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A few months ago I commented on Paul Romer's argument on 'mathiness'⁴ in the economics profession, a term that has by now gained significant public visibility and even seems to merit a [specific mentioning](#)⁵ on Wikipedia⁶. In this context I criticized Romer's conception of "science", which he defined as "a process that does lead to shared consensus". This definition seemed awkward to me, not only because it applies to a lot of things, which are clearly 'non-science' (e.g. deciding which movie to watch), but also because it does clearly not apply to large branches of science (e.g. cutting-edge research in the natural sciences). Moreover, I argued that the close identification of "science" and "shared consensus" might foster and legitimize groupthink in the context of an uncertain and hard-to-predict environment. As you might imagine I was quite happy to see that Paul's analysis is actually endogenously evolving and thereby possibly converging to my own point of view as can be assessed from [one of his more recent](#)⁷ blog posts. *"My conjecture is that the fundamental problem in macro-economics, [...] is that a type of siege mentality encouraged people in this group to ignore criticism from the outside and fostered a definition of in-group loyalty that delegitimized the open criticism that is an essential part of the scientific method. Once this mentality got established, it fed on itself."*

Well done Paul, you are actually coming closer to recognizing [intellectual closure as one main source of trouble in economics](#)⁸. Here is a guide for finalizing your tour de force: drop the "macro-" from the above statement, reread it and subscribe to this newsletter as a first antidote to further confusion!

All the best,

Jakob

¹<http://www.heterodoxnews.com/n/htn190.html>

²<http://www.heterodoxnews.com/n/htn190.pdf>

³<http://heterodoxnews.com/hed>

⁴<http://www.heterodoxnews.com/n/htn181.html>

⁵<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathiness>

⁶<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathiness>

⁷<http://paulromer.net/feynman-integrity/>

⁸<http://jakob-kapeller.org/images/pubs/2009-DobKap-EvolutionofEconomics-JEI.pdf>

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Call for Papers

10th Pan-European Conference on International Relations: Panel on "Alternatives to Capitalism" (Izmir, 2016)

7-10 September, 2016 — Yaşar University, Izmir, Turkey The programme chairs of the 10th Pan-European Conference on International Relations invite paper, panel, and roundtable proposals for submission to any of the 51 sections on the 2016 programme.

The *list of all 51 sections*⁹, including section abstracts and the contact information of the *section chairs*¹⁰, can be found on the conference website. Please contact the section chairs for any question regarding their section.

There will be no open section: All paper, panel, and roundtable proposals are expected to fit into one of the 51 sections and to be submitted online to the appropriate section. A given proposal can be submitted to only one section at a time. However, it is possible to indicate two further sections to which a paper or panel/roundtable proposal might fit.

All sections welcome individual paper proposals and most welcome panel/roundtable proposals as well — please contact section chairs to enquire about this. ***Each 105-minute panel/roundtable should comprise five papers/presenters plus a discussant who may also act as panel/roundtable chair.***

Proposals (with abstracts of *200 words maximum*) must be done online through the [EISA conference tool](#)¹¹ website

Please note that there will be a ***participation limit of three contributions*** per participant — whether as paper giver, roundtable speaker, or discussant/chair (any of these roles counts as one contribution).

General deadline for proposals is 8 January 2016.

See below a call for panels and papers for a section in the [European International Studies Association](#)¹²

Section title: Mapping Alternative Routes out of Capitalism

⁹<http://www.paneuropeanconference.org/2016/spage.php?s=57>

¹⁰<http://www.paneuropeanconference.org/2016/spage.php?s=61>

¹¹<https://www.conftool.pro/paneuropean2016/>

¹²<http://www.eisa-net.org/>

The section seeks panels and papers on alternatives to capitalism, and how we might achieve them, both within the capitalist present and on the route to a post-capitalist society.

Please feel free to contact us first to discuss informally ahead of submitting proposals: David Bailey (d.j.bailey@bham.ac.uk¹³) and Phoebe Moore (p.moore@mdx.ac.uk¹⁴)

Section abstract: The critical study of global capitalism and the hegemony of neoliberalism are both central to the study of international relations and international political economy. International studies has focused less, however, on questioning how (if at all) we might go beyond capitalism. This is despite global capitalism remaining dangerously unstable, not least because the global economic crisis that began in 2008 continues to linger without any obvious resolution to it. The aim of this section, therefore, is to bring together those with an interest in the rise of alternatives at varied positions along the ideological spectrum; mapping, studying, theorising, highlighting, judging and assessing practices which form contemporary alternatives to, and problems for, global capitalism. This includes pathways in local, regional and global contexts. In particular, we note two emerging types of response, each of which expose the ever-present possibility and presence of sometimes surprising and contradictory routes outside of capitalism, as well as raising the question of technology in contemporary social change. On the one hand, we see various modified projects seeking alternative routes to social justice and rights: futurist, anti-proprietary or gift culture movements, survivalism, cooperatives, DIY culture, permaculture, experimentation with cybernetics and post-humanist ideals, as well as revived institutional interests in wellbeing. On the other hand, we see the explicit contestation of capitalism through varyingly autonomous forms of struggle: Occupy, the indignados, the Greek grassroots projects, Rojava, and, then, the electoral manifestation of some of these trends within Syriza, Podemos, Barcelona en Comú, and Jeremy Corbyn.

Section convenors: David Bailey (d.j.bailey@bham.ac.uk¹⁵) and Phoebe Moore (p.moore@mdx.ac.uk¹⁶).

Submissions to be made here: <https://www.conftool.pro/paneuropean2016/>¹⁷

Deadline for submissions: 8 January 2016

Conference website and more details: <http://www.paneuropeanconference.org/2016/>¹⁸

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¹⁷<https://www.conftool.pro/paneuropean2016/>

¹⁸<http://www.paneuropeanconference.org/2016/>

13th Annual STOREP Conference (Catania, 2016)

23-25 June, 2016 — University of Catania, Italia

The 13th Annual STOREP Conference will be held at the University of Catania on June 23-25, 2016.

The title of the conference will be “*Engines of growth and paths of development in the minds of analysts, policy makers and human beings*”.

How economies evolve and change through time is a central issue of economic analysis. The fundamental engines of growth, namely, capital accumulation, both physical and human, and technological progress have been widely and thoroughly investigated. The role of institutions, as setting the stage for those engines to operate, has also received much attention. Development economics has brought history, society and culture to bear on economic performances in an attempt to devise what is best for individual countries and regions to attain prosperity.

As a matter of fact, ideas about those engines and those paths have had an impact on how economies have actually evolved through time. Growth and development are concerns not only of analysts, historians and social scientists, but also of human beings, who are aware of the effects that bad performances of the economies they live in may have on their lives. Therefore, they tend to develop ideas of what growth and development should mean and look like. Growth and development are now subjects of daily debates. What analysts and people think about such themes eventually affect policy makers' decisions.

Thus, theories, visions, culture, expectations have an impact in determining the starting of an engine, the turning of a path, the effectiveness of casual shocks. The 13th Annual STOREP Conference is calling for papers, from various disciplines, designed to explore how culture, institutions, visions have affected the actual thinking on growth and development and how such thoughts have finally produced an impact on the dynamics of real economies.

Possible topics for the conference sessions include, but are not limited to:

- Historical analysis of growth successes and failures
- Specificity of development paths
- Institutions and economic development
- Institutions and growth constraints
- Culture and economic development

- The language and the rhetoric of economic development
- Economic cooperation and development
- Poverty and development
- The economic development of the Italian Mezzogiorno and of Sicily, as inspired by the work of Paolo Sylos Labini

We are pleased to announce that distinguished colleague: **Deirdre McCloskey** (University of Iowa at Chicago) will join the conference as **keynote speaker**.

Besides plenary sessions, some parallel sessions will focus on the main topic of the conference; proposals of papers on **all fields of the history of economic thought** are also welcome.

An **abstract** of about 400 words for a paper and 600 words for a **session** (together with the abstracts of the three or four papers for the session) must be submitted **before February 28, 2016** to: segretario@storep.org¹⁹ .

Important dates:

- **Notification** of accepted and rejected abstracts will be sent **by March 15, 2016**.
- **April 30, 2016**: Deadline for **early registration** (early fees) and for submitting full papers.
- **May 31, 2016**: Deadline for **late registration** (late fee).

All participants, including young scholars who apply for the awards, must become members of the Association or renew their membership.

All relevant information concerning registration fees, accommodation and programme will soon be published on the association's **website**: www.storep.org²⁰ .

Young Scholars STOREP Awards

STOREP provides two kinds of awards for young scholars:

1) **Scholarships for young scholars** (under 35 years of age). In order to be eligible, the applicant is required to submit a Curriculum Vitae and a paper on any topic relevant to the history of political economy. The authors of the papers selected will be awarded free STOREP Conference registration, including the social dinner and the association's annual membership fee. All applications, with CV and the final version of the papers,

¹⁹<mailto:segretario@storep.org>

²⁰<http://www.storep.org>

should be sent to segretario@storep.org²¹ no later than **April 30, 2016**. Applicants will be informed about the result of the evaluation process no later than **May 15, 2016**.

2) The **STOREP Award** (of 500.00 €) **for the best article** presented at the Annual Conference by young scholars under 40 years of age. All applications, with CV and the final version of the papers, should be sent to segretario@storep.org²² no later than **September 15, 2016**.

Organizing Committee

- Maurizio Caserta, Anna La Bruna, Simona Monteleone, Salvatore Spagano

Scientific Committee

- Maria Cristina Marcuzzo, Maurizio Caserta, Mario Cedrini, Claudia Sunna

More information about the Conference will be available at the [conference website](#)²³ .

