Conference on "Large-scale Crises: 1929 vs 2008" (Ancona, 2015)

15-17 December, 2015 — Marche Polytechnic University, Ancona, Italy

The Department of Economic and Social Sciences (DISES) of the Marche Polytechnic University is organizing a 3 days conference with a focus on the comparison of **the causes and the consequences** of the Great Crisis of 1929 and the 2008 Great Recession, and on what we can learn from it in order to overcome crises.

The aim of the conference is to examine in depth both the 1929 and the current crises **from different analytical and empirical perspectives**, although contributions may extend to the late 19th century Depression or other relevant recession in the industrial

³⁷<https://hmrome2015.wordpress.com/marxism-and-philosophy-along-the-frontiers-of-the-italian-debate/>

³⁸<https://hmrome2015.wordpress.com/new-world-disorder/>

³⁹<https://hmrome2015.wordpress.com/powers-organizational-forms-new-institutions/>

⁴⁰<https://hmrome2015.wordpress.com/right-to-the-city/>

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Possible subjects include:

- Relationships between macro sectors and structural transformations at the root of modern crises;

- Barriers to labor (and other factors) mobility in extended recessions;
- Relationships between real economy, finance and monetary dynamics in large-scale crises;
- Theoretical models for interpreting the crisis;
- Fundamental issues accounting for large-scale recessions: technological, demographic, environmental, distributive, sociological aspects;
- The "anatomy" of the 1929 and the current crisis;
- The role of innovation dynamics in large-scale crises;
- Economic policy: preventing, managing and escaping the crisis;
- The evolution of profit rate and systemic crisis;
- The role of balance sheet in large crises.

Submission Requirements:

- Presenters: Long Abstract (two pages) by September the 15th to be sent to 1929vs2008@univpm.it⁴², specifying the subject(s) according to the list of "Possible subjects" above;
- Session organizers: Proposal by September the 30th to be sent to 1929vs2008@univpm.it⁴³. The proposals consist of three papers, discussants and a session chair (names and affiliations). Each participant is expected to pay the conference registration fee even if he/she is discussant, chair, or has been invited to participate;
- All Attendees: Registration and fee payment by October the 30th;
- Late registration: Registration and fee payment by December the 5th.

Deadlines:

- Long Abstract: September 15th
- Session Proposal: September 30th
- Acceptance Notification: October 15th

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⁴³<mailto:1929vs2008@univpm.it>

- Registration: October 30th
- Late Registration: December 5th
- Paper submission: December 5th
- Conference: December 17th-19th

Website and contacts

More information is available at the conference [website](http://1929vs2008.univpm.it)⁴⁴. E-mail: 1929vs2008@univpm.it⁴⁵

International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education: Special Issue on "Empirical Investigation of Pluralist Economics Education"

Volume Six, No. 3 (Sept. 2015): "Empirical Investigation of Pluralist Economics Education"

The International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education was founded in 2009 as a global journal for economics and economics education with an emphasis on pluralism. While the theoretical case for pluralism has been made, we are interested in papers that empirically test the efficacy of pluralism in increasing students' capacity to learn as well as knowledge of economics.

We are seeking papers that empirically investigate the efficacy of pluralism at either the classroom, national or university level.

Accepted papers will be published in Vol. Six, No. 3 of the IJPEE.

Interested authors please contact: Jack Reardon, Editor, IJPEE at jreardon02@hamline.edu⁴⁶

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Multi- and Inter-disciplinary International Conference on " 'From the Thirty Years' Crisis to Multi-polarity: The Evolution of the Geopolitical Economy of the 21Century World" (Winnipeg, 2015)

25-27 September 2015 — University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada

The centenary of the outbreak of the First World War was marked in Canada and around the world in 2014. 2014 also marked the centenary of the opening of what noted historian, Arno Mayer, called the 'Thirty Years' Crisis' of 1914-1945, spanning the First World War, the Great Depression and the Second World War. This long crisis birthed a new world. The old world of the nineteenth century expansion of the empires of industrial capitalist countries, often mistakenly termed 'liberal', met its end. It gave way to an inter-*nation*one populated by a variety of welfare, Communist and developmental orders in *nation*aleconomies whose states had, moreover, greater legitimacy among newly enfranchised women and men than the imperial and colonial regimes they replaced. The Thirty Years crisis also radically redistributed economic, political, military and cultural power within countries and among them. Critical cultural and intellectual changes – new movements in art, new media, and new paradigms of understanding, particularly in economics, inevitably accompanied these historic shifts.

As we stand at the cusp of another wave of complex changes to the world order, this time towards multi-polarity, our conference aims to understand the major changes of the past century better than hitherto dominant paradigms, such as neo-classical economics, globalization and empire, have so far done and to bring that re-assessment to bear on how best to understand problems of and prospects for the world order of the 21century.

We invite submissions for papers, panels and steams of panels relevant to any aspect of the overarching conference theme from scholars across the humanities, social sciences and in inter-disciplinary studies based in Canada and around the world. Heterodox and critical scholarship is particularly encouraged. A preliminary and non-exhaustive list of themes includes:

1. Science, Technology and Society in War and Peace
2. Production and Prosperity in Capitalisms and 'Communisms'
3. Continuity and Change in Economic Thought: Keynes and beyond
4. Gender: Economy, War, and Politics
5. Colonization, Independence, Sovereignty, Indigeneity.
6. Multipolarities Old and New: 1914, 2014 and beyond

7. World Monetary and Financial (Dis)Orders: sterling standard, dollar standard and beyond
8. The Matter of Nature: Extractive Economies, Environmental Governance and Sustainability
9. Canada: Nations, Identities and Economies
10. Art, Politics and Practices of Power: Beyond Westernization

The conference will inaugurate the [Geopolitical Economy Research Group](#)⁴⁷ at the [University of Manitoba](#)⁴⁸ and will bring together scholars connected with its network of supporting research centres and academic departments the world over.

Abstracts should be 300 to 400 words. They should be single spaced and use 12 point Times New Roman font. They should include the author or authors' full name, affiliation, a brief biography, and e-mail address. Please send the abstracts to: contact@gergconference.ca⁴⁹

Deadline: May 15, 2015

NEA-ASHE Summer Conference on "Freedom and Justice: A Call to Action" (Washington D.C., 2015)

7-8 August, 2015 — Washington D.C., US

The National Economic Society (NEA) and the American Society of Hispanic Economists (ASHE) announce and invite paper submissions for our summer conference titled **Freedom and Justice: A Call to Action** to be held at the AFL-CIO headquarters and Howard University, Washington D.C. The conference will begin with an evening reception on August 6 and have six morning and afternoon sessions in total on Friday and Saturday.

"Salvation for a race, nation or class must come from within. Freedom is never granted; it is won. Justice is never given; it is exacted. Freedom and justice must be struggled for by the oppressed of all lands and races, and the struggle must be continuous, for freedom is never a final act, but a continuing evolving process to higher and higher levels

⁴⁷<http://geopoliticaconomy.ca/>

⁴⁸<http://umanitoba.ca/>

⁴⁹<mailto:contact@gergconference.ca>

of human, social, economic, political, and religious relationships.” – A. Philip Randolph

“Perhaps the obvious needs to be repeated; what frightens U.S. ruling-class circles is the linking of issues, strategies and, above all, people in struggle.” – Elizabeth “Betita” Martínez

The conference calls attention to the words of A. Philip Randolph and Betita Martínez, activists and civil rights leaders, as we mark a half a century of change and struggle since the passage of the Voting Rights Act and the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965. Randolph and other activists linked racial justice with economic justice for all. The conference will provide a forum for discussion of ongoing racial-ethnic economic disparities and policy recommendations designed to counter them. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Bárbara Robles, Senior Research Liaison, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Two special papers/panels submissions are encouraged to discuss:

- Black and Latino/a Labor Activism (to include: effects of right-to-work legislation on racial inequality, unfair labor practices and Black or Latino/a organizing, case studies or empirical work on the use of immigrant status to limit the voice of Latino/a workers)
- Macro-economic policy and Black and Latino/a Unemployment (especially the role of monetary policy).

