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Last week I was invited to a workshop initiated by the German Bertelsmann foundation to give a talk about the possible use of trade policy to foster 'inclusive growth' - a label introduced by the OECD to flag economic policy measures, which aim to ensure an equal distribution of the benefits associated with economic growth. This trip was interesting for at least three reasons.

First, I found that some people at the Bertelsmann foundation - which is traditionally conceived as a key player in creating and sustaining a neoliberal atmosphere in the German-speaking policy arena - are having second thoughts. These concerns are mainly due to the obvious decrease in social cohesion across Europe and within single European states. While they have not yet changed their general orientation, I had the impression they are honestly interested in alternative perspectives on economic issues, which seems to be a promising development.

Second, I came into contact with other interesting researchers, like [James B. Glattfelder](#)⁴ from the University of Zürich, whose paper on the „ [network of global corporate control](#)⁵ ” seems to be a must-read for heterodox economists. However, I also found that James, who is a physician by education, had next to no knowledge of heterodox economics (which will change soon, as James is now subscribing to this Newsletter...; hey James!). Against, this backdrop, I will use this opportunity to restate my claim that a closer alliance between heterodox economists and natural scientists working in the area of socio-economic modelling and analysis seems me to be a precondition for improving the status of economics as a scientific discipline. This maneuver will require patience on all sides, but it will eventually come with a nice pay-off.

Third, I also was confronted by a series of suggestions for fostering inclusive growth from mainstream researchers. While half of the mainstream researchers present at the workshop used the opportunity to state their belief that ‚inequality does not matter’ and, hence, also questioned the political legitimacy of ‚inclusive growth’ as a guiding concept, the other half was indeed trying to add constructively to the discussion. While one might argue that these proportions are still disturbing, I was pleasantly surprised to see German(!) mainstream economists acknowledging that increasing inequality exists and that this tendency might even pose an actual challenge for our economies and societies. As bad as it sounds: In Germany, that’s still quite unusual.

¹<http://www.heterodoxnews.com/n/htn192.html>

²<http://www.heterodoxnews.com/n/htn192.pdf>

³<http://heterodoxnews.com/hed>

⁴<http://www.jth.ch/jbg.html>

⁵<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1107.5728.pdf>

All the Best,

Jakob

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Call for Papers

13th International Conference Developments in Economic Theory and Policy (Bilbao, 2016)

23-24 June, 2016 — University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU, Bilbao, Spain

The Department of Applied Economics V of the University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU and the Cambridge Centre for Economic and Public Policy, Department of Land Economy, of the University of Cambridge, are organizing the **13th International Conference Developments in Economic Theory and Policy**.

Although papers on all areas of economics are welcome, there will be two Special Sessions with Invited Speakers on the topics of “Housing” and “Financial Liberalisation: Past, Present and Future”. Besides these Special Sessions, there will be two Keynote Speakers:

- Professor Luiz Carlos Bresser-Pereira (Professor Emérito da Fundação Getúlio Vargas) and
- Professor Irene van Staveren (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Suggestions for Organized Sessions are also welcome. An Organized Session is one session constructed in its entirety by a Session Organizer and submitted to the conference organizers as a complete package. A proposal of an Organized Session must include the following information:

- Title of the session, name and affiliation of the session organizer, name and affiliation of the person who will chair the session (if different than the organizer).
- Titles of the papers (3-4 papers), name, affiliation and contact information of the authors.

Besides Plenary, Organized and Normal Parallel sessions, there will also be Graduate Student Sessions where students making a MSc or a PhD programme can present their research. Participants in the Graduate Student Sessions will pay a lower conference fee.

At the conference, there will also be parallel sessions of Presentation of New Books. In this kind of sessions, authors will be able to introduce recently published books.

The **deadline** to submit Papers and ‘Organized Sessions’ is **25th May, 2016**.

The Journal *Panoeconomicus* (<http://www.panoeconomicus.rs>⁶) will publish a special issue with a selection of papers presented at the conference. The selection of the papers will be made by the Scientific Committee of the Conference. The final decision about the papers to be published will be subject to a process of anonymous evaluation.