CLADHE V - 5th Latin American Congress of Economic History (Sao Paulo, 2016)

19-21 July, 2016 — Sao Paulo, Brazil

CLADHE V

The 5th Latin American Congress of Economic History (CLADHE V) will be held in the city of Sao Paulo (Brazil) on July 19-21, 2016. Organizers are the Economic History Associations from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Caribbean, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay. Spain and Portugal associations will participate as guests. The Brazilian Association for Research in Economic History (ABPHE) and the School of Economics, Management and Accounting of University of Sao Paulo (FEA/USP) are the hosts of the Congress.

Following the tradition of previous congresses held since 2007, the CLADHE V will provide an academic environment to discuss the latest researches in the economic history of Latin America, as well as to address global perspectives and comparative approaches among regions. The organization of CLADHE V encourages the joint participation of researchers from Latin America and around the world to disseminate and discuss their

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²³<http://www.storep.org/wp/en/convegno/xiii-convegno-annuale-storep-catania-23-25-giugno-2016/>

works as well as to establish common research agendas. It is worth remembering that papers in history of economic thought are very welcome in this Congress. There are Sessions dealing directly with HET topics, such as, for example, the relations between economic ideas and economic policymaking in Latin American history.

The official languages of CLADHE V are Spanish and Portuguese; however, works in English are also welcome. The Congress will be organized through paper sessions, round tables, and conferences.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The call for papers for Sessions is open. The deadline for paper submission is March 1, 2016. The proposal should present an expanded summary of the text (between 250-500 words) and a brief curriculum (with institutional affiliation and a list of recent publications). The selection of approved texts will be the responsibility of the coordinators of the Sessions, respecting the criteria of the International Organizing Committee. Authors of approved abstracts will submit their full papers until 15 May 2016.

For further information on the topics covered by the Sessions and on the general organization of the Congress, please go to the website <http://www.cladhe5.org/?lang=en>²⁴ .

Should you have any question, please send an e-mail to cladhe5@gmail.com²⁵ .

Conference on "What's Left? Marxism, Literature, and Culture in the 21st Century" (Lincoln, 2016)

21 July, 2016 — University of Lincoln, UK

Hosted by the Marx Research Seminar, University of Lincoln, College of Arts, School of English & Journalism

Keynote speakers:

- **Stuart Sim**, Professor of English (Northumbria University), recently retired

- **Paul Crosthwaite**, Senior Lecturer in English Literature (University of Edinburgh)

²⁴<http://www.cladhe5.org/?lang=en>

²⁵<mailto:cladhe5@gmail.com>

The powerful historical narrative developed by Neoliberalism across the last forty years has sought to challenge the intellectual and political relevance of contemporary Marxism. With the inception of the global financial crisis, however, Marxism is experiencing something of a cultural renaissance, with Marxist approaches to today's crisis-ridden global capitalism appearing increasingly relevant.

This conference aims to think about the contemporary state of Marxist literary criticism, theories of culture, and to consider the relevance of Marxism to contemporary left politics.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- 20th & 21st Century fiction, poetry, drama
- The 'unhappy marriage': Marxism and Feminism
- 19th century realism
- Utopia/ dystopia
- Marx, science-fiction, revolution
- Social class and political drama
- The political aesthetics of Capitalism, Socialism and Communism
- Marx's legacy and historical relevance
- Methodology and philosophy

Papers will be 20 minutes, with 3 presenters per panel. Panel proposals are welcome.

Abstracts of 250-300 words, with an accompanying short bio, to be sent to Marx Research seminar, (marxresearch@lincoln.ac.uk²⁶)

Conference registration will open after the deadline for abstracts.

Conference organisers are currently in contact with publishers to produce a special issue journal and edited collection.

Conference organisers: Andrew Rowcroft, John F. Davies, Grace Harvey, Tom O'Brien

Deadline for abstracts: 31st March 2016

²⁶<mailto:marxresearch@lincoln.ac.uk>

EAEPE Annual Conference: "Industrialisation, socio-economic transformation and Institutions" (Manchester, 2016)

3-5 November, 2016 — Manchester, UK

EAEPE's major annual event will be held at **Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU)** from **3-5 November 2016**.

The main conference theme of the **28 Annual Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy** will be on "**Industrialisation, socio-economic transformation and Institutions**"

One Keynote Speaker is already confirmed, **Prof. Bill Cooke** from University of New York and the second one will be announced soon.

Call for Papers

The 28 EAEPE Annual Conference will take place in Manchester on 3-5 November 2016. The conference theme is inspired by the historical legacy of the Industrial Revolution that has made Manchester a pre-eminent industrial metropolis of the world. The theme invites contributors to consider social and economic implications of industrialisation, deindustrialisation and transformation with particular attention to those institutions that flourish and decline around industries and manufacturing.

Following the usual EAEPE format, all scholars are invited to submit a paper on either the conference theme or one of the 22 EAEPE Research Areas. Abstracts (300-750 words) should be submitted electronically via <http://eaepe.org>²⁷ and should include the following: the name(s), email address, and affiliation of the authors, along with the name and code of the closest relevant Research Area (see website). Following a notification of acceptance, a full paper will be invited.

The local organizers and co-chairs Dr. Andrea Bernardi (MMU) and Dr. Olga Kuznetsova (MMU) are happy to host this academic event, please feel free to contact them:

Academic queries: Dr. Andrea Bernardi (a.bernardi@mmu.ac.uk²⁸), Dr. Olga Kuznetsova (o.kuznetsova@mmu.ac.uk²⁹)

Administrative queries: eaepe2016@mmu.ac.uk³⁰

Following **Important Dates** should be noted:

²⁷<http://eaepe.org/>

²⁸<mailto:a.bernardi@mmu.ac.uk>

²⁹<mailto:o.kuznetsova@mmu.ac.uk>

³⁰<mailto:eaepe2016@mmu.ac.uk>

- **January 31, 2016:** abstract submission opens
- **May 15, 2016:** abstract submission deadline
- **June 18, 2016:** notification of acceptance; registration opens
- **July 31, 2016:** early registration closes
- **September 14, 2016:** late registration closes (for authors to be included in the scientific programme).
- **October 01, 2016:** full papers submission deadline.

Conference Fees

The conference fees and the EAEPE membership fees are denominated in Euros and are paid on the website of the association.

Members' regular rate:

- by July 15, 2016 - 190 €
- after July, 15 2016 - 250 €

Non-members' regular rate:

- by July 15, 2016 - 270 €
- after July, 15 2016 - 330 €

Members' special rates:

- PhD/Masters students 90 €
- Subsidized fee - 100 €

Some preliminary information on the Venue

The conference will take place at Manchester Metropolitan University Business School, All Saints Campus, Oxford Rd, Manchester, M15 6BH. This is a 5 minutes walk from Oxford Road train station or a 15 minutes walk from Piccadilly station.

Please find more detailed information in the attached 1 Call for Papers and visit our website for further updates!

More details: <http://eaepe.org>³¹

Feminist Economics: Special Issue on "Sustainability, Ecology, and Care"

*Feminist Economics*³² invites papers for a new special issue on 'Sustainability, Ecology, and Care'.

Caring, both in the practical sense of hands-on carework and in the emotional and ethical sense of "caring about," has been a central focus of feminist economics. Feminist economists have reclaimed care as a subject of economic analysis, delving into its implications for economic methodology and advocating for appropriate support for carework activities directed toward the young, very old, and ill. Feminist economists have at times also engaged with the pressing problem of environmental deterioration – exemplified by crises such as climate change, species extinction, and water scarcity – but the analysis is not as advanced. Ecological economics has at times incorporated questions of gender in its analyses, but here again the inquiry is limited.

Yet, while the fields of feminist and ecological economics have engaged in only limited ways to date, they have much in common. They strive to get recognition for essential services that are unaccounted for by markets (emotional work, nature's life-support services), and they are developing alternatives to the exploitation of people and nature. We believe that a more thorough cross-fertilization between the fields of feminist economics and ecological economics could open new horizons. To bring more attention to this agenda, *Feminist Economics* invites submissions to a planned special issue on sustainability, ecology, and care.

The special issue is planned for print publication in January 2018 (with advance online publication in 2017). *Feminist Economics* especially welcomes contributions from the Global South and transition economies.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Can an ecologically sustainable economy also be socially sustainable and just, especially regarding gender
 - Taking this question a step further: Can the pursuit of ecological concerns work as a justice lever, that is, as an opportunity to reduce disparities in human development?

³¹<http://eaepe.org/>

³²<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rfec20/current>

- To what extent can feminist analyses of care for people be extended to care for the environment?
- To what extent can concepts and methods developed within ecological economics — for example, the ideas of resilience, incommensurability of values, uneconomic growth – enrich feminist economics?
- How are men’s and women’s approaches to sustainability, ecology, and care shaped by economic and cultural circumstances?
- Are there policy agendas – such as changes in patterns of working hours – that could serve both feminist and ecological ends?
- Are there commonalities in the sources of resistance – among economists, other social scientists, policymakers and the public – to recognizing feminist and ecological concerns?
- Are there points of important difference between feminist and ecological approaches? Can they be reconciled, or not?

Submission details

Please send paper titles and abstracts (up to 250 words) along with your name and institutional affiliation, telephone, and email address to the to the Guest Editors at feministeconomics@rice.edu³³, **no later than 15 February 2016**. Indicate “Sustainability” in the subject line. (Queries should also be directed to the Guest Editors at this email address.)

If the Guest Editors approve the abstract, the complete manuscript will be due by **31 July 2016** and should be submitted to *Feminist Economics* through the [submissions website](#)³⁴.