Other Papers/Panels of Special Interest Include:

- Immigration
- Housing, Wealth, and Segregation
- History of Latino/as and African Americans in the Economics Profession
- Economic Justice and Race-Ethnicity
- Black/Latino/Native Incarceration and Jobs
- Employment and Earnings Disparities

- Poverty and Race-Ethnicity
- Education: Access, Earnings, Policies

We invite scholars to explore these and other questions at our interdisciplinary summer conference.

Abstracts of approximately 200 words should be sent as Word attachments to nbanks@bucknell.edu⁵⁰. Only e-mail submissions will be considered. Conference presentations must be no longer than 15 minutes. The abstract submission deadline is May 1, 2015. Abstracts must include presenter's name, title, affiliation, physical mailing address, e-mail address, phone number(s), and any audio/visual requests. We invite submissions for individual papers as well as for panels. Presenters will be notified of status by May 10th. All presenters and attendees must register for the conference in order to attend.

The Conference registration fee is \$125.00. The conference registration and hotel information will be on-line and available once submissions have been accepted.

Link to the conference website is available [here](#)⁵¹.

Sociology: Special Issue on "Global Futures and Epistemologies of the South: New Challenges for Sociology"

Guest Editors:

- Gurminder K Bhambra, Professor of Sociology, University of Warwick and Visiting Fellow in Sociology (2014-15), Princeton University
- Boaventura de Sousa Santos, Professor of Sociology, University of Coimbra, and Distinguished Legal Scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Deadline for submission of full papers: 16 October 2015

This special issue takes stock of the progress that has been made within sociology over recent decades to become a more globally oriented discipline and discusses the new chal-

⁵⁰<mailto:nbanks@bucknell.edu>

⁵¹<http://www.neaecon.org/call-for-papers-nea-ashe-summer-conference/>

lenges for the future that emerge as a consequence. It rests on two interlinked premises. First, that understandings of the world are much broader than the Western understanding of the world and so for sociology to adequately address its global futures it needs to take into account ways of knowing that exceed Western thinking, including critical Western thinking. Second, that the current configurations of the world are a consequence of global historical processes that have not always been adequately addressed within western-based sociology. For sociology to better conceptualise its global futures, it also needs to address its global pasts. We invite contributions that address the issues raised, both theoretically and through empirical research, across (but not limited to) the following themes:

- Epistemologies of the South and Global Challenges to /for Sociology
- Imagining Global Sociologies: Past, Present, and Future
- The Global South in the North
- Recovering Silenced / Forgotten Sociologies
- Transnational Solidarities, Anti-colonial Struggles and the ‘Rise’ of the South(s)
- Emancipatory Social Movements and Alternative Narratives
- Sociological Futures: Rethinking Social Justice in a Global World
- Neocolonialism, Postcolonialism, Decoloniality, and Decolonization

Submission Details:

- Deadline for submissions: 16 October 2015 (full papers)
- Word limit: 8000 words
- Queries to be addressed to: bsantos@ces.uc.pt⁵² and g.k.bhambra@warwick.ac.uk⁵³
- Submit online: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/soc>⁵⁴

Full submission instructions are available on this site on the ‘Instructions and Forms’ page. Please read these in full well before submitting your manuscript. All manuscripts will be subject to the normal referee process, but potential authors are welcome to discuss their ideas in advance with the editors.

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The 27th Annual EAEPE Conference: "A New Role for the Financial System" (Genova, 2015)

17-19 September, 2015 — Genova, Italy

The conference will consist of the contributions of the 22 European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) research areas as well as of a particular general theme selected for this year. The 2015 conference theme will focus on reforming the financial system in order to divert resources from speculative activities, cause of growing inequalities and instability, to productive investments able to foster smart, sustainable and inclusive societies.

Background and Scope of the 2015 Conference Theme:

In recent decades, most industrialized economies have been characterized by a massive transfer of resources from the productive sector to the financial and speculation sector, the latter being considerably increased at the expense of the resources of the real economy. This re-allocative process, well known as the financialization of the economy, is responsible for growing financial instability, characterized by financial bubbles, followed by recurrent crises of increasing intensity and culminated in the so called Great Recession of 2008-09. By this very process, in most advanced economies, there has been a dramatic increase in economic and social inequality, in the capital income share over total household income, in rich households, and in income and consumption volatility. Thus, a large and growing share of the population has been exposed to social and economic vulnerability. The European Commission "Europe 2020" action plan outlines the strategy for "a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth", where the financial system should undergo a deep change in its functioning and incentive structure so to redress financial resources from short-term speculative investments, which create credit-fuelled assets bubbles and bursts, to productive and green long-term investments, e.g. housing renovation, transport infrastructure, renewable energy sources so to reduce carbon emissions and improve both long-term financial and environmental sustainability.

The conference aims to provide an unique opportunity for exchanging ideas and results in both theoretical and empirical research about the role of the financial system in determining the Great Recession and its potential capacity, once duly reformed, to stimulate a smart, sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

Topics related to the 2015 Conference Theme:

The conference will welcome contributions in particular on the following topics: Financialization and inequality; Financial innovation, Systemic risk and financial regulation; Debt and asset bubbles; Deleveraging and business cycles; Functional finance and fiscal policy; Financing innovation and growth; Financing eco-efficiency investments and sustainable development; Carbon finance and green quantitative easing; A solid financing

and crediting sector; Separation of crediting the real economy from speculation; SME crediting; Microfinance in developed countries; The future of money;

Unorthodox methodological approaches will be appreciated, e.g. institutional and evolutionary economics perspectives, agent-based modeling and simulation, flow-of-fund analyses and stock-flow consistent modelling, network analysis, statistical equilibrium techniques, data mining techniques.

Important dates:

- Abstract submission deadline 1 May 2015
- Notification of acceptance 8 June 2015
- Early Registration deadline 15 July 2015
- Late Registration deadline* 31 July 2015
- Full paper submission deadline 4 September 2015 (for authors to be included in the scientific program)

Abstract Submission must be done [here](#)⁵⁵ .

Local Organizing Committee:

Silvano Cincotti (co-chair), Marco Raberto (co-chair), Gideon Fadiran, Giovanni Lombardo, Andrea Mazzocchetti, Reynold Nathanael, Linda Ponta

Download the full CfP [here](#)⁵⁶ (pdf).

Two special sessions at the 27th Annual EAEPE Conference (Genova, 2015)

Special Session on "Structuration processes in complex dynamic systems – theory, methods and economic implications"

By now it is well-recognized that real-world networks (such as inventor networks, innovation networks etc.) are characterized by typical structural patterns, e.g. core-periphery structures (Borgatti and Everett 1999), fat- tailed degree distributions (Barabasi and Albert 1999), small world properties (Watts and Strogatz 1998) etc. In other words, real-world networks are complex dynamic systems that significantly differ from random benchmarks. However, we still face more questions than answers in this area of research.

⁵⁵http://eaepe.org/?page=events&side=annual_conference&sub=eaepe2015_abstract_submission

⁵⁶http://eaepe.org/content/documents/Conference2015/EAEPE_Genova_2015_CfP-1.pdf

For instance, we have a rather incomplete understanding of how these large-scale network patterns emerge and solidify over time. The measurement and identification methods are still underdeveloped. The use of novel methods and analytical techniques such as numerical and stochastic agent-based models can help us to understand how even simple rules lead to self-organizing processes and pattern formation in complex systems. Furthermore, we do not yet completely understand how structural properties affect the overall stability of the entire system. Do bankruptcy cascades play a role in economic crises and what part does the network structure play in this effect? Which nodes are critical for keeping the system together? Closely related to robustness issues are diffusion processes on complex networks. We still do not fully understand how these real-world network properties affect diffusion and knowledge transfer among actors involved. Finally, we still know very little on how systemic properties of large complex systems at the macro level affect the economic performance of the embedded actors at the micro level.