For more information, you can contact with Jesus Ferreiro (jesus.ferreiro@ehu.eus⁷) or visit the conference website: www.conferencedevelopments.com⁸

⁶<http://www.panoeconomicus.rs>

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⁸<http://www.conferencedevelopments.com>

18th Conference of the Association for Heterodox Economics: "Alternatives to Austerity" (Glasgow, 2016)

7-9 July, 2016 — University of Glasgow, Scotland

The financial crisis of 2007-08 resulted in the conversion of substantial private debt into sovereign debt as the North American and European financial sectors were bailed-out. Following dated mainstream economic reasoning, austerity policies continue to be pursued, especially in the Eurozone, regardless of the costs imposed on the most vulnerable in society. This has brought into sharp relief the inadequacy of standard approaches that emphasise the economy as inherently stable and the incapacity of the current economic system to address its fundamental problems. The crisis and subsequent austerity policies have also raised a host of ethical issues revolving around the actions of governments, the financial sector, communities, individuals, and, the economics profession. The financial crisis has further revealed the reliance on conventional notions of growth to sustain mass consumption and as a vehicle for addressing recessionary pressures, largely ignoring concerns over environmental sustainability and increasing inequalities. In this context, heterodox economics needs to provide a compelling alternative narrative.

We welcome proposals for complete sessions and for individual papers – conceptual, applied and empirical – related to the theme of the conference as well as in all areas of heterodox economics:

- Theoretical contributions around alternatives to austerity
- The measurement of the costs of austerity
- Impact of austerity from the perspective of various schools of thought
- Country case-studies and empirical investigations on the impact of austerity
- Is austerity an opportunity to de-emphasise the growth rubric and emphasise distribution and a more environmentally sustainable economy?
- What are the ethical implications of austerity economics? Does the financial crisis and austerity signal the end of economics' reluctance to absolve itself from normative issues?
- The shape of a new economics
- Teaching an economics that is relevant
- Does economics need a new analysis of debt?
- A new Eurozone configuration or abandonment?

We are especially keen to ensure there are feminist, green, labour and development panels. We also warmly welcome proposals/abstracts for sessions and individual papers on any other heterodox economic topic. Refereed and non-refereed options will be available for your paper, so please state if you will want your paper to be refereed.

Abstract and Panel Submission

Please ensure that your submission indicates the track to which you wish to contribute.

The deadline for individual abstracts and session proposals: **Monday 29 February 2016**. Please email your abstracts to: t.dassler@westminster.ac.uk⁹. The deadline(s) for submitting completed papers – **31 March 2016** for papers to be refereed; **31 May 2016** for authors who do not wish their papers to be refereed.

Abstracts for **panel proposals** should be no more than 300 words in length. Abstracts for papers should be no more than 400 words in length

Please ensure that your abstract contains the names and affiliations of all authors.

Applications for bursaries to support attendance at the Conference will be welcomed from early career researchers. There will also be a prize for the best paper or poster submitted by an early career researcher.

More information is available at <http://hetecon.net>¹⁰

1st International Conference on "Cliometrics and Complexity" (Lyon, 2016)

9-10 June, 2016 — Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France

We are very pleased to announce the 1st international conference on "Cliometrics and Complexity" (CAC) organized by the CAC Team hosted by IXXI, the Complex Systems Institute in Rhône-Alpes (ixxi.fr). Given the multidisciplinary dimension involved in the project, the conference will be devoted to recent developments of complexity in economics, finance and history.

This conference will take place on the 9-10 June 2016, at the "Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon", campus Descartes, 15 Parvis René Descartes, 69007 Lyon, France (F 008). The conference will include plenary sessions with Keynote Speakers and several contributed communications. The present Open-Call is an invitation to submit proposals for contributed papers or sessions.

⁹<mailto:t.dassler@westminster.ac.uk>

¹⁰<http://hetecon.net>

Conference Theme: Complex Dynamics in Economics, Finance and History

The main goal of this conference is to stimulate new approaches to Cliometrics. The interaction between Cliometrics and Complexity raises at least 4 types of issues:

- Methodological issues, i.e. questions related to the choice of relevant and useful tools and methods.
- Epistemological issues, i.e. questions that are linked to the way researchers conceive their objects of research and the paradigms attached to them.
- Issues related to the heuristic scope of these alternative approaches to economic and social systems. More specifically, one of the key questions is how these new approaches enrich our understanding of some key features of these complex systems, such as complex causality, path dependency and irreversibility, emergent properties or self-organization; issues that are not necessarily seized by standard tools and methods.
- Finally it questions our capacity of producing models which are able to provide relevant prospective and useful expertise to policy-makers.