Papers must be clearly written in English and not exceed 10,000 words, including tables and references. They must also adhere to [journal style and formatting](#)³⁵. For questions about these procedures, please contact feministeconomics@rice.edu³⁶, +1.713.348.4083 (phone), or +1.713.348.5495 (fax).

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³³[http://mailto:%20feministeconomics@rice.edu](mailto:%20feministeconomics@rice.edu)

³⁴<http://www.feministeconomics.org/pages/author-instructions/submission-manuscripts/>

³⁵<http://www.feministeconomics.org/pages/author-instructions/style-guidelines/>

³⁶<http://feministeconomics@rice.edu>

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History and Economics Session @ the 2016 Scottish Economic Society Conference (Perth, 2016)

18-20 April, 2016 — Perth, UK

The History of Economic Thought Society is sponsoring once more a session at the Annual Conference of the Scottish Economic Society focused on themes relating to the historical dimensions of economics, be it in their exploration of economic history, of the history of economics and of economic thought, or of topics allied to these fields of inquiry.

Extended abstracts (2-3 pages) or full papers should be submitted via email to m.klaes@dundee.ac.uk³⁷

Deadline: ;; Monday, 4 January 2016 ;;

Paper selections will be communicated to authors by the end of January.

Matthias Klaes, University of Dundee
Ioannis Theodossiou, University of Aberdeen

<http://thets.org.uk/>³⁸
<http://scotecon.org/>³⁹

International symposium on "Social and Solidarity Economy – Ukrainian Option" (Kiev, 2016)

28 January, 2016 — Kyiv, Ukraine

UKRAINIAN ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS CENTRE OF SOLIDARITY ECONOMY STUDIES

³⁷<mailto:m.klaes@dundee.ac.uk>

³⁸<http://thets.org.uk/>

³⁹<http://scotecon.org/>

Working language: English, Ukrainian

International Symposium will be held in Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

- The symposium welcomes proposals for sessions and presentations of any of the following themes:
- Paradigm of social and solidarity economy (SSE);
- World experience of creating the SSE;
- Core values of SSE;
- History, theory and strategy of SSE;
- Cooperation and solidarity in SSE;
- Democratic governance, autonomy from states;
- Profit-maximizing business and marketization;
- Legal and normative aspects of SSE;
- Economic principles of SSE – market, redistribution and reciprocity;
- Scaling of SSE: horizontal, vertical and transversal;
- Forms of social entrepreneurship;
- Green Economy & Sustainable Development; 13. Intercontinental network for the promotion of social and solidarity economy

We welcome individual paper proposals and panel/roundtable proposals as well – please contact organization committee to enquire about this. Each 105-minute panel/roundtable should comprise five papers/presenters plus a discussant who may also act as panel/roundtable chair.

Please submit abstracts and proposals as an e-mail attachment to ugouaem@ukr.net⁴⁰ before January 15, 2016

Abstracts should be up to 500 words (word- document). They should be single spaced and use 14 point Times New Roman font. They should consist the author or authors' full name, affiliation and e-mail address.

⁴⁰<mailto:ugouaem@ukr.net>

Symposium coordinators:

- Prof. Dr. Anton Filipenko
- Oleg Plaksii
- Contact E-mail: ugouaem@ukr.net⁴¹

Left Forum Annual Conference: "Rage, Rebellion, Revolution: Organizing our Power" (New York City, 2016)

20-22 May, 2016 — John Jay College for Criminal Justice, The City University of New York City, US

We send you solidarity greetings and the latest information for the next conference. It would be great if you could forward this information. In case you live not too far away, we also would be happy if some of you are interested in joining our volunteer team either to prepare the conference and/or onsite this year, see our volunteer opportunities [here](#)⁴².

The 2016 Left Forum conference theme is: **Rage, Rebellion, Revolution: Organizing our Power**

This year's Left Forum from May 20th to 22nd, 2016 at John Jay College for Criminal Justice, The City University of New York City will offer something fundamentally different from conventional politics and from this year's presidential election mainstream media hype. The Left Forum will gather and build on the growing consciousness that basic social problems are sharpening in ways that traditional politicians, journalists, and academics rarely admit and do not even begin to solve. The Left Forum will again engage the forces and movements making basic progressive social change the big issue that will no longer be kept out of the public discussion.

The left now generates an increasingly powerful and effective criticism of contemporary capitalism and the mushrooming social problems it worsens. Ever more people are becoming active: from Occupy Wall Street to Black Lives Matter and the Fight for \$15; from escalating climate justice demands to the massive national support for Bernie not despite but because he wears the label socialist. Something profound is shaking.

From the streets and the offices, from campuses, factories, and stores, disgust with traditional society, politics, rules, and conventions is growing. The left starts there to build a program for change. We can do better than capitalism and its catastrophic wars. We reject the corporate dominance that corrupts our politics while delivering endless cycles of depressions, unemployment, and austerities. Our fellow citizens share our horror at

⁴¹<mailto:ugouaem@ukr.net>

⁴²<http://www.leftforum.org/content/volunteer-and-internship-opportunities>

the grotesque inequalities of today's corporate system: its discrimination's against and oppressions of vast populations and its destruction of our environment. There are far better alternatives. Join us to share, discuss, and debate those alternatives and how best to achieve them.

In Solidarity,

Marcus Graetsch
Program Coordinator
Left Forum

Panel Submission Deadline: **March 28th 2016**. We ask that you submit your panel, workshop, panel track proposals or panel ideas as soon as you can.

For inquiries, contact panels@leftforum.org.⁴³

Helpful links:

- to see instructions on how to submit a panel: [Click here](#)⁴⁴
- to see panels from previous years: [see past conference panels](#)⁴⁵ . - see our volunteer opportunities [here](#)⁴⁶ .

About Left Forum:

Left Forum, now in its 12th year, has grown from a gathering of hundreds to a convergence of 1,200 speaker and over 4,500 people attending. It is the largest annual gathering of the broad Left in North America, if not on the globe.

This is a pluralistic, ecumenical event, and highlights dialogue over doctrine, diversity and common interests over competition and recruitment, and respect for differences in finding common bonds in social movement building. It is the largest annual gathering of its kind for diverse intellectual and activist currents in the progressive and left spectrum of politics, ideas, and culture. Recent speakers include Harry Belafonte, Angela Davis, Bolivian Vice President Álvaro García Linera, Arundhati Roy, Noam Chomsky, Naomi Klein, Immortal Technique, Kshama Sawant, Oliver Stone, Amy Goodman, Cornel West, Slavoj Zizek, and Grace Lee Boggs.

⁴³<mailto:panels@leftforum.org>

⁴⁴<http://www.leftforum.org/panels/criteria>

⁴⁵<http://www.leftforum.org/events/main>

⁴⁶<http://www.leftforum.org/content/volunteer-and-internship-opportunities>

The Evolution of Institutional Complexes: A Biological Turn in the Study of International Institutions? (Quebec City, 2016)

September 31st - October 1st, 2016 — Quebec City, Canada

ANALYTICAL THEME

This workshop seeks to break new ground in research on international institutions by borrowing concepts from evolutionary ecology to study institutional complexes. Applying ecological metaphors such as “complex systems”, “ecological niches”, “fractal patterns”, “punctuated equilibrium”, and “resilience,” we highlight the systemic and multifaceted feedback effects among populations of institutions and the ways in which these shape their evolution and adaptation. By drawing parallels between evolutionary ecology and regime complexes, the workshop will provide a rare opportunity to discuss the benefits and limits of biological metaphors for international studies.

We welcome proposals inspired by evolutionary ecology and looking at the structural and systemic characteristics of institutional complexes and their evolution. Contributions should be original, offer a clear theoretical argument, and provide empirical support.

WORKSHOP FORMAT

As for previous WIRE editions (www.wire-series.org⁴⁷), the number of participants will be limited to twenty, full papers will be distributed long before the event, and authors will only speak at the closure of the one-hour group discussion of their paper. This format offers an opportunity for in-depth discussions, provides authors with detailed feedback, and allows participants to get acquainted in an informal setting.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

To submit a proposal, send a one-page summary, a biographical note, and full contact information by email to institutional.complexes@gmail.com⁴⁸ by January 11th, 2016. Authors will be informed by the selection committee of its decision by January 15th. Selected candidates are expected to send a complete version of their papers (between 7.000 and 10.000 words) by September 1st, 2016. Due to the format of the workshop, authors who fail to send their paper on time will have to be removed from the program.

PRACTICAL DETAILS

Meals and accommodation will be covered for all participants. Upon request, we will also provide a financial contribution for travel costs. When submitting your proposal, please indicate whether you want to apply for such funding and indicate your city of

⁴⁷<http://www.wire-series.org>

⁴⁸<mailto:institutional.complexes@gmail.com>

departure. There is no registration fee.

PUBLICATION

The organizers intend to publish a selection of papers as a special issue in a leading peer-review journal. Previous WIRE editions have led to special issues in *Global Governance*, *Cooperation and Conflict*, the *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, and *International Studies Review*.

ORGANIZERS

- Jean-Frederic Morin(Laval University, Canada)
- Laura Gomez-Mera (University of Miami, United States)

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WINIR-Symposium on "Property Rights" (Bristol, 2016)

4-6 April, 2016 — University of Bristol, Bristol, UK

Property rights are a **central institutional feature of all politico-economic systems** where markets play a major role, and a key item of political controversy between liberal and socialist positions. The **role of property rights** in matters ranging from **interpersonal exchange** and **power to innovation** and **economic development** is debated across several academic disciplines, including economics, history, law, politics, philosophy and sociology. The growing importance of intellectual and other **intangible property in modern capitalism** has further provoked important ongoing theoretical and policy discussions, part of which revolves around the very meaning of **property as opposed to possession**.