The latter issues indicate that we still miss a holistic theoretical framework for the explanation of network change and structuration phenomena. Original institutional economics has insisted that economic systems are subject to complex, self-organizing, self-stabilizing, and path dependent processes, even though many new methods of complex systems modeling were not yet available at the time. Similarly, evolutionary economists, sociologists and management scholars have significantly contributed to a better understanding of the issues raised above. Can complexity economics provide a framework for the integration of determinants and mechanisms that explain structuration processes in dynamic systems?

In this joint session on “structuration processes in complex dynamic systems” we explicitly welcome both theoretical and methodological submissions from all kinds of scientific fields and with interdisciplinary methodological backgrounds. We especially welcome mixed-methods approaches for explaining the emergence, solidification and dissolution of networks by combining e.g. experimental and simulation methods.

The sessions will be accompanied by a panel discussion during the conference. Selected papers are eligible for a special issue of the “Forum for Social Economics”.

Abstract submissions (300-750 words) should be made through the online submission system at the conference website. Please select the topic “Structuration Processes in Complex Systems” in the drop-down menu. You need a registered EAEPE-account to submit your abstract. Registration is possible on the EAEPE website. For questions please contact the organizers of the special session: Torsten Heinrich (torsten.heinrich@uni-bremen.de⁵⁷) and Muhamed Kudic (muhamed.kudic@stifterverband.de⁵⁸)

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⁵⁸ <mailto:muhamed.kudic@stifterverband.de>

Special Session on "Theorizing and modeling economic change – How can computational models complement theory?"

Many of the theoretical traditions within EAEPE have a common starting point: Original Institutionalists, evolutionary economists, economic philosophers, economic sociologists

and historians of economic thought, among others, reject most of the formal modelling approaches of mainstream economic theory for their limited scope and their restrictive and unreflected assumptions. Within these traditions, however, there is more work on methodology and theory than on formal models.

Due to their flexibility and the potential focus on social mechanisms, a range of computational models – e.g. system dynamics, evolutionary game theory and agent-based modelling – may be compatible with these approaches and may thus profit from the theoretical frameworks provided. This is particularly true as much use of computational models was motivated by the literature on social complexity, where formal models abound, but methodological considerations are rare. How a potential complementarity of computational models and theory on social complexity with the abovementioned frameworks can be exploited in practice is, however, not a trivial question and requires attention. Every kind of model – be it formal or not – requires some simplification, compared to the phenomena it mirrors. It is thus difficult to say which kinds of models are theoretically possible, feasible, and promising. Consequently, methodological considerations must play a key role. Unfortunately they tend to be extremely rare.

We therefore invite contributions focusing on how these strands of economic research can and should fit together: how computational models can enrich economic research as well as what methodological issues they raise. Papers may lay emphasis either on methodological and theoretical issues or on the applications of specific computational models, provided they concentrate on how the relation between these two aspects of research may, or may not, lead to an enhanced understanding of reality.

The sessions will be accompanied by a panel discussion during the conference. Selected papers are eligible for a special issue of the "Forum for Social Economics".

Abstract submissions (300-750 words) should be made through the online submission system at the conference website. Please select the topic "Theorizing and Modeling Economic Change" in the drop-down menu. You need a registered EAEPE-account to submit your abstract. Registration is possible on the EAEPE website. For questions please contact the organizers of the special session: Paolo Ramazzotti (ramazzotti@unimc.it)⁵⁹

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) and Claudius Grabner (graebnerc@uni-bremen.de ⁶⁰)

Deadline for both special sessions:

- Paper Submission Deadline: 1 May 2015
- Deadline Notification of Acceptance: 8 June 2015
- Full Paper Submission: 4 September 2015

For more information on the overall conference with the theme „A New Role for the Financial System“ visit the conference [website](#)⁶¹ .

URPE at the Southern Economics Association Annual Convention invites proposals (New Orleans, 2015)

21-23 November, 2015 — New Orleans, US

URPE is organizing sessions at this year’s Southern Economics Association Annual Convention which will be held at the New Orleans Marriott in New Orleans, LA.

Deadline: April 1, 2015

Please submit paper and/or session proposals to Scott Carter at urpeatsea@urpe.org⁶² .

More information about the conference is available [here](#)⁶³ .

⁶⁰<mailto:graebnerc@uni-bremen.de>

⁶¹<http://www.eaepe.org>

⁶²mailto:URPE_at_SEA@urpe.org

⁶³<https://www.southerneconomic.org/2015-meetings/>

World Economics Association (WEA) Online Conference on "Rethinking the International Financial Architecture"

1 May – 30 June, 2015

The existing international financial architecture, institutions left over from the Bretton Woods period, proved useless to prevent or warn against the 2007-2008 crisis, or even less, solve it. Only when a new presidential grouping G20 meeting was called for in London in March 2009, were the issues of how to coordinate countercyclical policies and inject resources into the economies discussed. At that time a UN high level Commission, what became known as the Stiglitz Commission, was created to propose reforms to the international financial architecture. However its recommendations were shunned by some large UN member countries due to their rejection of the principle of global solutions for global problems. Indeed, some European countries and the US still insist on national solutions, that is, on the use of local regulatory agencies in the international financial field.

Eight years have now elapsed since the crisis emerged, and global financial problems are still dealt with at a national level. Furthermore the G7 countries have imposed the policy of austerity as a means of reducing public debt to GDP ratios, with the consequence that debt ratios have increased still more and economic activity has been depressed. It is against this background that the need for a new international financial architecture has emerged, and that this WEA conference is being organized by Oscar Ugarteche and Alicia Puyana.

Many questions need to be addressed:

- How did the crisis affect the structure of the financial sector in the different regions of the world? What kinds of provisions were implemented to manage the impact
- Has the financial crisis influenced the financial flows for productive sectors in the regions
- Have the regional financial architectures been adequately reformed after the crisis? Do they have any margin of autonomy to reform, or are they totally dependent on foreign banks and external funds
- Can vulture funds be considered as an element of the so-called new financial structure to prevent crises, or are they one more cause of instability
- Are the IMF and the available existing international reserves sufficient to prevent another major crisis?
- Can the IMF be reformed, despite European and US reluctance to do so?

- How should debt reduction mechanisms function in this new global scenario?
- Are there lessons from the Latin American debt crisis of the 1980's for Europe? Or is it a new type of crisis
- Are the austerity programs recently imposed on indebted countries appropriate policy measures to prevent financial crisis, such as the one in 2008
- Papers falling within the broad topic of the conference as well as on related aspects that are not explicitly noted here are welcome.

The Discussion Forum begins on May 1. Deadlines, guidelines and submissions are available [here](#)⁶⁴.

Contact email: weanewfinancialarchitecture@gmail.com⁶⁵

Call for Participants

5th Graz Schumpeter Summer School

12-18 July, 2015 — University of Graz, Austria

Economic Stagnation: Problems of Theory and Policy – From Malthus to Piketty

After a long period of sustained growth, the spectre of stagnation in advanced capitalist economies is back again. A major theme at the time of John M. Keynes and Joseph A. Schumpeter, stagnation is once more on the agenda with a vengeance. The Graz Schumpeter Summer School addresses the following questions:

- What is the evidence that advanced capitalist economies face the problem of stagnation?
- What are the driving forces responsible for stagnation at the beginning of the 21 century?

⁶⁴<http://itnifa2015.weaconferences.net/>

⁶⁵<mailto:weanewfinancialarchitecture@gmail.com>

- How is the problem of stagnation related to trends in the distribution of income and wealth, the exhaustion of natural resources and ecological constraints of economic growth, asynchronous demographic trends, the increased power of the financial sector and fiscal imbalances etc.?
- What are adequate policy responses and institutional innovations?
- Can Schumpeterian forces be relied upon to lead out of the depression?