We want to promote collaborations between disciplines such as Cliometrics, Econometrics, Economic History, History, Social Science, Physics, Mathematics, Information, Data and Computational sciences. We think that the methodological exchanges between different academic fields are fundamentally beneficial for a renewed understanding of the underlying dynamics of historical and social systems and will enrich our knowledge of the past. For example, regarding the methodological aspects, the recent burst in the study of non-linear and/or non-stationary dynamics has led to a significant number of innovative approaches attempting to explain observed deviations from usual properties such as normality, simple correlations.

Regarding the topics, and without any exclusive, the monetary and financial history offers a rich field of investigation for testing tools from complexity. Indeed, history offers us many examples of financial market imperfections, nonlinearities, bubbles, anomalies. Applying these new tools to the understanding of large-scale crises should not be limited to financial and monetary aspects: A session or papers addressing epistemological and methodological aspects of complexity in Cliometrics would be welcome as well as complex approaches to alternative measurement of well-being and human capital. Any paper trying to address cliometrics of growth and development as complex systems evolving through the interaction of numerous factors as inequalities, path dependency, public debt are encouraged. How complex approaches in Cliometrics can enrich our understanding of economic systems, structures, institutions and government, and question standard assumptions and axioms in economics (equilibrium, maximization principle, optimality, efficiency, etc.)?

Papers or Sessions may involve topics including but not limited to: Money and Finance, Crises, Economic Growth and Development, Inequalities, Institutions, Historical Economics, Econometrics, Economic or Financial complexity, Social science. Insights from epistemological, methodological and heuristic views are equally welcome. Tools may come from fields such as Econophysics, Statistics, Non-linear Dynamics, Chaos, Non-stationary signal processing, Complex networks, Information theory, Random matrix theory, Multi-Agent modeling, Causality measurements,... with no limitation either.

Important dates

- **Deadline for submission: March 11, 2016**
- Decision to the authors: April 8, 2016
- Deadline for Registration: May 14, 2016

Please submit your abstract via [online submission form](#)¹¹ .

More information is available at the [conference website](#)¹² .

25th International Association for Feminist Economics Annual Conference (Galway, 2016)

24-26 June, 2016 — National University of Ireland - Galway, Ireland

Conference Theme: Gender Equality in Challenging Times

With the conference theme “Transitions and Transformations in Gender Equality” for the 25th IAFFE Annual Conference in 2016, IAFFE invites scholars and activists of feminist inquiry to reflect on “movements” in gender equality in the broadest sense of the term. The theme opens itself up to both theoretical and political advances in feminist thinking and practice, expanding the concept of intersectionality to capture transitions and transformations as well as tensions and challenges across socio-economic regimes, generations, institutions and borders. For instance, today feminist studies of intersectionality are compelled to account for the unprecedented challenges of cross-border movements due to war, arising from economic crises and climate change, of fundamental shifts in labour markets and welfare systems on care/social reproduction. Papers or roundtables may also address the intellectual contributions and transformation of IAFFE and the way IAFFE has been shaped by increasingly interdependent global relations. Panel proposals and individual paper submissions related to any aspect of feminist inquiry into economic issues are invited. Interdisciplinary approaches are welcome.

¹¹<http://cac2016.sciencesconf.org/user/submit>

¹²<http://cac2016.sciencesconf.org/>

Submissions: Abstracts must be submitted online via the IAFFE website (www.iaffe.org¹³) beginning in January 2016. Submissions can be made for roundtables, panels or individual papers. Participants are limited to one paper presentation and one roundtable or appearance on a panel. Additional co-authored papers are allowed only if they are presented by the co-author. These limitations will allow maximum participation by all members wishing to participate.

Please see the [IAFFE website](#)¹⁴ for detailed submission guidelines.

Deadline for Submission: The deadline for submissions is **April 4, 2016**.

Notification of Acceptance will begin March 15, 2016.

More details are available at the [university's website](#)¹⁵ or at [IAFFE website](#)¹⁶ .