⁴⁹<mailto:institutional.complexes@gmail.com>

Bringing together internationally leading institutional researchers from several disciplines, the **WINIR Symposium on Property Rights**, hosted by the University of Bristol's Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, will address these and other related issues. The Symposium will open in the afternoon of Monday 4 April and end in the afternoon of Wednesday 6 April.

Keynotes lectures, representing three academic disciplines, will be given by:

- [Benito Arruñada](#)⁵⁰ (Pompeu Fabra University, economics)
- [Gunnar Heinsohn](#)⁵¹ (University of Bremen, sociology)
- [Larissa Katz](#)⁵² (University of Toronto, law)

Abstract submissions from any discipline are welcome.

Unconfined to any single academic discipline or any particular methodology, WINIR accepts contributions from any approach that can help us understand the nature and role of institutions. WINIR aims to promote creative conversations across disciplinary boundaries in order to build an adaptable and interdisciplinary theoretical consensus concerning core issues, which can be a basis for cumulative learning and scientific progress in the exciting and rapidly-expanding area of institutional research.

Submit an abstract [here](#)⁵³ .

Submissions will be evaluated by the **WINIR Scientific Quality Committee**: **Peter Boettke** (George Mason University, economics), **Simon Deakin** (University of Cambridge, law), **Geoff Hodgson** (University of Hertfordshire, economics), **Timur Kuran** (Duke University, economics), **Uskali Mäki** (University of Helsinki, philosophy), **Katharina Pistor** (Columbia University, law), **Sven Steinmo** (European University Institute, politics), **Wolfgang Streeck** (Max Planck Institute Cologne, sociology).

Abstract submission deadline: **31 December 2015**

For more information about WINIR please visit www.winir.org⁵⁴ or follow WINIR on Twitter [@winir2013](https://twitter.com/winir2013)⁵⁵ .

⁵⁰<http://www.arrunada.org/>

⁵¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gunnar_Heinsohn

⁵²<http://www.law.utoronto.ca/faculty-staff/full-time-faculty/larissa-katz>

⁵³http://winir.org/?page=events&side=symposium_2016&sub=abstract_submission

⁵⁴<http://www.winir.org>

⁵⁵<https://twitter.com/winir2013>

Call for Participants

“EU Trade Policy at the Crossroads: between economic liberalism and democratic challenges” (Vienna, 2016)

4-6 February, 2016 — Vienna, Austria

Invitation to International Conference on EU Trade Policy

ÖFSE – Austrian Foundation for Development Research in cooperation with EAEPE – European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy and the EuroMemo Group – European Economists for an Alternative Economic Policy in Europe will convene a conference under the title of „**EU Trade Policy at the Crossroads: between Economic Liberalism and Democratic Challenges**” on February 4 – 6, 2016 in Vienna, Austria.

The conference wants to contribute to the trade policy debate by promoting (i) an interdisciplinary analysis of the current EU trade regime and its likely economic, social and political impacts both within the EU and on an international level, and by facilitating (ii) a multi-stakeholder debate on alternative conceptualizations of trade and trade policy in the EU.

We would like to **invite trade activists and policy-makers from civil society, trade unions, and other political organisations to participate in the conference**, as the primary aim is to facilitate an exchange between two important communities - the community of critical scholars and researchers on trade policy and the community of trade policy-makers and trade activists. We have received almost 60 papers, which cover topics such as the impacts of TTIP, ISDS, regulatory cooperation, social and labor issues with regard to trade, the impact of EU trade policy on developing countries, alternative conceptualizations of trade policy etc. Invited speakers feature Stephen Gill (York University), Sheila Jasanoff (Harvard University), Penny Clarke (EPSU), John Hilary (War on Want) and others.

Due to limited space, we kindly ask you to register until 15 January 2016 at <http://www.oefse.at/veranstaltungen/trade-policy-conference/registration/>⁵⁶ .

More information can be found on the [conference website](#)⁵⁷ . An overview of the invited speakers is available [here](#)⁵⁸ .

⁵⁶<http://www.oefse.at/veranstaltungen/eu-trade-policy-conference/registration/>

⁵⁷<http://www.oefse.at/veranstaltungen/eu-trade-policy-conference/>

⁵⁸<http://www.oefse.at/veranstaltungen/eu-trade-policy-conference/invited-speakers/>

Further questions may be directed to tradeconference2016@oefse.at⁵⁹ .

Job Postings

Radboud University, Netherlands

Job Title: Assistant Professor in Institutional Economics

- Location: Nijmegen
- Full Time
- Education: Doctorate
- Job number 27.18.15
- About employer: [Radboud University](#)⁶⁰

Job Description

As Assistant Professor of Institutional Economics you are part of the Chair of Economic Theory and Policy at the Department of Economics and Business Economics of the Nijmegen School of Management. The position includes both teaching and research tasks. You will provide high-quality courses in institutional economics, public economics, labor economics, and environmental economics in the Bachelor's programme in Economics and the Master's programs Economics and Policy and International Political Economy. This includes the supervision of Bachelor's and Master's theses. Furthermore, you will conduct high-quality research in the field of institutional economics, public economics, labour economics, and environmental economics.

The Chair of Economic Theory and Policy stands at the crossroads of the exchange between economists and non-economists in regard to economic theory and policy. It fulfills an important role in that it facilitates the exchange between academics and non-academics on issues of economic theory and policy. The chair functions as a bridge between Radboud University and several policy circles, but also between the study of economics and other faculty departments.

Requirements

⁵⁹<mailto:tradeconference2016@oefse.at>

⁶⁰<https://www.academictransfer.com/employer/RUN/>

You should hold a PhD in economics, or be close to completion of a PhD. You should have the potential to build a record of excellence in both teaching and research in economics in general and institutional economics in particular. This should be evidenced by (i) good teaching evaluations, (ii) a willingness to complete the Junior University Teaching Certificate (if not already obtained) within the first four years of your contract, and (iii) a pipeline of submissions, revise-and-resubmits and publications in leading international journals in the field of institutional economics. Experience with the acquisition of research funds would be a plus.

You must be fluent in both spoken and written English.

Conditions of employment

the successful candidate will be offered a six year tenure track position as Assistant professor

- you will be appointed as an Assistant Professor (UD) in the Dutch university job-ranking system (UFO)
- Radboud University offers a dynamic position in an attractive working environment and has excellent conditions of employment, including an attractive retirement scheme, financial child care compensation, and (partly paid) maternity leave
- a gross salary between € 3,366.00 and € 4,608.00 (scale 11), depending on experience and qualifications;
- Applicants from abroad moving to the Netherlands may qualify for a special tax relief, by which 30% of their salary is tax free.
- Female candidates are explicitly invited to apply.

Contract type: Temporary

Link to the job advert is available [here](#)⁶¹ .

Roskilde University, Denmark

Job Title: Position for Professor (MSO) 'EU and social policy'

Applications are invited for a professorship with special responsibilities (MSO) within the field of 'The European Union and social policy' in the newly established Institute of

⁶¹<http://www.academictransfer.com/31198>

Social Sciences and Business, Roskilde University. The position is available from April 1 2016 or as soon as possible thereafter.

In its research strategy for 2013-2016, the Institute gives priority to a number of research areas. The position will be linked either to the research area 'Politics, Governance and Democracy', and/or to the area 'Regional and Global Transitions in wealth, power and security'.

Applicants matching the following profile will be preferred:

- Consolidated research profile within the study of the EU's social dimension, EU governance, and welfare policy carrying over in a promising line of future research.
- Consolidated teaching experience within the field of European public policy, comparative welfare state (analysis), and European social policy.
- Demonstrated ability to attract external research funding.
- and keen interest and experience in project-based teaching and teaching in an interdisciplinary environment.

Responsibilities and tasks:

The professor's special responsibilities relate to the development of 'The European Union and social policy' as a key research and teaching area in the Institute. The professor MSO's duties will primarily include research (including publication/academic dissemination duties) and research-based teaching (with associated examination duties) especially in the following teaching programmes: 'International public administration and politics', 'Public administration and politics', and the social science bachelor programs. In addition, the position includes a duty to share knowledge with society at large. Furthermore, the Professor MSO is expected to manage research, provide guidance and supervision of PhD students and assistant professors as well as take active part in academic assessments, actively engage in external fundraising to increase funds for the Institute, and fulfil other tasks requested by the Institute.

The successful candidate is expected to:

- Do research and engage in research cooperation within the field of 'The European Union and social policy' meeting high international standards.
- Develop and show academic leadership by developing and managing core actively contribute to the development of the research profile of the Institute.
- Actively engage in external fundraising to increase funds for PhDs, post docs etc. at the Institute.

- Actively participate in research management (including initiating and leading research projects/programmes).
- Play an active role in developing new teaching methods.
- Contribute to the administrative responsibilities of the Institute and to RUC-wide tasks.
- Actively participate in the Institute's communication with the broader public.
- Take responsibility for the long-term well-being of the department.
- And promote RUC's academic reputation.

Qualifications:

Applicants must hold a PhD degree or equivalent in an appropriate field. Qualifications within the following scientific areas are required:

- Documented teaching qualifications or other material for the evaluation of your pedagogical level.
- Documented research production at an international level, including high level of publications in the field's internationally most recognized journals

You are also required to be enterprising and to possess good interpersonal skills and to be a visible, active participant in the institute's daily activities, in addition to being willing to engage in disciplinary and interdisciplinary collaboration across the department.