The Summer School discusses these problems at a theoretical, empirical and policy level. It provides a thorough account of the multifarious aspects of stagnation as dealt with by authors from Thomas R. Malthus, via Alvin Hansen to Josef Steindl and beyond, and applies relevant ideas, concepts and tools to contemporary problems.

Detailed information about the summer school is available [here](#)⁶⁶ (pdf).

Basque Coast Summer School (Biarritz, 2015)

13-17 July, 2015 — The University of Pau and Adour Regions, Biarritz, France

Overview

The University of Pau and Adour Regions (South West of France) is holding a one-week English-language summer school on its Atlantic Coast campus just outside Biarritz (13-17 July 2015). The school is open to students of all ages interested in a unique "Anglo-Saxon" academic experience in an exceptional setting: sandy beaches and stunning coastal cities are 10 mn away from campus.

Who is the target audience ?

At least three groups:

- French and other students from non English-speaking countries.
- Students from English-speaking countries wishing to combine a trip to Europe with a week of interesting lectures.
- Others, of all ages, interested in learning about new subjects while on vacation.

What courses will be offered?

⁶⁶http://static.uni-graz.at/fileadmin/sowi-zentren/Schumpeter-Centre/Download/Paper/GSC_Call.pdf

Four exciting courses with a broad appeal will be taught by talented and enthusiastic professors recruited specifically from English-language universities.

1. **“Third World Women”: Gender and the Global South, by Samantha Christiansen, Marywood University, USA.**

Students will learn about topics of contemporary significance to women in the Third World, such as the Veil, Microfinance, and Sex Trafficking, among others.

2. **Economics of Climate Change: Myths and Realities, by Peter Dorman, Evergreen State College, Washington State.**

Acknowledging climate change is just the start. In this course we'll cut through the confusion about the science, economics and policy of the century's toughest challenge.

3. **Contending Economic Theories: Neoclassical, Keynesian and Marxian, by Richard D. Wolff, New School University, NY, USA.**

Learn about the three major economic "worldviews" - the dominant and the dissenting - and how they shape thoughts and actions trying to cope with global economic and social problems of the 21st century.

4. **Big History: An introduction to 13.8 billion years of history since the Big Bang, by David Baker, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.**

"Big History" is a recent and multidisciplinary school of history that emphasizes "the grand narrative" spanning the 13.8 billion years of our universe.

How are courses organized ?

Classes will be held over five mornings (Mon.-Fri.) for a total of 20 hours. There will be a maximum of 25 students per class. Mornings will be divided between lectures and round tables, student presentations and workshops. Student participation will be emphasized. Films and videos will be shown during some courses. There will be roughly one hour of studying/reading after each morning. Students who complete the coursework and pass the final exam will receive a "Certificate of Completion". It will also be possible to follow a course as an "auditor" (no exam, no certificate).

What will I do after classes end at noon?

First there will be a lunch buffet right after classes during which students and faculty from different courses can mix and mingle. Students then have the afternoon free. They can stay by the pool at the hotel where they can play tennis and ping-pong. They can spend time on the spectacular Atlantic Coast beaches a 10 mn bus ride away. They can also go visit Biarritz or Bayonne, two pretty coastal towns also 10 mn away.

How about accommodation ?

If they wish to, students will be able to register for classes alone and arrange their own housing. Given how popular the coastal area is at this period, accommodation will be scarce and expensive. Therefore, when they register for the course students will have the option of signing up for a shared apartment in a three-star hotel that has been arranged around the corner from the campus. The university has negotiated competitive prices. Shops are within walking distance.

Will there be activities ?

Yes. The following activities are planned:

- A visit to Biarritz for the fireworks display on July 14th (National Day, also known as "Bastille Day").
- An excursion to San Sebastian, a spectacular city on the coast nearby in Spain.
- A public debate (with dinner) that will bring together the four instructors. The subject will be "Is a better world possible?", a theme that runs through the four courses.

Other activities are being considered (surfing lessons, cultural visits, walking tours, etc).

What else do I need to know?

The philosophy of the school is to combine an enriching academic experience with fun and relaxation. You will hang out with like-minded people of all ages with inquisitive minds. You will meet the kind of university professor who can make a difference in your life.

Sounds wonderful. Where do I register and how much is this going to cost?

Go [here](#)⁶⁷ to register and find course details, as well as information on fees, accommodation and activities. Do not wait to register. There is a reduced "Early Bird" registration fee and we offer accommodation at competitive rates - only while supplies last.

If you have any questions feel free to write directly to the school's director at Marc.Artzrouni@univ-pau.fr⁶⁸

⁶⁷<http://bcmss.sciencesconf.org/>

⁶⁸<mailto:Marc.Artzrouni@univ-pau.fr>

CSE Midlands launch event: "What is to be done in the age of austerity and autonomy?" (Birmingham, 2015)

17, April 2015 — University of Birmingham, UK

Venue: Room: Muirhead 113, University of Birmingham

Confirmed participants include: Sarah Amsler⁶⁹ (University of Lincoln), Malia Bouattia⁷⁰ (National Union of Students), Craig Gent⁷¹ (University of Warwick/Plan C), Whyeda Gill-Mclure⁷² (University of Wolverhampton), Keir Milburn⁷³ (University of Leicester), Doug Nicholls⁷⁴ (General Federation of Trade Unions)

The ability, and desire, to mobilise, organise and associate, autonomously of traditional left institutions, has been widely noted of late. Much theorising on the left highlights the move towards a 'politics of autonomy'; and the wave of anti-austerity movements that have challenged established institutions (in the form of the indignados, Occupy, Gezi Park, and UK Uncut) seem to chime with this theoretical agenda. This move towards an autonomous and vibrant left appears to be a source of hope especially as these new social movements add weight and renewed force to the continuing resistance from public service workers and their unions to years of austerity and public service reform.

Yet, this occurs at the same time as the so-called 'age of austerity', in which concessions that have in the past been made by the capitalist state are now being withdrawn; repression, rather than concessions, is increasingly becoming the response of the state to social mobilisation. This repressive neo-liberal reaction is evidence of the underlying contradictions of capitalism which traditional Keynesian-type state intervention leaves intact.

These underlying contradictory trends in contemporary capitalism raise crucial questions of strategy, tactics and analysis. The launch of this CSE Midlands group is an attempt to provide a forum for radical and anti-capitalist activists, critical scholars, and activist/critical scholars to come together to discuss 'what is to be done' in this apparently contradictory age of autonomy and austerity. This launch event will feature a panel focusing on some of the key contextual developments that contemporary radicals face; followed by a roundtable discussion on "what is to be done?" We intend the launch of CSE Midlands to be followed by similar events across the Midlands, includ-

⁶⁹<http://staff.lincoln.ac.uk/samsler>

⁷⁰<http://beta.nusconnect.org.uk/blogs/malia-bouattia>

⁷¹http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/cim/people/student-researchers/craig-gent/

⁷²<http://www.wlv.ac.uk/about-us/our-schools-and-institutes/faculty-of-social-sciences/university-of-wolverhampton-business-school/about-us/staff-profiles/human-resources-and-leadership/dr-whyeda-gill-mclure/>

⁷³<http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/management/people/kmilburn>

⁷⁴<http://www.gftu.org/content/gftu-staff/>

ing on contemporary industrial relations, the 2015 general election, contemporary social movements, and current trends in radical and Marxist theory.

Link to the program is available [here](#)⁷⁵ .

Call for Summer Course Instructor: "Degrowth in action: Climate justice" (Rhineland Coalfield, 2015)

9–14 August, 2015 — Rhineland Coalfield, Germany

There's no climate justice without degrowth! The summer school "Degrowth in action: Climate Justice" is a follow-up project of the 4th International Degrowth Conference last autumn, where around 3000 people came together to discuss alternatives for an ecological and equitable society. The summer school picks up the momentum of this conference and takes it to the heart of a political conflict: the Climate Action Camp, situated on the brink of the Rhineland Coalfield, the biggest source of CO2 in Europe.