30th Employment Research Unit (ERU) Conference: "Employers' Organizations and Employer Collective Action" (Cardiff, 2016)

15-16 September, 2016 — Cardiff Business School, Cardiff, UK

This conference focuses on **employers' organizations and other forms of employer collective action**. Collective organization by employers is both an established and, in certain respects, a growing feature of business systems. In many countries employers' associations continue to set industry-wide terms and conditions through collective bargaining with trade unions. In other contexts, where industry bargaining has collapsed, long-established employers' associations continue to exist but their function has changed and training initiatives and delivery of services to member firms have become more important. Other employer and business organizations lobby governments with the aim of influencing employment and labour policies. The past two decades have also seen the emergence of new forms of employers' organizations. These are single issue organizations which focus on CSR and equality and diversity, typically drawing their membership from across industry sectors. Employer Forums of this kind have become important employment actors in a number of countries in recent years, developing codes of practice to be followed by member businesses.

Collective action by employers assumes a variety of forms and embraces a range of activities. Employers' organizations offer services and represent the interests of their members, which include providing legal assistance, coordinating and organising joint training initiatives, lobbying government, networking, conducting collective bargaining,

¹³<http://www.iaffe.org>

¹⁴<http://www.iaffe.org>

¹⁵<http://www.nuigalway.ie>

¹⁶<http://www.iaffe.org/2016-annual-conference/>

providing assistance in implementing government policies, promoting the self-regulation of sectors and developing codes of conduct. Other collective employer activities are less formal and may be hidden from public view, taking the form of informal wage-setting or other coordinating practices. It is intended that the conference will map the diverse forms of employer collective action. Much of the work of employers' organization takes place at a national scale. However, specialized employers' organizations increasingly operate at an international scale, representing the interests of their members in global economic sectors or in the context of international organizations such as the European Union and International Labour Organization. It is intended that the conference will include papers that cover the different scales of collective action by employers, as well as contributions examining employers' organizations in both developed and emerging economies.

Contributions to the conference are also strongly encouraged to contribute to theory development. The study of employers' organizations is pertinent to a broad range of theory, including theories of collective action, institutional political economy in the Varieties of Capitalism tradition, the theory of elites, and to the emerging theoretical work on private, voluntary forms of regulation. Conference submissions that forge a strong connection to these or other bodies of theory are particularly welcome.

Despite the broad range of their activities and seeming importance of employers' organizations, collective action by employers is a subject that remains relatively underexplored. The overarching goal of the conference is to extend our theoretical and empirical understanding of these significant but neglected institutions.

Conference Submission

Please submit an abstract of no more 500 words via email to Leon Goberman (GobermanLM@cardiff.ac.uk¹⁷) by **May 15th 2016**. We will accept conference papers and send out further information for registering by June 1st 2016. Full papers should be submitted for distribution to participants by August 15th 2016.

Special Issue of Human Resource Management Journal

The Human Resource Management Journal (HRMJ) is committed to publishing a selection of papers from the conference. If you are interested in having your paper considered then it should be submitted to the journal's Manuscript Central web page (<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/hrmj>¹⁸) by December 16th 2016, indicating "Employers' Organizations and Employer Collective Action" as the special issue. Submissions will be peer-reviewed in the usual way. For further submission guidelines see the [HRMJ webpage](#)¹⁹ .

¹⁷<mailto:GobermanLM@cardiff.ac.uk>

¹⁸<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/hrmj>

¹⁹[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1748-8583](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1748-8583)

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If you would like to discuss paper ideas, please contact Leon Goberman (GobermanLM@cardiff.ac.uk²¹), Marco Hauptmeier (hauptmeierm@cardiff.ac.uk²²) or Ed Heery (heery@cardiff.ac.uk²³)

8th Annual PhD Student Conference of the Post Keynesian Study Group (Greenwich, 2016)

9 June, 2016 — University of Greenwich, UK

Call for papers

The Post Keynesian Economics Study Group (PKSG) is organizing its 8 Annual PhD Student Conference on 9 June 2016, 9am-7pm. The presenters will be PhD students, who are currently enrolled in a PhD programme, and are working on topics relevant to Post Keynesian economics and political economy. The aim is to give an opportunity to the students to present a draft paper out of their PhD dissertation, and receive feedback from the senior researchers as well as other students.