Successful candidates who do not speak Danish (or possibly Swedish or Norwegian) will be requested to acquire the necessary skills in Danish within the first two years of service, so as to ensure that they can participate satisfactorily in teaching activities as well as in academic and administrative activities at the University. At the time of appointment, successful candidates must master English for academic purposes. Potential applicants from outside Denmark will find information about life in Denmark (taxation, healthcare etc.) [here](#).

Assessment:

In the assessment of the candidates consideration will be given to;

- Research topic (including the fit between the Department's research strategy and the applicant's research profile).
- Scientific production and research potential at a high international level.

- Experience in teaching and education development and management.
- The ability to attract funds.
- The ability to promote and utilize research results.
- And the ability to contribute to development of the department's internal and external cooperation.

Questions:

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Head of Institute, Peter Kragelund. Tel. +45 4674 3335, e-mail: jpk@ruc.dk⁶² or director of the study program Bodil Damgaard, tel. + 45 4674 2251, email: bodam@ruc.dk⁶³ .

Terms of employment:

The position will be filled according to the Agreement between the Danish Ministry of Finance and the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations (AC). The position is covered by the Protocol on Job Structure.

Commencing salary will be for professor mso minimum DKK 528.000 per year (1st April 2014 level) plus pension contribution (17,1 %).

The professorship with special responsibilities (MSO) is a category where the appointment is limited to a -year period. On the expiry of the professorship period, the appointee is ensured employment and remuneration as an associate professor.

Read more about the recruitment process at Roskilde University here.

Application:

To apply for the position go to RUCs homepage: www.ruc.dk/en/job/vip/⁶⁴ . Please open the relevant job advertisement and click on the button "Apply for vacancy here", which is found below the job advertisement.

Only applications in English are accepted.

Applications must include:

1. Cover letter
2. CV with documentation of education.

⁶²<mailto:jpk@ruc.dk>

⁶³<mailto:bodam@ruc.dk>

⁶⁴<http://www.ruc.dk/en/job/vip/>

3. Teaching portfolio (read more about teaching portfolio at Roskilde University here.)
4. A complete list of publications.
5. Co-author declaration.
6. A maximum of 7 relevant scientific works that you want included in the assessment.
7. A brief description (2-3 pages of your plans for development of the academic field in regard to both research and education, including a short description of how you view your qualifications in relation.
8. A short description stating your most important scientific work relevant to the position and your contribution to such work (2-3 A4 pages)
9. Documentation of additional research qualifications, including
 - experience in research management or other managerial functions
 - track record in fundraising

Please submit your application no later than January 15 2016.

Material received after this date will not be taken into consideration.

The New Economics Foundation, UK

Job Title: Chief Economist

Salary: negotiable and depending on experience

Dynamic and uniquely respected, the New Economics Foundation (NEF) is the UK's leading independent think tank promoting social, economic and environmental justice.

NEF understands the interlinked and systemic nature of the biggest issues we face today: from escalating economic inequality to runaway climate change. It is an organisation highly regarded not just for its ground breaking research, but the way it works in partnership with organisations and communities to put its ideas into action. Through the excellence of its research and its pioneering thought leadership, NEF continues its mission to build a new economy – one which truly serves the interests of people and the planet.

We currently have a vacancy for a Chief Economist. This is a high profile role with crucial responsibilities for strengthening NEF's public profile and policy impact. The post holder will embed a critical understanding of economics across all aspects of NEF's work, including in: our research projects and policy advocacy; external engagement with media, decision-makers and opinion formers; training; movement building; and campaigning.

The successful candidate will provide strategic vision, delivery and leadership on economic policy and research at NEF, enhancing and developing NEF's external profile, its influence and impact. They will combine academic credentials with demonstrable experience of high-level research and analysis in the field of economics (both heterodox and orthodox) and a track record of effective external engagement with the media, and high-level opinion formers and decision makers.

Although this role is being advertised as full-time and based in our London offices, we welcome the opportunity to discuss a flexible working pattern, and would encourage you to explore the flexible working options we are able to offer during the interview process.

Deadline for applications: 9AM, Monday 25th January 2016

Interviews: First round: Tuesday 2nd February. Second round: Monday 8th February

[Click to download the job description](#)⁶⁵

[Click to download the application form](#)⁶⁶

[Click to download the equal opportunities form](#)⁶⁷

Job Title: Economist/Policy Analyst – Financial Reform (Economy and Finance programme)

Salary Range: £28k – £34k p.a

Are you interested in the systemic causes of the challenges the world is currently facing? Are you concerned by economic injustice and environmental degradation? NEF (the New Economics Foundation) is the UK's leading 'think and do tank' focused on building an economy that is socially just and environmentally sustainable. We are seeking an exceptional individual to join our team at the leading edge of new thinking about financial system reform.

You will play a leading role in our work on banking reform as well as providing key

⁶⁵http://b.3cdn.net/nefoundation/db7a16daf34f4a6bb3_ggm6bnfeq.pdf

⁶⁶http://www.neweconomics.org/page/-/ChiefEconomist_Applicationform.doc

⁶⁷<http://www.neweconomics.org/page/-/Application%20form%20EQUAL%20PPS.docx>

empirical research inputs to our work on monetary policy and other issues. You will provide robust quantitative research in support of NEF's projects whilst also having the opportunity to help develop and build support for our policy positions, as well as working with others across civil society to strengthen the movement for financial reform.

You will be highly numerate with first class quantitative research and data analysis skills, alongside strong influencing and relationship building abilities and a passion for building a better financial system. A good working knowledge of the financial system is essential; direct experience working in or with financial institutions, and/or a formal training in economics, are highly desirable.

We especially welcome applications from women, BAME candidates, and people under-represented in this field.

Deadline for applications: 9AM, Thursday 7th January 2016

Interviews: Friday 15th January 2016

[Click to download the job description⁶⁸](#)

[Click to download the application form⁶⁹](#)

[Click to download the equal opportunities form⁷⁰](#)

For more information about any of our available roles please write to Lois Fiander, NEF, 10 Salamanca Place, London, SE1 7HB or email recruitment@neweconomics.org

NEF is an equal opportunities employer and particularly welcomes applications from under-represented groups and from a diversity of backgrounds and experience. NEF also welcomes flexible working and job shares.

University of Southern Mississippi, US

Job Title: Assistant Professor of Economics

- Section: US: Full-Time Academic (Permanent, Tenure Track or Tenured)
- Location: Hattiesburg, Mississippi, UNITED STATES

⁶⁸<http://www.neweconomics.org/page/-/Job%20description.pdf>

⁶⁹<http://www.neweconomics.org/page/-/Application%20form.doc>

⁷⁰<http://www.neweconomics.org/page/-/Application%20form%20EQUAL%20PPS.docx>

- JEL Classification: 00 – Default: Any Field
- Department: Political Science, International Development, and International Affairs

The University of Southern Mississippi invites applications for three tenure-track positions in any field in economics to begin in August 2016. Teaching at the lower-division level could include a one-semester, policy-based survey course, which is part of the general education core and micro- or macroeconomics principles courses primarily populated with business administration majors. Upper-level courses include intermediate theory and field courses in the candidate's area of specialization.

The Economics program at The University of Southern Mississippi is housed within the Department of Political Science, International Development and International Affairs. In addition to the Economics undergraduate program, the department also houses an interdisciplinary PhD program in International Development.

Candidates are expected to maintain an active research agenda. In addition to teaching and research, all faculty members are expected to engage in service to the department, college, university and community.

As an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer/Americans with Disabilities Act institution, The University of Southern Mississippi encourages minorities, women, veterans and persons with disabilities to apply.

To apply and to see complete job application, go to jobs.usm.edu⁷¹ .

Application deadline: 01/01/2016

Link to the job advert is available [here](#)⁷² .

University of the Witwatersrand, South-Africa

Job Title: Senior Lecturer / Lecturer in Development Economics

- Remuneration: A competitive salary package will be offered.

⁷¹<http://jobs.usm.edu>

⁷²https://www.aeaweb.org/joe/listing.php?JOE_ID=2015-02_111453703&issue=2015-02&keyword_search=southern§ion=0&jel=all&country=all&recent_only=Show+all+listings+published+since+August+1%2C+2015&from=2015-08-01&to=2015-12-08&listings_order_by=institution_a&lpp=50&x=0&y=0

- Department: Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management

The School of Economic and Business Sciences (SEBS) is one of five schools in the Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management at the University of the Witwatersrand. SEBS offers an active research environment and delivers undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Economics; Marketing; Information Systems; Human Resources Management; Management; Finance; and Insurance and Risk Management. For further information please visit our website at www.wits.ac.za/sebs⁷³.

This position is affiliated with the Development Theory and Policy (DTP) postgraduate programme located in the Economics division. DTP was created in 2010 and has established itself as a leading heterodox programme in development economics; it is a core member of the Erasmus Mundus international Masters ‘Economic Policies in the Age of Globalization’ (EPOG – www.cepn-paris13.fr/epog/). The focus of the programme is on providing critical insights to key economic policy issues in order to stimulate innovative research and policy responses. The teaching is research-led and draws on the expertise of academics associated with the Corporate Strategy and Industrial Development (CSID) research programme. The DTP is a unique programme in South Africa offering core economics training, a focus on development, and research training, all within a pluralist framework.

At the level of Senior Lecturer, the candidate must have a PhD in Development Economics or related fields such as Economics, Political Economy and Development Studies. The successful applicant is expected to teach postgraduate courses in the field of DTP, particularly relating to microeconomics and trade and industrial policy within a development context. The successful applicant will also do research and publish in the field, supervise postgraduate students and participate actively in the running of the School through academic citizenship activities.

At the level of Lecturer, the candidate must be close to completing a PhD and have a Masters in Development Economics or related fields such as Economics, Political Economy and Development Studies. The successful applicant is expected to teach postgraduate courses in the field of DTP, particularly relating to microeconomics and trade and industrial policy within a development context. The successful applicant will also participate actively in the running of the School through academic citizenship activities.