We are looking for people who can prepare a course for the summer school!

The core of the summer school programme is made up of courses that take place continuously over 4 days. In addition, there is the possibility to offer two day long courses. Each day for 2,5 hours, the same group of people (about 20 - 30 people) focuses on specific topics in the field of alternative economic models or climate justice, or works on tangible approaches for putting degrowth into political practice.

Below you'll find more information on how to organize a course as well as a list of possible topics. Contributions are possible from April 1 onwards via this [website](#)⁷⁶ - where you can also find the requirements for submitting your proposal. The closing date is April 30, 2015. If you have more questions, don't hesitate to get in touch: courses2015@degrowth.de⁷⁷

We consider summer school and climate camp (August 7 – 17, 2015) to be a joined place of mutual learning; so we encourage all interested organizations, initiatives and individuals to make contributions related to climate justice: ranging from workshops and world cafés to practical projects and fun stuff for kids. If you want to offer an event, please write to: klimacamp-programm@riseup.net⁷⁸

⁷⁵<https://csemidlands.wordpress.com/>

⁷⁶<http://programme2015.degrowth.de/>

⁷⁷<mailto:courses2015@degrowth.de>

⁷⁸<mailto:klimacamp-programm@riseup.net>

In the context of summer school and camp there will also be a variety of cultural events: films, concerts, readings, art exhibitions and space for many more creative activities such as jam sessions, improv theatre or creative writing courses. If you have ideas for the culture programme, please send them to: arts2015@degrowth.de⁷⁹

More information is available [here](#)⁸⁰ (pdf).

Critical European Studies Workshop (Barcelona, 2015)

29-30 May, 2015 — Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain

The workshop is the sequel of last year's successful workshop at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, bringing together scholars from the Critical Political Economy Research Network (CPERN) and from the "Arbeitskreis für kritische Europaforschung" (AkE). The workshop provides a forum for critical scholars within and outside academia as well as activists to meet and discuss critical theoretical perspectives on the configuration of European capitalism, the EU, its crisis and political resistance. This year's workshop focusses on austerity, the political economy of Spain, debt as well as strategies of social movements, trade unions and new left parties.

The format of the Barcelona workshop will be similar to the one in Amsterdam. In order to foster a constructive debate the workshop will avoid the 'usual' conference structure with individual paper presentations and foregrounds collective discussions instead. We will proceed on the basis of thematic block sessions of 120 minutes - with each tabling a core text that all participants will have read beforehand. The sessions start with a brief introduction, and 5 to 6 participants discussing and enhancing the perspectives developed in the core text from the angle of their own research/activism (5 minutes each). This is followed by a mumble where all participants share their ideas on the inputs in small groups of 3-4 people (5 minutes), after which the floor will be opened for a plenary discussion.

The workshop is open to all scholars and activists interested in critical perspectives on European integration. To register, please write a message to criticaleuropeanstudies@gmail.com⁸¹.

Programm

⁷⁹<mailto:arts2015@degrowth.de>

⁸⁰<http://www.heterodoxnews.com/HEN/attach/hen178/SummerschoolDegrowthinaction-ClimateJustice.pdf>

⁸¹<mailto:criticaleuropeanstudies@gmail.com>

Friday, 29 May

- 13:00-14:00 Round of Introductions
- 14:00-16:00 Session 1: Locking in austerity. The current state of European crisis management
Core text: Radice, H. (2014) Enforcing austerity in Europe: the structural deficit as a policy target. *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* 22(3): 318-28.
- 16.00-16.30 Break 16.30-18.30 Session 2: The Eurozone crisis and the political economy of Spain.
Core text: López, I. & Rodríguez, E. (2011): The Spanish model. *New Left Review* 69: 5-28.
- 18.30- 19.00 Break
- 19.00-21.00 Public event (tba)

Saturday 30 May

- 10:00-12.00 Session 3: Politicizing Debt
Core text: Roberts, A. and Soederberg, S. (2014) Politicizing Debt and Denaturalizing the “New Normal”. *Critical Sociology* 40(5): 657-68.
- 12.00-12.15 Break
- 12.15-14.15 Session 4: Strategies of Social Movements and Trade Unions in the European crisis
Core text: Huke, N., Clua-Losada, M. and Bailey, D.J. (2015) Disrupting the European Crisis: A Critical Political Economy of Contestation, Subversion and Escape. *New Political Economy*, DOI: 10.1080/13563467.2014.999759
- 14.15-15.30 Break
- 15.30-17.30 Session 5: Syriza, Podemos, Venceremos? Left Parties
Core text: Spourdalakis, M. (2014) The Miraculous Rise of the ‘Phenomenon SYRIZA’. *International Critical Thought* 4(3): 354-66.
- 17.30-18.00 Closing

Confirmed participants include Núria Alabao, David Bailey, Sergi Cutillas, Agnes Gaygi, Mathis Heinrich, Albert Jiménez, Stefanie Hürtgen, Nicholas Kiersey, Katrin McGauran, Vicenç Navarro, Jörg Nowak, Marica Frangakis, Lukas Oberndorfer, Henk Overbeek, Frederico Pinheiro, Albert Recio, Ramon Ribera Fumaz, Thomas Sablowski, Michalis Spourdalakis & Maka Suarez.

A limited amount of financial support may be available to fund participation of activists and researchers working in precarious conditions. In case you wish to participate and have trouble funding your travels do not hesitate to write us message (criticaleuropeanstudies@gmail.com⁸²). Best wishes the coordinating team (Mònica Clua-Losada, Nikolai Huke, Tino Petzold, Angela Wigger & Yuliya Yurchenko)

Online HET Reading Group on Phillip Mirowski's Work

Philip Mirowski already contributed and, of course, is still contributing to this day an impressing amount of innovative and fresh ideas on an even more impressive variety of topics of interest for the economics profession. Among others his contributions spans over such fields as history of economic thought (HET), philosophy of economics, philosophy of (social) science and history of economics, to only name a few.

Therefore, this reading group aims at discussing parts of Phillip Mirowski's work relating specifically to the History of Political Economy and Neoliberalism and is supported by INET's Young Scholars Initiative. The reading group is scheduled over nine meetings and will start after the INET Annual Conference in Paris (6-10 April), will pass the Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ES-HET) in Rome (14-16 May), and continues after it. So it is nicely nestled in between to HET related events.

Please find all the relevant information concerning the meeting dates and times and the detailed reading list on this [page](#)⁸³ . As you will see, the reading list consists of a mix of contributions Mirowski made in various chapters in edited collections, book chapters or journal articles. These are all very short, so it is easy to read and follow up. Also, every single one of them is available online (and not behind a paywall).

Looking forward to seeing you and discussing with you in the group!

Regards,

Amogha Sahu & Mark Kirstein

⁸²<mailto:criticaleuropeanstudies@gmail.com>

⁸³<https://www.facebook.com/events/1401980150109236>

Summer School in Latin American Economies at ECLAC (Santiago de Chile, 2015)

July 20 and September 30, 2015 — ECLAC, Santiago de Chile, Chile

The applications process for the sixteenth session of the [Summer School on Latin American Economies](#)⁸⁴ began on Monday, February 23. The training program is organized annually by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and it is aimed at young researchers interested in studying the Latin American development process. The registration period ends April 15.

The course, which will be held at ECLAC's headquarters in the Chilean capital, is free of charge but participants are responsible for the costs associated with their travel and accommodations. Anyone in the world with an advanced university degree in economics or related areas can apply. Ideally, applicants would be seeking their Master's or doctorate degrees in the field of economic development and would understand Spanish and English.

The classes, which will take place between July 20 and September 30, are given by ECLAC's professional staff along with other prominent economists and social scientists. They will address theoretical and empirical matters, with an emphasis on the region's recent economic history and the way it shapes perspectives and policies towards the future.

This year, for the first time, the Summer School and the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) call on former students to submit, by April 6, their work to be presented at a seminar scheduled for July 28 and 29.