Please submit an abstract of a paper (about 250 words) and a brief cover letter describing your research interests, dissertation, and the name and email address of a referee (who could be your PhD supervisor) by email to phdconference.econ@greenwich.ac.uk²⁴ . The deadline for submissions is **5 April 2016**. Applicants will be informed by the end of April.

The PhD Student Conference will be followed on the 10 June 2016 by the Annual Workshop of the PKSG at the University of Greenwich, Queen Anne court, room QA080. All students are welcome to attend. See <http://www.postkeynesian.net/index.html>²⁵ for the previous workshops. A further attraction are the lectures by Dr. Maria Nikolaidi and Dr. Yannis Dafermos of the PKSG on “Post-Keynesian stock-flow consistent modelling: theory and methodology” and “Building a stock-flow consistent model in practice” (lab session) as part of an advanced PhD level series of lectures at the University of Greenwich on 8 June. For more details see <http://www.gre.ac.uk/business/research/centres/gperc/news>²⁶

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²⁵<http://www.postkeynesian.net/index.html>

²⁶<http://www.gre.ac.uk/business/research/centres/gperc/news>

Location

University of Greenwich, Queen Anne court, room QA080, Park Row, Greenwich, London SE10 9LS.

Accommodation

We are unable to make arrangements for accommodation. Ibis Hotel Greenwich is the closest accommodation; please arrange your own booking at <http://www.ibis.com/gb/booking/hotels-list.shtml>²⁷ .

Hardship funding

PKSG has set aside a fixed sum of hardship funding to assist with the accommodation and UK travel costs of students selected to present a paper at the conference (please note this does not include the costs of travel to the UK). If you are accepted and are unable to secure funding elsewhere, you are warmly encouraged to apply to the PKSG Secretary (Prof. Gary Dymski, G.Dymski@leeds.ac.uk²⁸) by email in the first instance, indicating your total UK travel expenses and the amount that you need to find from your own pocket. Applications should be made no later than 30 June 2015 and will then be considered as a group. If the requirement exceeds the fund available, the fund will be allocated pro-rata at the discretion of PKSG. If you are made an award, you will then need to present receipts before payment will be made, by bank transfer to a UK bank account, or otherwise by PayPal. Please note that there is no participation fee.

Organizing Committee

- Prof. Ozlem Onaran, University of Greenwich
- Prof. Gary Dymski, Leeds University
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Post Keynesian Economics Study Group (PKSG)

The PKSG was founded in 1988 by Philip Arestis and Victoria Chick with the support of

²⁷<http://www.ibis.com/gb/booking/hotels-list.shtml>

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the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). The purpose of the Study Group is to encourage collaboration among scholars and students of Post Keynesian economics, defined broadly as a theoretical approach that draws upon the work of Keynes, Kalecki, Joan Robinson, Kaldor, Kahn and Sraffa. This approach is distinguished by the central role of the principle of effective demand (that demand matters in the long run) and an insistence that history, social structure and institutional practice be embodied in its theory and reflected in its policy recommendations. These aims broadly correspond to those of Cambridge Journal of Economics, Journal of Post Keynesian Economics, Review of Political Economy and Intervention: European Journal of Economics and Economic Policies.

Bicentenary of "David Ricardo's Proposals for an Economical and Secure Currency" (London, 2016)

2-3 June, 2016 — SOAS, University of London, UK

Conference Theme: "Ricardo's monetary theory and policy two hundred years after Proposals for an Economical and Secure Currency"

The Scientific Committee:

- Ghislain Deleplace (University of Paris 8),
- Charles Goodhart (London School of Economics),
- David Laidler (University of Western Ontario),
- Maria Cristina Marcuzzo (University of Rome La Sapienza),
- Arturo O'Connell (Central Bank of Argentina),
- Susumu Takenaga (Daitobunka University, Tokyo) and
- Jan Toporowski (SOAS, University of London),

invites contributions to a conference to be held at SOAS, University of London on the 2-3 June 2016, to commemorate the bicentenary of David Ricardo's Proposals for an Economical and Secure Currency; with Observations on the Profits of the Bank of England, as they Regard the Public and the Proprietors of Bank Stock, published in 1816.