For questions related to this post and to the DTP programme, you may contact the programme director, Dr. Nicolas Pons-Vignon: Nicolas.Pons-Vignon@wits.ac.za⁷⁴

To apply: submit a covering letter, a detailed CV with names, addresses and contact details of three contactable referees and certified copies of degrees/diplomas via the Wits i-Recruitment platform located at <https://irec.wits.ac.za>⁷⁵.

⁷³<http://www.wits.ac.za/sebs>

⁷⁴<mailto:Nicolas.Pons-Vignon@wits.ac.za>

⁷⁵<https://irec.wits.ac.za>

Closing date: 15 January 2016

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Candidates who have not been contacted by the 15th of February 2016 can consider their applications unsuccessful. In accordance with our employment equity goals and plan, preference will be given to suitable applicants from designated groups, as defined in the Employment Equity Act, 55 of 1998 and subsequent amendments thereto. The University of the Witwatersrand reserves the right not to make an appointment and to verify all information provided by candidates.

Awards

EAEPE-Kapp Prize 2016

Dear friends and colleagues,

on behalf of the Council of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE), I am happy to inform you that, like every year, EAEPE currently invites submissions of a recently published article for the annual ***EAEPE-Kapp Prize*** competition.

EAEPE is the largest pluralist economic association in Europe, and will announce the Kapp Prize winner at its ***Annual Conference in Manchester (UK) on 3-5 November 2016***.

More information on EAEPE and its initiatives can be found at <http://www.eaepe.org>⁷⁶

All papers, normally not exceeding 12000 words, are eligible for the EAEPE-Kapp Prize, if published in a scholarly journal in the past 2 years (i.e. no older than 1 January 2014 for the 2016 competition).

The closing date to submit a paper is ***31 January 2016***.

Only one entry per author will be considered, and applicants must be paid-up members of EAEPE for the year of the competition (i.e. 2016).

Any member of the EAEPE Council, or Trustee of the Foundation for European Economic Development (FEED) serving at any time from 1 January of the year before the year of competition to 1 July of the year of the competition inclusive, shall be ineligible to participate.

⁷⁶<http://www.eaepe.org>

To submit a paper, please send a PDF version (including any relevant annex) at carlo.dippoliti@uniroma1.it⁷⁷ or send five non-returnable paper copies at Carlo D'Ippoliti, Sapienza University of Rome, Viale Regina Elena 295, 00161 Rome, Italy

Elinor Ostrom Prize Shortlist 2016

The 2016 Elinor Ostrom Prize will be awarded for the best full-length article published in the *Journal of Institutional Economics*⁷⁸ in 2015. The jury consists of Bruno Amable, Christopher Coyne, Thrainn Eggertsson, William Milberg, and Malcolm Rutherford. The winner will be announced at the annual conference of the [World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research](#)⁷⁹, in Boston, MA, USA from 2-5 September 2016.

The five shortlisted entries for the 2016 prize:

- Roger Koppl, Stuart Kauffman, Teppo Felin, and Giuseppe Longo, “Economics for a creative world” JOIE 11(1), March 2015
- Ugo Pagano and Massimiliano Vatiello, “Costly institutions as substitutes: Novelty and limits of the Coasian approach” JOIE 11(2), June 2015
- Frank Hindriks and Francesco Guala, “Institutions, rules, and equilibria: A unified theory” JOIE 11(3), September 2015
- Giovanni Dosi and Luigi Marengo, “The dynamics of organizational structures and performances under diverging distributions of knowledge and different power structures” JOIE 11(3), September 2015
- Cass R. Sunstein and Reid Hastie, “Garbage in, garbage out? Some micro sources of macro errors” JOIE 11(3), September 2015

These five articles can be downloaded free [HERE](#)⁸⁰.

⁷⁷<mailto:carlo.dippoliti@uniroma1.it>

⁷⁸<http://www.millennium-economics.com/p15.htm>

⁷⁹http://myweb/replace_link_href/9

⁸⁰<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displaySpecialArticle?jid=JOI&bespokeId=13824>

JSPE-Routledge Book Prize winner 2015

The Japan Society of Political Economy (JSPE) is pleased to announce the winner of the 2015 JSPE-Routledge Book Prize.

The JSPE is an interdisciplinary association devoted to the study, development, and application of political economy to social problems. It has been the largest organization of heterodox economists in Japan since its foundation in 1959, providing important occasions for developing and debating ideas about capitalism and its dynamics. The book prize is financially supported by Routledge, which is the world's leading academic publisher in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The prize promotes the study of heterodox economics throughout the world with the aim of challenging the dominant position of orthodox neo-liberal economics among economists and policy-makers. The prize will be awarded to a living political economist based on his or her "lifetime achievement" as embodied in a distinguished book (or books) which reflects the analytical perspectives represented by the Japan Society of Political Economy.

The 2015 JSPE-Routledge Book Prize winner

The 2015 prize winner is Professor Makoto Itoh (The University of Tokyo) based on his two books *Political Economy for Socialism, Macmillan, 238 pages, 1995*, and *The Japanese Economy Reconsidered, Palgrave, 153 pages, 2000*.

Professor Makoto Itoh started his academic career with his doctoral research on business cycle and crisis. He worked out the formation of Marx's crisis theory mainly by comparing *Grundrisse, Theories of Surplus Value* and *Capital*. He found that the labour shortage type of over-accumulation theory of crisis was presented for the first time in *Capital*, and that the credit system played an important role in *Capital*. His doctoral dissertation was published in 1973 as *Credit and Crisis* and was highly acclaimed in Japan.

A turning point in Professor Itoh's career came when he had an opportunity to undertake research in 1974-75 in the UK and the USA. A renaissance in the study of Marx in the field of economics had been underway in these countries and in Europe since 1970; however, this renaissance was little known to Japanese economists. At the same time, the substantial body of Japanese contributions to Marxist economics were little-known by Western colleagues. Considering this situation, Professor Itoh made an effort to build connections between Western and Japanese political economy. In his attempts to bridge the Western and Japanese traditions, he helped to expand the scope and depth of scholarly exchange among Marxian scholars.

Among his own scholarly achievements, contributions in four major areas should be highlighted, as follows.

In his earlier works Itoh contributed to the theory of value and the theory of credit and crisis (*Value and Crisis*, Monthly Review, and Pluto, 1980, and *The Basic Theory of Capitalism*, Macmillan, 1988). On value theory, following Kozo Uno, Professor Itoh dimensionally distinguishes prices of production as a form of value and labour-time embodied in commodities as the substance of value. Professor Itoh's three-tables approach in the transformation problem starts from the first table on the substance of value produced, and arrives at the third on the substance of value acquired through the second on the prices of production deducted from the first. He argued that Marx's propositions of equality between total value and total prices, as well as between total surplus value and total profit, should be understood as concerning the relations between the first and the third table, not between the first and the second. He also presented new interpretations of negative value and negative surplus value, and also of complex labour. Second, on the theory of credit and crisis, he clarified the relationship between the Marxist political economy of money and finance and crisis theory, and emphasized the role of growing speculative trading and credit mechanism in bringing about the end of prosperity.

On contemporary capitalism (Itoh 2000), he demonstrated that an underlying cause of the end of high post-World War II economic growth, and of the 1973-75 economic crisis which followed it, was the over-accumulation of capital in relation to the inelastic supply of both of labour power and primary products. He then argued that the advances in information technology that accompanied the process of restructuring induced three reversals in the historical pattern of capitalist development that had prevailed during the 20th century: (1) capital investment became lighter and flexibly mobile, thus intensifying competition and globalization; (2) trade unions weakened as workers were more flexibly (and irregularly) employed; (3) the role of the state was reduced, as the era of neoliberalism emerged.

Finally, Professor Itoh applied his theory of value and crisis to the basic issues of socialism (Itoh 1995). Adopting his theory of the transformation problem, he argued that if Lange's method of trial and error method is used to achieve equilibrium prices in a socialist economy – and thus to achieve a full “s-wage model of economy,” wherein the entire net national product is initially distributed among workers – then the relationship between embodied labour time and socialist prices can be fully specified. He also argued that his theory of money and finance could be applied to the socialist economy. Building a stages theory of socialist development, Professor Itoh clarified that a single model of socialism should not be defined as a uniquely correct scientific path to be followed; various possibilities for socialism might be chosen by people according to their social and historical conditions.

In sum, Professor Itoh has, during the course of his career, extended Marx's theories as well as Uno's theories so as to contend with important issues in political economy.

In so doing, he has made contributions that offer useful guidance for identifying better futures for people around the world. His intellectual achievement richly merits the JSPE Routledge Book Prize; it is a pleasure to award the 2015 Prize to Professor Makoto Itoh.

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Mark Blaug Student Essay Prize Winners 2015

The annual Mark Blaug Essay Prize is for undergraduates or recent graduates, for critical essays on modern economics. Click [HERE](#)⁸² for details.

The 2015 entries were judged by Lord Robert Skidelsky. The following two prizes are awarded for the two (downloadable) essays:

First Prize (£500), **Milan Quentel** (Witten-Herdecke University, Germany) ” [The history of economic thought and its role for rethinking economics](#)⁸³ ”

Second Prize (£300), **Florian Rommel** (Cusanus Hochschule, Germany) ” [Performing pluralism in economics: A discourse in need of the performative turn?](#)⁸⁴ ”

Mark Blaug Young Scholar Prize 2016

The Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics invites submissions from Young Scholars for the 2016 Mark Blaug Prize.