The seminar called "Keynes, Schumpeter and Latin American structuralism," which will also be held at the headquarters of the United Nations organization in Chile, aims to forge ties between old and new generations of students of this Summer School, started in 2000.

A total of 18 papers will be accepted and will qualify to compete for a prize awarded by ECLAC and INET, whose results will be announced on April 27. The prize consists of free airfare to the Chilean capital and a two-day stay ([See terms and conditions](#)⁸⁵).

It is estimated that between two and three former students will be able to receive the prize, depending on the cost of airfare at the time of purchase and the winners' countries

⁸⁴<http://www.cepal.org/en/summer-school-latin-american-economies>

⁸⁵http://www.cepal.org/sites/default/files/news/files/call_for_papers.pdf

of origin. The people with selected works who do not win the prize must assume the costs of their travel and lodgings in Santiago.

The texts will be evaluated by an ad-hoc committee made up of four experts from different divisions of ECLAC.

More information is available [here](#)⁸⁶.

TINT Workshop on "Scientific Imperialism" (Helsinki, 2015)

15-17 April 2015 — University of Helsinki, Finland

Academy of Finland Centre of Excellence in the Philosophy of the Social Sciences ([TINT](#)⁸⁷)

Venue: University of Helsinki Main Building, [Unioninkatu 34](#)⁸⁸, Senate Square side, Auditorium XV.

Participation is free. Please don't hesitate to contact juho.paakkonen@helsinki.fi⁸⁹ if you have any questions.

Program: please see [here](#)⁹⁰ (PDF, suitable for printing).

Job Postings

George Mason University, US

Job Position: Assistant Director

⁸⁶<http://www.cepal.org/en/noticias/escuela-de-verano-de-la-cepal-abre-postulaciones-y-lanza-concurso-para-ex-alumnos>

⁸⁷<http://www.helsinki.fi/tint/>

⁸⁸<https://www.google.fi/maps/place/Unioninkatu+34,+University+of+Helsinki,+00170+Helsinki/@60.1694578,24.9508564,17z/data=!2m1!2m2!2m1%21s0x46920bce50f5bf6b:0x3d445617b3f29dfc?hl=en>

⁸⁹<mailto:juho.paakkonen@helsinki.fi>

⁹⁰<http://www.helsinki.fi/tint/materials/ImperialismPoster.pdf>

The Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy at **George Mason University**, Fairfax, VA, seeks to hire an **Assistant Director**. The Assistant Director will assist the Institute Director in planning, organizing, and directing the day-to-day operations of the Institute, with a focus on development and execution of sponsored research proposals. In this capacity the Assistant Director will work with members of the Institute to develop and prepare research proposals, help Institute members to find appropriate venues for submission of proposals, and seek collaborative research opportunities across campus, and with other partner universities and other institutions. It is expected that the Assistant Director will participate in sponsored research with other members of the Institute, including leading his or her own research projects as appropriate. The Assistant Director will also work with the Director to design, develop, and coordinate, Institute programs and events (e.g., topic specific workshops and conferences). The Assistant Director will direct the work of other institute staff providing editorial assistance on Institute journals, creating and updating Institute materials, and maintaining its web page.

A Ph.D. or equivalent degree in philosophy, political theory, or policy studies is strongly preferred. Writing and editing skills are crucial to the position. The selected candidate should have organizational and budget management skills, and be able to effectively develop and implement programs. The selected candidate must demonstrate initiative, as well as project management skills. Salary is competitive. No teaching is required for this position, but additional teaching opportunities may be available after the first year. The position will start as soon as possible after June 1.

Applications should include (1) a letter describing the applicant's, interests, and experience in sponsored research activities; (2) a CV; (3) samples of written work; and (4) letters of recommendation. Applications should be sent by May 15, 2015, to Roger Paden, Interim Director, Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy, Mail Stop 3F1, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 22030. Questions and Application may be sent to rpaden@gmu.edu⁹¹.

The Fairfax campus of George Mason University is located in the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area within commuting distance by public transportation. George Mason is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences particularly encourages and welcomes applications from women, minority candidates, and persons with disabilities.

Application deadline: May 1, 2015

More details are available [here](#)⁹².

⁹¹<mailto:rpaden@gmu.edu>

⁹²<http://philjobs.org/job/show/3628>

Newcastle University, UK

Job Position: Lecturer in the Politics of Gender

Salary: Lecturer (G): £38,511 - £45,954, with potential progression to £51,702

Lecturer (F): £33,242 - £37,394

You will be based in the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology at Newcastle University. You will join a Politics unit that is committed to achieving excellence in both research and teaching. You will specialise in the politics of gender and applications are welcome from scholars with this specialism working in any sub-field of the discipline – for example, national politics, comparative politics, international politics or political theory. You will contribute to undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and the supervision of research postgraduates.

You will have an excellent record of published research or outstanding research potential, will be expected to secure research funding and achieve wider engagement and impact from your research. You must hold a PhD (awarded or near to completion) in Politics or a closely related discipline.

Informal and confidential enquiries may be made to the Head of Politics, Dr. Nick Randall, (tel: +44 (0)191 208 6997; email nick.randall@ncl.ac.uk⁹³)

Newcastle University values diversity and is committed to recruiting and supporting staff and students from all sectors of society.

Full job description and an application form are available [here](#)⁹⁴ .

Closing Date: 16 April 2015

Saint Peter's University, US

Job Position: Visiting Position

The Department of Economics and Finance at Saint Peter's University invites applications for a one-year visiting position beginning in fall 2015. Preference will be given to candidates with a Ph.D. in economics with demonstrated excellence in undergraduate teaching. The successful candidate will be expected to teach a four/four load including introductory economics and intermediate microeconomics. Saint Peter's University

⁹³ <mailto:nick.randall@ncl.ac.uk>

⁹⁴ https://www15.i-grasp.com/fe/tpl_newcastle02.asp?s=4A515F4E5A565B1A&jobid=56853,9868895661&key=89297628&c=216569619998&pagestamp=seifiaidsnavagdct

is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution with a strong commitment to diversity.

Candidates should send hard copies of a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation to:

- Edwin Dickens-Chair
Department of Economics and Finance
Suite 401
Hilsdorf Hall-Fourth Floor
St. Peter's University
2641 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Jersey City, NJ
07306

In the Cover Letter, the candidate should mention how he or she had heard about the position. **Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.**

The Rhode Island School of Design, US

Job Position: Assistant Professor of Political Economy

The Department of History, Philosophy and the Social Sciences (HPSS) at the Rhode Island School of Design seeks to appoint an Assistant Professor of Political Economy for the academic year of 2015-16. While this is a one-year term appointment, the department will embark on a full search for a permanent position in Political Economy starting in early 2016. The suitable candidate will have undergraduate teaching experience and a broad background in Political Economy (PhD or ABD by start date in Politics, Geography, International Relations, Sociology, Anthropology, Global Studies or other relevant interdisciplinary degree). We are particularly interested in appointing a colleague with expertise in one or more of the following areas: (i) globalization, global supply chains, the social science of global consumption; (ii) the political economy of development and development studies with possible foci of attention on the impact of industrialization and urbanization in South Asia, East Asia or Latin America; (iii) the social science of advanced manufacturing (digital fabrication, the “third industrial revolution”, peer to peer production), contemporary industrial restructuring, the emerging global economy of design and social innovation studies; (iv) the political economy of work, labor and/or gender as pertains to the above areas.

HPSS⁹⁵ is a multidisciplinary department within the Division of Liberal Arts. Our students are art and design majors who take one third of their courses in the Liberal Arts. This is a full-time position that will involve teaching 6 courses a year. Candidates will teach two seminar classes across the year (15 students), two introductory classes (21 students) and two lecture classes (30 students). Opportunities will exist for doubling up courses.

Please submit by email a C.V, covering letter and have two letters of recommendation sent to Damian White (email: dwhite01@risd.edu⁹⁶), Head of the Department of History, Philosophy and the Social Sciences.