Organising Committee:

- Jan Toporowski (SOAS, University of London),

- Andrew Trigg (The Open University),
- Richard Van den Berg (Kingston University, London)

The conference is sponsored and supported by the Royal Economic Society, the Ricardo Society of Japan, and the Money and Development Seminar of SOAS, University of London. The conference will include a keynote address by Professor David Laidler, a conference dinner, a reception at Keynes' house in Gordon Square and visits to places associated with David Ricardo.

Proposals for an Economical and Secure Currency, published in 1816, provides the link between Ricardo's first monetary essays at the time of the Bullion Report, which made him known as an economist, and his plan for the resumption of note convertibility, which was adopted by Parliament in 1819. Enlarging a suggestion he had made in the fourth (1811) edition of his famous *The High Price of Bullion, a Proof of the Depreciation of Bank Notes*, Ricardo introduced two main novelties for Bank of England notes: they were to be convertible into bullion instead of coin, and their quantity issued was to vary inversely with the sign of the spread between the market price of gold bullion and the legal price at which it could be obtained (against notes) at the Bank. The object of this "Ingot Plan" was to substitute convertible notes for specie – in short to demonetise gold in domestic circulation. As James Bonar would put it one century later, this "complete Plan was to be the euthanasia of metal currency." Ricardo was so confident in his ideas that he quoted four full pages of *Proposals* in the second and third editions of *On Principles of Political Economy, and Taxation*, in an attempt to put the case for his plan in Parliament – with success in 1819, although temporarily: convertibility into coin was resumed in 1821 and no guideline for the issuing of notes was henceforth imposed on the Bank of England.

Ricardo's *Proposals* had afterwards to wait until the twentieth century to get recognition. In the nineteenth century, the Bank Charter Act of 1844 turned its back to them, by maintaining convertibility into coin and adopting a 100 per cent metallic backing as rule for the additional note issuing. The "Ingot Plan" was only revived in the 1880s by Alfred Marshall in the debate on bimetallism and in the 1890s by Alexander Lindsay in the context of reform of the monetary system in India. The latter connexion led John Maynard Keynes to praise it highly in *Indian Currency and Finance* in 1913 and to acknowledge that Ricardo had been the first to theorise the gold-exchange standard, by separating domestic circulation (exclusively of notes convertible into bullion) and foreign payments (in bullion). In Britain, it took more than a century to at last validate the ingot proposal when after WWI convertibility was resumed in 1925, without, however, breaking with the 1844 Bank Charter Act.

Contrasting the received association of Ricardo with monetary orthodoxy, *Proposals* thus convey an image of him far ahead of his time, with innovative solutions to guarantee the security of the currency, as emphasised in their title. This pamphlet focused on an

issue which the present crisis has brought back to the top of the economic agenda: the appropriate design of a resilient monetary system. On the occasion of the bicentenary of its publication, papers submitted to the conference are invited to examine various aspects of Ricardo's ideas and recommendations related to issues raised in Proposals, including the links to his other writings and to modern monetary theory and **policy**.

Deadline: One-page (500 words) abstracts should be sent no later than **29 February 2016** to Andrew Trigg, at A.B.Trigg@open.ac.uk²⁹

Notification of decision will be made on 15 March 2016 and the full paper should be available no later than 15 May 2016.

Fifth Biennial SUNY Binghamton Graduate Student Conference on World Historical Social Science (Binghamton, 2016)

15-17 April, 2016 — Binghamton, New York, US

The SUNY Binghamton Sociology Graduate Student Union invites graduate students from all disciplines to submit proposals for the Fifth Biennial Graduate Student Conference on World-Historical Social Science. Given the turbulent times we are in, the organizing theme of this conference is centered on **exploring the world-historical contexts of contemporary and past freedom struggles**. What do we mean by freedom struggles? Broadly – with room for interpretation and interpenetration – we mean movements such as anti-slavery rebellions, decolonization struggles, workers strikes, mass demonstrations, and aggressive mobilizations aimed at destabilization of society that emerged at different points in time to combat systems of oppression various peoples found themselves under. What were their interconnections? Their histories? Impacts? Their antecedents? Our department was founded with the goal of transcending the limitations of academic disciplines while generating conversation and active interlocution with radical movements, hence, we wish to bring together a multidisciplinary group of emerging scholars who are engaged in producing critical knowledge of and for these emancipatory projects. We are living in a time in which Black Lives Matter in the US build momentum, Kurdish radical forces desperately defend their autonomy in the “Middle East”, Maoist guerillas in South Asia continue their bid for power, students in South Africa protest continued racism and an ever-expanding neo-liberal regime and peasants across Latin America carry on their quest for land. In times such as these, our scholarship must transcend the ivory tower and speak to these potentially revolutionary struggles. In this spirit, we invite individual paper as well as panel proposals from researchers working on social movement formation in the past and present from an interdisciplinary, world-historical perspective.