This annual academic prize is intended to promote and reward research by Young Scholars in the history, ethics, methodology and philosophy of economics. It is named in honour of Mark Blaug, a founder of the field of philosophy and economics, whose generosity and commitment to Young Scholars was recognized by all who knew him. The prize includes a cash sum of 500 Euros.

Submissions must be received by December 31st.

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For more information visit <http://ejpe.org/mark-blaug-prize/>⁸⁵

Thomas Wells
Chair, Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics⁸⁶

WIWA Young Scholar Award for Pluralism in Economics 2015 - Prize Winners

The Witten Institute for Institutional Change (WIWA) has awarded the inaugural WIWA Young Scholar Award for Pluralism in Economics, endowed by a member of the Witten/Herdecke University (UW/H) Board of Trustees, to [Dr. Eduard Braun](#)⁸⁷ (TU Clausthal) und [Dr. Robert Lepenies](#)⁸⁸ (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin).

The [WIWA](#)⁸⁹ understands the WIWA Young Scholar Award for Pluralism in Economics as a signal of encouragement for younger economists in Germany to break new ground in teaching and research with verified contributions to the methodological and thematic diversity in economics.

Pluralism in Economics refers here to the diversity of theoretical approaches and normative positions; nominations are generally not tied to any particular schools of thought. The only criteria are originality and creativity of published papers.

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Books and Book Series

Combating Inequality: The Global North and South

Edited by Alexander Gallas, Hansjörg Herr, Frank Hoffer, Christoph Scherrer — 2016, Routledge

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Economic inequality has recently gained considerable academic attention. However, two important aspects of inequality have not been discussed systematically: its multidimensional nature and the question of what can be done to reverse it. This book offers insights from scholars representing the Global Labour University, which operates in Brazil, Germany, India, South Africa and the US. They analyse the various drivers of inequality, assess policy responses, and discuss counterstrategies.

The main findings of this book are that rising levels of inequality cannot be addressed only with the standard policies responses, namely education, redistribution and ‘green growth’. In addition, the way markets currently function needs to be corrected. The chapters in this volume focus on specific fields of contemporary capitalism where important drivers of inequality are located, for example, the labour market; the financial system; the tax system; multi-national corporations; and gender relations. Other chapters discuss in detail where political opportunities for change lie. They critically assess existing countermeasures; the idea of a ‘green economy’ and its implications for inequality; and existing campaigns by trade unions and new social movements against inequality. In line with the global nature of the problem, this book contains case studies on countries both from the north and south with considerable economic and political weight.

This book provides academics, political practitioners and civil society activists with a range of ideas on how to drive back inequality. It will be of interest to those who study political economy, development economy and labour economics.

Link to the book is available [here](#)¹⁹⁵ .

Ethics in Economics: An Introduction to Moral Frameworks

By Jonathan B. Wight — 2015, Stanford University Press

This book develops a pluralist account of ethics at work in economic life. Written for the general reader and undergraduate student, the book is accessible and engaging. Pluralist ethics explores the interrelated systems of outcome-based, duty and rule-based, and virtue-based ethical approaches that solve problems of asymmetric information and moral hazard. *Ethics in Economics* provides an up-to-date account, demonstrating how ethical institutions work in combination to lower transaction costs and address issues of trust and commitment.

The book examines a range of topics, such as the 2008 financial crisis, the moral limits to markets, the findings of experimental economics, and the nature of economic justice. The book demonstrates how the neoclassical welfare theory of preference satisfaction is

¹⁹⁵<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9781138916852/>

ethically incomplete and subject to misuse. The foundational work of Adam Smith's moral sentiments model appears throughout the text.

Link to the book is available [here](#)¹⁹⁶ .

Exit from Globalization

By Richard Westra — 2016, Routledge

Exit from Globalization moves from theory to practice: from questions of where incorrigible knowledge of substantive economic life derives and how that knowledge is put towards making a progressive, redistributive, eco-sustainable future of human flourishing.

Westra discards at the outset views that the root of current economic ills is the old devil we know, capitalism. Rather, he maintains the neoliberal decades spawned a "Merchant of Venice" economic excrescence bent upon expropriation and rent seeking which will scrape all the flesh from the bones of humanity if not stopped dead in its tracks. En route to providing a viable design for the human future in line with transformatory demands of socialists and Greens, Westra exorcizes both Soviet demons and ghosts of neoliberal ideologues past which lent support to the position that there is no alternative to "the market".

Exit from Globalization shows in a clear and compelling fashion that while debates over the possibility of another, potentially socialist, world swirl around this or that grand society-wide scheme, the fact is that creative future directed thinking has at its disposal several *economic principles* that transformatory actors may choose from and combine in various ways to remake human economic life. The book concludes with an examination of the various social constituencies currently supporting radical change and explores the narrowing pathways to bring change about.

Link to the book is available [here](#)¹⁹⁷ (20% discount - enter the code "FLR40" at checkout).

Post-Keynesian Essays from Down Under: Volume I-IV

By Joseph Halevi, G.C. Harcourt, Peter Kriesler and John Nevile — 2015, Palgrave Macmillan

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Volume I: Essays on Keynes, Harrod and Kalecki

- Theory and Policy in an Historical Context

Joseph Halevi, Geoff Harcourt, Peter Kriesler and J. W. Nevile bring together a collection of their most influential papers on post-Keynesian thought. Their work stresses the importance of the underlying institutional framework, of the economy as a historical process and, therefore, of path determinacy. In addition, their essays suggest the ultimate goal of economics is as a tool to inform policy and make the world a better place, with better being defined by an overriding concern with social justice.

Link to the volume is available [here](#)¹⁹⁸ .

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Volume III: Essays on Ethics, Social Justice and Economics

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Link to the volume is available [here](#)²⁰⁰ .

Volume IV: Essays on Theory

- Theory and Policy in an Historical Context

Joseph Halevi, G. C. Harcourt, Peter Kriesler and J. W. Neville bring together a collection of their most influential papers on post-Keynesian thought. Their work stresses the importance of the underlying institutional framework, of the economy as a historical process and, therefore, of path determinacy. In addition, their essays suggest the ultimate goal of economics is as a tool to inform policy and make the world a better place, with better being defined by an overriding concern with social justice.

Link to the volume is available [here](#)²⁰¹ .

Real World Macro, 32nd edition.

Real World Macro is a lively, thought-provoking supplement to introductory and intermediate macroeconomics textbooks. *Real World Macro* asks the big questions that standard textbooks try to avoid: What's so great about growth? Is unemployment *natural*? Why should inequality matter?

Along with covering the basics—monetary and fiscal policy, productivity and investment, inflation and unemployment—*Real World Macro* also looks at the so-called debt crisis, debates about taxes and their effects on macroeconomic outcomes, and arguments for and against "free trade." Chapter introductions help students review the concepts examined in each article, and discussion questions help students relate macroeconomic theories to the latest real-world issues.

Real World Macro's engaging articles are drawn from the pages of *Dollars & Sense*, the leading magazine of popular economics.

Link to the book is available [here](#)²⁰² .

²⁰⁰<http://www.palgrave.com/page/detail/postkeynesian-essays-from-down-under-volume-iii-essays-on-ethics-social-justice-and-economics-joseph-halevi/?sf1=barcode&st1=9781137475312>

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Real World Micro, 22nd edition.

Real World Micro is a great supplement to any mainstream introductory textbook. In addition to presenting alternative perspectives on the basics—supply and demand, production and consumption decisions, market structure and monopoly, market failure and the roles of government—*Real World Micro* relates theoretical principles to current controversies about income distribution, environmental protection, taxes, labor, trade, and (in a new "Policy Spotlight" chapter) intergenerational equity.

Organized to follow the outline of a standard economics text, each chapter leads off with a brief introduction, including study questions for the entire chapter, to help students relate the articles to the theories in standard textbooks. Its contents provide vivid, real-world illustrations of key economic concepts.

Real World Micro's well-researched, readable articles are drawn from the pages of *Dollars & Sense*, the leading magazine of popular economics.

Link to the book is available [here](#)²⁰³ .

Book Reviews

Oiling the Urban Economy: Land, labour, capital, and the state in Sekondi-Takoradi

Oiling the Urban Economy: Land, labour, capital, and the state in Sekondi-Takoradi²⁰⁴, Ghana, by Franklin Obeng-Odoom, New York, NY: Routledge, 2014; ISBN: 978-0-415-74409-6, 192 pages.

Reviewed by Frances Osei-Bonsu, Denison University

Heterodox Graduate Programs, Scholarships and Grants

²⁰³<http://www.dollarsandsense.org/bookstore/infomicro.html>

²⁰⁴<http://www.heterodoxnews.com/HEN/attach/hen190/Osei-Bonsu-review.pdf>

2 PhD scholarships in digital labour analysis & digital ideology critique at University of Westminster (CAMRI)

The Westminster Institute for Advanced Studies and the Westminster School of Media, Arts & Design are pleased to offer two PhD Studentships, consisting of a fee waiver and annual stipend of £16,000 for three years. The Studentship will commence in September 2016, and is available to applicants with a Home (UK) or EU fee status.

The Westminster Institute for Advanced Studies (WIAS) is a new institute at the University of Westminster. It is an academic space for independent critical thinking beyond borders. The WIAS's aim is to foster and disseminate advanced studies that generate insights into the complex realities and possibilities of the contemporary world. The WIAS first research focus is critical social media research. Professor Christian Fuchs is the Institute's director.

We welcome proposals that fit into the WIAS's research framework of critical social/digital media research and give particular focus to the theoretical and empirical analysis of particular questions having to do with a) the political economy of digital labour or b) the ideology critique of social media data and discourses.