Your covering letter should discuss your teaching and research experience and outline courses that you would wish to teach at RISD. Applicants who will apply before April 20 2015. RISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, genetics, or any other protected characteristic as set by law.

University College Dublin, Ireland

Job position: Lecturer in Equality Studies (Economics/Political Economy)

The UCD School of Social Justice seeks to appoint a Lecturer (above the bar) in Equality Studies with expertise in the field of political economy and/or the economics of inequality. The appointed Lecturer will contribute to the School's graduate and undergraduate programmes.

In particular, the successful candidate will be required to:

- Teach a graduate course in Political Economy/Economics of Inequality;
- Deliver or contribute to the delivery of interdisciplinary undergraduate modules;
- Undertake supervision of master's theses; and provide input to the School's doctoral research programme.
- Undertake research, knowledge generation and dissemination of research in the field of political economy and/ or the economics of inequality

⁹⁵<http://www.risd.edu/Academics/HPSS/>

⁹⁶<mailto:dwhite01@risd.edu>

- Carry out administrative functions relevant to the post.

Note: It is envisaged an appointee will commence in post in June 2015; or shortly thereafter

Closing date: 17:00hrs (GMT) on Monday 13th April 2015

Applications must be submitted by the closing date and time specified. Any applications which are still in progress at the closing time of 17:00hrs on the specified closing date will be cancelled automatically by the system. UCD do not accept late applications.

Further information and the application form is available [here](#)⁹⁷ .

University of Greenwich, UK

Job Position: Head of International Business and Economics Department

Location: Greenwich

Salary: £56,482 to £67,413 plus £3,437 London weighting

Contract Type: Permanent, Full Time

Closing Date: Sunday 12 April 2015

Interview Date: Tuesday 26 May 2015

The Faculty of Business at the University of Greenwich is looking to appoint a Head of Department to lead the International Business and Economics (IBE) Department.

IBE is the University's largest Department (40staff and1300on-campus students) delivering a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, repeatedly ranked first in the UK for student satisfaction. It delivers a number of these programmes overseas via international collaboration partners. The Department recently undertook the first large-scale curricular adjustment in the world towards pluralist teaching of economics in the wake of the crisis.

The Department has a strong research focus, emphasising plurality in theoretical and methodological approaches. The Department performed well in the latest UK Research Evaluation Exercise, with the Faculty ranked in the fifth decile of UK Business Schools in research power. The Department is host to three internationally significant research groups, the Public Services International Research Unit, the Centre for Business Network Analysis and the Centre for Economic Performance, Governance and Regulation

⁹⁷<http://www.ucd.ie/socialjustice/newsevents/body,232456,en.html>

Research and works closely with the Business School's Work and Employment Research Unit.

We are looking for a rounded academic leader, with a strong personal research track record as well as a clear commitment to excellence in teaching and learning, to lead the Department. The person appointed will be ambitious to build on the recent progress of the Department and to play a full part in the senior management team of the Faculty as it strives to become one of the top five Business Schools in London.

A professorial title is possible, consistent with the University's normal criteria for such appointments.

Full job description and person specification is available [here](#)⁹⁸ . Application form is available [here](#)⁹⁹ .

Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

Job position: Assistant Professorship (post-doc) in History of Economic Thought

The Institute for Institutional and Heterodox Economics invites applications for an assistant professor specializing in the History of Economic Thought (4-years non-tenure).

Further information is available [here](#)¹⁰⁰ (german only).

Awards

Joerg-Huffschnid-Award 2015

The call for the Joerg-Huffschnid-Award 2015 is still open - until end of March.

Both, pre-doc and PhD—theses are encouraged. The topics are outlined as follows:

The work should be from political economy, as for instance

- financial markets

⁹⁸<https://jobs.gre.ac.uk/Upload/vacancies/files/1724/Head%20of%20Department%20IBE.docx>

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- social policies/social development
- europe
- armament policy/armaments economy
- dynamics of privatisation
- global world of work
- resource economy

More information and all relevant details are available [here](#)¹⁰¹ (german only).

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Manuela Moschella: Currency wars in the advanced world: Resisting appreciation at a time of change in central banking monetary consensus¹⁰⁷

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Florence Gauthier: Political Economy in the Eighteenth Century: Popular or Despotic? The Physiocrats Against the Right to Existence¹¹⁰

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Haimanti Bhattacharya: Spousal Violence and Women's Employment in India¹¹⁴

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Jackie Disalvo: [Occupy Wall Street: Creating a Strategy for a Spontaneous Movement](#)¹⁴²

John L. Hammond: [The Anarchism of Occupy Wall Street](#)¹⁴³

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Books and Book Series

All the Presidents' Bankers: The Hidden Alliances that Drive American Power

By Nomi Prins — 2015, Nation Books

Who rules America? *All the Presidents' Bankers* is a groundbreaking narrative of how an elite group of men transformed the American economy and government, dictated foreign and domestic policy, and shaped world history.

Culled from original presidential archival documents, *All the Presidents' Bankers* delivers an explosive account of the hundred-year interdependence between the White House

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and Wall Street that transcends a simple analysis of money driving politics—or greed driving bankers.

Prins ushers us into the intimate world of exclusive clubs, vacation spots, and Ivy League universities that binds presidents and financiers. She unravels the multi-generational blood, intermarriage, and protégé relationships that have confined national influence to a privileged cluster of people. These families and individuals recycle their power through elected office and private channels in Washington, DC.

All the Presidents' Bankers sheds new light on pivotal historic events—such as why, after the Panic of 1907, America's dominant bankers convened to fashion the Federal Reserve System; how J. P. Morgan's ambitions motivated President Wilson during World War I; how Chase and National City Bank chairmen worked secretly with President Roosevelt to rescue capitalism during the Great Depression while J.P. Morgan Jr. invited Roosevelt's son yachting; and how American financiers collaborated with President Truman to construct the World Bank and IMF after World War II.

Prins divulges how, through the Cold War and Vietnam era, presidents and bankers pushed America's superpower status and expansion abroad, while promoting broadly democratic values and social welfare at home. But from the 1970s, Wall Street's rush to secure Middle East oil profits altered the nature of political-financial alliances. Bankers' profit motive trumped heritage and allegiance to public service, while presidents lost control over the economy—as was dramatically evident in the financial crisis of 2008.

This unprecedented history of American power illuminates how the same financiers retained their authoritative position through history, swaying presidents regardless of party affiliation. All the Presidents' Bankers explores the alarming global repercussions of a system lacking barriers between public office and private power. Prins leaves us with an ominous choice: either we break the alliances of the power elite, or they will break us.

Link to the book is available [here](http://www.nationinstitute.org/events/nationbooks/3945/nomi_prins_at_the_strand_bookstore/)¹⁴⁶.

Labour Markets, Institutions and Inequality: Building just societies in the 21st century

Edited by Janine Berg — 2015, International Labour Organization

¹⁴⁶http://www.nationinstitute.org/events/nationbooks/3945/nomi_prins_at_the_strand_bookstore/

Labour market institutions, including collective bargaining, the regulation of employment contracts, and pension and other social protection policies, are instrumental for improving the well-being of workers and their families as well as societies. Yet in many countries, these institutions have been eroded; in other countries, they do not exist. This edited volume examines the importance of these institutions for ensuring equitable income distribution, including with empirical examples from both developed and developing countries. It also analyses the connections between macroeconomic policies and inequality as well as how specific groups – women, migrant workers, youths – are affected by labour market institutions. Co-published with Edward Elgar.

Link to the book is available [here](#)¹⁴⁷ .

Neo-structuralism and Heterodox Currents in Latin America and the Caribbean at the Beginning of the XXI Century

Edited by Alicia Bárcena and Antonio Prado — 2015, CEPAL

The book is a collection of articles by Latin American and Caribbean academics, practitioners and development experts focusing on the recent advances in structural and neo-structuralism. At the same time the book identifies possible avenues of collaboration with other Heterodox schools of thought including Post Keynesian, Marxian, Institutionalist and Evolutionary views.