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Papers and panel proposals concerning the following topics, but not limited to them, are welcome: Labor and Working Class Struggles – Past, Present and Future African, Black, and Caribbean Movements for Freedom (Slavery to Contemporary) Social Movements in the Middle East Latin American Struggles for Social Justice Radical Movements in South, Southeast and East Asia Gender, Sexuality, and Liberation Strategies for Organization Building

We also welcome presentations adopting critical political economic perspectives (on financial crisis, neo-liberalism anti-austerity politics, immigrant movements, etc.) as well as those dealing with Surveillance/Security/Policing. While it is not necessary for papers to deal explicitly with social movements, we strongly encourage presenters to highlight those aspects of their research and argument that are broadly relevant for the theme of the conference. Related topics are of course welcome.

Those interested in sending abstracts for consideration should send no more than 300 words to binghamtonconf2016@gmail.com³⁰.

The **deadline** for all submissions is **March 7th, 2016**, responses will be given no later than March 14th, 2016

Keynote Speakers (all Graduate Students): Nantina Vgontzas (Greece and Financial crisis), Maytha Alhassen (Interconnections between Arab and Black Internationalism) and Jennifer Mogannam (Palestinian movements).

History of Economics Society Annual Conference (Durham, 2016)

17-20 June, 2016 — Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

The 2016 meetings of the History of Economics Society will take place at the [Fuqua School of Business](#)³¹ on the campus of [Duke University](#)³² in Durham, North Carolina. Duke University is hosting this event, with support from the Department of Economics.

Papers dealing with any aspect of the history of economic thought are welcome, including work related to any period or any school of economic thought. Also welcome are papers that situate economics in wider intellectual and cultural contexts or relate it to other disciplines, and work related to the history of closely cognate disciplines.

Although we welcome proposals for individual papers, proposals for complete sessions are especially encouraged. Questions about proposals should be directed to the conference organizer, Mauro Boianovsky³³.

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[Click here](#)³⁴ to propose a paper or a session, or to submit an abstract for a paper that is part of a proposed session. You will be taken to a form designed and hosted by Conference Services at Duke University. If you propose a session, you will be asked to submit an abstract only for the session itself and to list the members of the session. Once you have submitted an abstract for a session, please then ask each member of the session to submit an abstract of his or her paper and to indicate (1) that it is part of a session and (2) the name of the session. The deadline for submitting paper or session proposals is March 1, 2016. (Note: If you receive the error message "This page cannot be displayed," you must update or change the browser you are currently using. Due to security reasons, out-of-date browsers will not be able to communicate with our registration software.)

The HES provides special support for up to 10 Warren J. and Sylvia J. Samuels Young Scholars to present papers at the conference, in the form of free registration, banquet and reception tickets, and a year's membership in the society. Five of the Young Scholars awardees will also receive a grant of \$500 to cover travel and accommodation costs. If you wish to have your paper considered for the Young Scholars program, please provide details of the date of your last degree (or your current graduate student status) when submitting your paper proposal and indicate that you wish to be considered for the Samuels Young Scholars program. A Young Scholar must currently be a Ph.D. candidate, or have been awarded a Ph.D. in the two years preceding the conference. **The deadline for applications is March 1, 2016.**

Contact

For more information about the conference, please contact the conference organizer, [Mauro Boianovsky](#)³⁵. If you have difficulties filling out and submitting the forms for proposing papers and sessions, registering for the conference, and so on, please contact [Jeremy Elmore](#)³⁶ of Duke Conference Services.

List of participants, Plenary Speakers, Conference Program, Registration Form and other details are available at the [conference website](#)³⁷.