The Communication and Media Research Institute (CAMRI) is one of the leading research groups in media and communication. Its work has been rated by the UK Government's 2014 Research Excellence Framework as 52% 4* (world leading), and 35% 3* (internationally excellent). We have over 20 research active staff and 70 PhD students.

We have a wide and expanding range of research interests, centered on three main research groups in social media, media policy and industries and media history. We have established centres for the study of the media in China, India, the Arab world and Africa. In the broadest sense we are interested in the social, economic, political and cultural significance of the media, and welcome proposals from prospective students on these or any other topic related to media and communication.

Eligible candidates will hold at least an upper second class honours degree and a Master's degree. Candidates whose secondary level education has not been conducted in the medium of English should also demonstrate evidence of appropriate English language proficiency, normally defined as 6.5 in IELTS (with not less than 6.0 in any of the individual elements).

Entry requirements ²⁰⁵

The Studentship consists of a fee waiver and a stipend of £16,000 per annum. Successful candidates will be expected to undertake some teaching duties.

²⁰⁵<http://www.westminster.ac.uk/courses/research-degrees/entry-requirements>

Prospective candidates wishing to informally discuss an application should contact Professor Christian Fuchs, c.fuchs@westminster.ac.uk²⁰⁶ or Dr Anthony McNicholas, mcnichc@westminster.ac.uk²⁰⁷.

The closing date for applications is 5pm, 21 January 2016

[Application and Application Guidelines](#)²⁰⁸

All details about the PhD program are available [here](#)²⁰⁹.

EPOG Erasmus Mundus Program: Call for Application

The main objective of the EPOG Master's course is to give birth to a new generation of international experts, able to define and assess economic policies and evolve within different political, social and regional contexts. Towards this objective the EPOG Master's Program goes beyond the reach of standard economic theory to include various heterodox approaches that may have more to say about the challenges facing national policy makers in a globalized context.

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- Kingston University,
- the Berlin School of Economics and Law,
- the University of Witwatersrand (South Africa)
- the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro,
- the University of Massachusetts (Amherst),
- Seoul National University.

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²⁰⁸<http://www.westminster.ac.uk/courses/research-degrees/research-areas/media-arts-and-design/apply>

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The very best students from all over the world will be eligible for **scholarships awarded for 2 years** by the European Commission, based on our selection:

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- The « **Partner countries** » **scholarships** for students from all the other countries;
- **Additional scholarships for specific « windows » countries** (see www.epog.eu²¹⁰).

WHEN TO APPLY?

Deadline for students who are applying for Erasmus Mundus scholarships will be the **January 6, 2015**.

The course will start in September 2016.

Note two recommendation letters are needed to apply and have to be provided by the deadline.

More information available at www.epog.eu²¹¹

ESRC Collaborative Research Studentships

The Department of Political Economy at King's College London is now inviting applications for an ESRC Collaborative Doctoral Studentship, based in the Department in collaboration with The Gatsby Charitable Foundation.

The scholarship is for research into the capacity of the UK system of vocational education and training (VET) to provide the technician-level skills required by the UK manufacturing sector, especially in industries where methods of production are being transformed through the use of new technology.

For details, please see:

- <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/assets/PDF/graduate-school/ESRC-Collaborative-LEWIS.pdf>²¹²

²¹⁰<http://www.epog.eu>

²¹¹<http://www.epog.eu>

²¹²<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/assets/PDF/graduate-school/ESRC-Collaborative-LEWIS.pdf>

- <http://www.gatsby.org.uk/education/about/gatsby-technical-education-phd-studentships>²¹³

Websites

New Blog Site from the Department of Development Studies, SOAS, University of London

The Department of Development Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, has just launched a new blog: <https://blogs.soas.ac.uk/development-studies/>²¹⁴

The Department has a particular focus on the political economy of development; migration and refugee studies; labour and social movements; aid and development policy; globalisation and neoliberalism; agrarian change and rural development; violence, security and conflict; and the political ecology of environment and development.

The Department combines unrivalled expertise of regional development in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East and Latin America with an outstanding reputation for the study of non-Western development processes and systems of thought. It is known for its heterodox views and critical engagements with development topics.

New Blog Site on post-Keynesian economics

Greg Hannsgen's Economics Blog, greghannsgen.org was launched in December. This economics blog will feature analysis, charts, interesting links, book reviews, and interactive Wolfram CDFs (tm), which allow the reader to explore the implications of changing the assumptions that lie behind an economic model. The blog will focus on macro, money, finance, and energy-related issues from a broadly post-Keynesian perspective. See the blog site for more details. Hannsgen is formerly of the Levy Institute policy blog multiplier-effect.org.

Calls for Support

²¹³<http://www.gatsby.org.uk/education/about/gatsby-technical-education-phd-studentships>

²¹⁴<https://blogs.soas.ac.uk/development-studies/>

Economists' statement concerning the refugee crisis

Dear colleagues,

Economists are signing a statement calling on the UK Government to urgently adopt a fair and humane approach to the refugee crisis. Economists are well placed to point out the dysfunction and unacceptable cost in human suffering and lost lives of the current approach.

Signatories to the economists' statement so far include Baron Mark Malloch Brown, Professor Sir Richard Jolly, Professor Emeritus John Weeks and Jonathan Portes (signing in a personal capacity).

Who can 'sign'?

We are asking economists who are either based in Britain, or who have published work concerning the British economy, to endorse the statement . To maximise the weight given to the statement, we are limiting signatories to those who either work in the fields of economics or public policy or who, if in academia, have a doctorate in economics or a closely related field.

How to 'sign'

If you feel able to support this initiative, I would be very grateful if you would endorse the inline statement by emailing me, b.j.burchell@magd.cam.ac.uk²¹⁵, cc economists4refugees@gmail.com²¹⁶, using the subject heading 'Economists' statement concerning refugee crisis'. Please would you state your workplace, professional title and any other title.

Circulation and confidentiality

I would be very grateful also if you would circulate to other economists who you believe may be supportive.

The intention is to go public in the UK press once we have a substantial number of signatories but to maintain this initiative confidential until ready to go to press (likely to be in late January 2016). I would be very grateful therefore if you could refrain from circulating this beyond economists, and refrain from mentioning this on social media.

The genesis of the 'four refugee principles'

The 'four refugee principles' contained in the economists' statement (below) were initially developed by policy specialists and lawyers working in the refugee field. These principles were then endorsed, in October, by over three hundred judges and lawyers. Signatories

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²¹⁶<mailto:economists4refugees@gmail.com>

to the judges' and lawyers' statement included the former President of the UK Supreme Court; three other retired law Lords; the former President of the European Court of Human Rights; five retired Court of Appeal Judges; the former Director of Public Prosecutions; the former Head of the Government Legal Service; and the former Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation. (For details of the judges and lawyers' statement, see <http://www.lawyersrefugeeinitiative.org/>²¹⁷ . ; for examples of the press coverage, see <http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/12/too-low-too-slow-too-narrow-conservatives-asylum-policy-criticised>²¹⁸ or <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-34502419>²¹⁹).

There is now a wider campaign of endorsements by civil society groups for the 'four refugee principles'. We hope that this statement will form a prominent part of that campaign.

THE STATEMENT

*This statement is signed by *** economists.*

We believe that the UK's response to the refugee crisis is seriously inadequate.

The costs in human wellbeing of the refugee crisis, however calculated, are so extremely high that it is morally unacceptable for the UK not to pay a fuller part in taking in refugees.

The UK's current offer of 20,000 resettlement places spread over five years, only open to those still outside the EU, and only open to Syrians, is too low, too slow and too narrow.

As the world's fifth largest economy, the UK can do far more. The UK in its recent history has taken in far higher numbers of asylum seekers and refugees and at far greater speed and managed it well (some 85,000 people claimed asylum in the UK in 2002 alone, for example).

Refugees should be taken in because they are morally and legally entitled to international protection, not because of the economic advantages they may bring. Nonetheless, it is important to note that the economic contribution of refugees and their descendants to the UK has been high (for example the Ugandan Asian refugees, whose arrival in Britain in 1972 was greeted with initial anxiety, went on to make an 'extraordinary contribution' to British life, as the Prime Minister has observed).

The Government's current policy is based on the misguided premise that refugees will be deterred from travelling to the EU by refusing to take in those who have arrived

²¹⁷<http://www.lawyersrefugeeinitiative.org/>

²¹⁸<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/12/too-low-too-slow-too-narrow-conservatives-asylum-policy-criticised>

²¹⁹<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-34502419>

and by refusing to offer safe or legal routes by which to come. That misunderstands the intolerable ‘push’ factors that are forcing people out of countries of persecution and from neighbouring countries in which a humanitarian disaster is escalating in the camps. It is the parallel of the Government’s earlier policy of trying to ‘deter’ travel by scaling down search and rescue in the Mediterranean- a failed policy which cost lives. Instead, the failure to offer safe, legal routes into the EU is forcing refugees to rely on the services of people smugglers and to risk death and injury; the failure to take in refugees from other EU member states is contributing to a further humanitarian disaster in the peripheral EU countries as winter nears.

Nor does the current lack of safe, legal routes into the EU for refugees protect security - rather it outsources immigration control to people smugglers and generates chaos, suffering and death at the EU’s periphery.

We therefore call on the UK government to urgently adopt a refugee policy which abides by the following four principles:

- 1. The UK should take a fair and proportionate share of refugees, both those already within the EU and those still outside it.**
- 2. Safe and legal routes *to* the UK, as well as to the EU, need to be established.**
- 3. Safe and legal routes *within* the EU, including the UK, should be established.**
- 4. There should be access to fair and thorough procedures to determine eligibility for international protection wherever it is sought.**

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