The book presents a negative and positive critique of mainstream economics. The former is rationalized on theoretical and empirical grounds in terms of a break in the practice of normal science (in Kuhn's sense). The practice of mainstream economics not only was crucial to the generation of the Global financial Crisis (2007-2009) and the Euro Crisis (2008-2015) but it is also at the root of the current the global slowdown of emerging market economies including of those of Latin America and the Caribbean.

In terms of positive critique the book develops a renewed approach and interpretation of structuralism and neo-structuralism covering such topics as structural change, balance-of-payments constraint, labor market, regional and external integration, and income inequality among others. The book also presents selected country case analyses.

As both structuralism and neo-structuralism are open rather than closed conceptual set of ideas, these can be easily molded and adapted to the core of other heterodox systems of thought. The book proposes to foster a dialogue and collaboration between Structuralist

¹⁴⁷http://www.ilo.org/global/publications/books/WCMS_314464/lang--en/index.htm

and heterodox Economics around eight themes: (i) a methodological approach based on historical trends and measurement; (ii) the characterization of the system of economic relations around the concepts of center and periphery; (iii) the relation between income distribution, accumulation and economic growth; (iv) volatility and instability; (iv) technical progress and innovation; (vi) the relationship between the short and long-run; (vii) the role of the State.

The book is available only in Spanish (for the time being) and can be downloaded [here](#)¹⁴⁸ (pdf). Queries and questions can be sent to: esteban.perez@eclac.org¹⁴⁹

Social and Solidarity Economy: Beyond the Fringe

Edited by Peter Utting — 2015, Zed Books

As economic crises, growing inequality and climate change prompt a global debate on the meaning and trajectory of development, increasing attention is focusing on 'social and solidarity economy' as a distinctive approach to sustainable and rights-based development.

While we are beginning to understand what social and solidarity economy is, what it promises and how it differs from 'business as usual', we know far less about whether it can really move beyond its fringe status in many countries and regions. Under what conditions can social and solidarity economy scale up and scale out - that is, expand in terms of the growth of social and solidarity economy organizations and enterprises, or spread horizontally within given territories?

Bringing together leading researchers, blending theoretical and empirical analysis, and drawing on experiences and case studies from multiple countries and regions, this volume addresses these questions. In so doing, it aims to inform a broad constituency of development actors, including scholars, practitioners, activists and policy makers.

Link to the book is available [here](#)¹⁵⁰ .

The Encyclopedia Of Central Banking

Edited by Louis-Philippe Rochon & Sergio Rossi — 2015, Edward Elgar

¹⁴⁸http://repositorio.cepal.org/bitstream/handle/11362/37648/S1420208_es.pdf?sequence=1

¹⁴⁹<mailto:esteban.perez@eclac.org>

¹⁵⁰<http://zedbooks.co.uk/paperback/social-and-solidarity-economy>

The Encyclopedia of Central Banking provides definitive and comprehensive encyclopedic coverage on central banking and monetary theory and policy. Containing close to 250 entries from specially commissioned experts in their fields, elements of past and current monetary policies are described and a critical assessment of central bank practices is presented.

Since the global financial crisis of 2008-09, all major central banks have intervened to avert the collapse of the global economy, bringing monetary policy to the forefront. Rochon and Rossi give an up to date, critical understanding of central banking, at both theoretical and policy-oriented levels. This Encyclopedia explains the complexity of monetary-policy interventions, their conceptual and institutional frameworks, and their own limits and drawbacks. The reader is provided with the body of knowledge necessary to understand central banks' decisions in the aftermath of the global financial crisis and controversial explanations of the crisis are illuminated from a historical perspective.

Academics and students of economics will find this an indispensable reference tool, offering current and necessary insight into central banking and monetary policy. Practitioners in the financial sector will also benefit from this refreshed insight into such a fundamental topic.

Link to the book is available [here](#)¹⁵¹ .

Work, Sex and Power: The Forces that Shaped our History

By Willie Thompson — 2015, Pluto Press

Determining the forces that have shaped our history is always a contentious matter. Seen through the work of authors from Jared Diamond to Eric Hobsbawm, people's fascination with what drives the actions of the human race is inexhaustible. In *Work, Sex and Power*, Willie Thompson deploys decades of experience as a historian in order to re-establish a materialist narrative of the entire span of human history, drawing on a vast range of contemporary research. This book seeks to reach a much wider audience than his previous, more academic books. Purged of any jargon, this volume will be accessible to an audience who are relatively new to Marxism. It attempts to discuss and explain the foundations of social structures and themes that have recurred throughout the phases of global history in the interaction between humans and their environment. From communities of Palaeolithic hunter-gatherers to the machine-civilisation of recent centuries, Thompson takes us on a journey through the latest thinking in regard to long-term historical development.

¹⁵¹http://www.e-elgar.co.uk/bookentry_main.lasso?currency=US&id=15438

Link to the book is available [here](#)¹⁵² .

Heterodox Graduate Programs, Scholarships and Grants

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¹⁵²<https://plutopress.wordpress.com/2015/02/19/work-sex-and-power-the-forces-that-shaped-our-history/>

¹⁵³<http://www.epog.eu>

Deadline for students who are applying for Erasmus Mundus scholarships will be the **June 10, 2015**.

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- For the scholarships, the application form and send it by **May 1st**;
- The application process is quite long and that students needing a visa must start as early as possible their application process (and in particular, we recommend applicants to fill the “Campus France” form – see below – possibly before May).

The course will start in September 2015. Detailed information is available [here](#)¹⁵⁴ .

Newsletters

Center Walras-Pareto of Interdisciplinary Studies in Economic and Political Thought

Link to the CWP Newsletter is available [here](#)¹⁵⁵ .

Global Development And Environment Institute

Timothy A. Wise: [The Great Land Giveaway in Mozambique](#) ¹⁵⁶

Timothy A. Wise: [World Health Organization: GM-Crop Herbicide a Probable Carcinogen](#)¹⁵⁷

¹⁵⁴<http://www.epog.eu>

¹⁵⁵http://www.unil.ch/files/live//sites/cwp/files/shared/Newsletter/NP2015/Newsletter_P2015-en.html

¹⁵⁶http://triplecrisis.com/the-great-land-giveaway-in-mozambique/?utm_source=GDAE+Subscribers&utm_campaign=7989be1458-DS_Mozambique_2_24_2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_72d4918ff9-7989be1458-49695513

¹⁵⁷http://foodtank.com/news/2015/03/world-health-organization-gm-crop-herbicide-a-probable-carcinogen?utm_source=GDAE+Subscribers&utm_campaign=cd4ea24384-FoodTank_3_25_2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_72d4918ff9-cd4ea24384-49695513

Global Economic Governance Initiative

Edward Cunningham: The State and the Firm: China's Energy Governance in Context¹⁵⁸

Kevin P. Gallagher: Obama Abandons Allies on China's Marshall Plan¹⁵⁹

Global Labour Column

Kark Cloete: We are Steaming Ahead: NUMSA's Road to the Left¹⁶⁰

Thorsten Schulten: Preconditions for successful implementation of the new minimum wage in Germany¹⁶¹

Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE)

Link to the newsletter is available [here](#)¹⁶².

¹⁵⁸http://www.bu.edu/pardeeschool/files/2014/12/Chinas-Energy-Working-Paper.pdf?utm_source=GEGI+China%27s+Energy+Working+Paper+Eblast&utm_campaign=GEGI+China%27s+Energy+Working+Paper+Eblast&utm_medium=email

¹⁵⁹<http://www.theglobalist.com/obama-abandons-allies-on-chinas-marshall-plan>

¹⁶⁰<http://column.global-labour-university.org/2015/03/we-are-steaming-ahead-numsas-road-to.html>

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¹⁶²http://urpe.org/content/media/UA_URPE_Past_Newsletters/2015%20winter.pdf