International Conference "The Relevance of Keynes to the Contemporary World" (Torino, 2016)

13-15 October, 2016 — Fondazione Luigi Einaudi, Torino (Italy)

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³⁷<http://econ.duke.edu/events/events/conferences/history-of-economics-society-2016>

The **Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University**, the **Fondazione Luigi Einaudi, Torino**, and the **Department of Economics and Statistics “Cognetti de Martiis”, University of Torino**, invite young scholars to participate in the International Conference **“The Relevance of Keynes to the Contemporary World. Eighty Years since The General Theory”**.

Commemorating the **eightieth anniversary of “The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money” (1936)**, the Conference aims at exploring the continuing relevance of John Maynard Keynes’s economics at a time of profound crisis for both the global economy and economics as discipline. It therefore adopts a “history of economic thought” perspective to throw light on the current state of economic policy and theory, with a view to providing possible alternatives to the practical and theoretical shortcomings of the prevailing approaches.

The Conference program focuses on three main aspects:

- the radical novelty and still unexplored potential of **Keynes’s social philosophy and method**;
- Keynes’s insights for the **management of domestic economies** in the times of a global recession and European crisis;
- the suggestions of **global reform** that might arise from reconsidering Keynes’s plans for the postwar monetary system.

Robert **Skidelsky** (University of Warwick) will give the keynote lecture.

The list of confirmed **invited speakers/discussants** includes: Jörg **Bibow** (Levy Economics Institute), Anna **Carabelli** (Università del Piemonte Orientale), Mario **Cedrini** (Università di Torino), Peter **Clarke** (Cambridge University), Terenzio **Cozzi** (Università di Torino), John **Davis** (Marquette University and University of Amsterdam), Sheila **Dow** (University of Stirling and University of Victoria in Canada), Matthew **Evangelista** (Cornell University), Luca **Fantacci** (Università Bocconi), Ravi **Kanbur** (Cornell University), Jan **Kregel** (Levy Economics Institute), Ivo **Maes** (National Bank of Belgium), Roberto **Marchionatti** (Università di Torino), Maria Cristina **Marcuzzo** (Università di Roma – La Sapienza), Hirokazu **Miyazaki** (Cornell University), Louis-Philippe **Rochon** (Laurentian University), Francesco **Saraceno** (OFCE-SciencesPo), Lino **Sau** (Università di Torino), Dario **Togati** (Università di Torino), Vittorio **Valli** (Università di Torino), David **Vines** (Oxford University).

On Saturday (15) morning, the Conference will host a special session of 6/8 papers by **young scholars** (under 40 years of age). Young scholars are invited to submit their research works on one of the three main topics (or, in general, on the continuing relevance of “The General Theory” and Keynes’s economics) by sending an **abstract**

of about 400 words before **February 27, 2016**, to roberto.marchionatti@unito.it³⁸ and mario.cedrini@unito.it³⁹ .

Notifications of acceptance or rejection will be sent by **March 15, 2016**. There is **no registration fee**; travel expenses are the responsibility of authors of selected papers, whereas the **organisers will cover accommodation expenses**.

More details are available at the [conference website](#)⁴⁰ .

International Conference on "A Great Transformation? Global Perspectives on Contemporary Capitalisms" (Linz, 2017)

10-13 January, 2017 — Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria

Concept, questions, speakers, and issues of the conference

Ever since the global economic area opened up in the 1990s – and most recently, in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis – Karl Polanyi’s economic and cultural history of capitalism, published as *The Great Transformation* in 1944, has been attracting renewed attention. Given his deft analysis of the liberal creed or how he refers to labor, land, and money as fictitious commodities, Polanyi’s critique of capitalism has never disappeared from the discussion. However, the unleashing of the market – and more specifically, of financial markets – has resulted in his ideas being widely received among sociologists, political scientists, and economists from all over the world. Polanyi’s analyses of the relationship between economy and society, and between economy/market and politics/state – along with his perspectives on civil society movements – all seem to be custom-made for capturing the crises, changes, and transformations of contemporary capitalisms. Meanwhile, Polanyi’s ideas and models have been profusely revised, pursued, developed, and checked for appropriateness when analyzing developments in the Global North and South. Moreover, a wealth of answers has emerged to the question of how his particular analysis of society may have inspired sociology, political science, and economics.

The conference *A Great Transformation? Global Perspectives on Contemporary Capitalisms* seeks to continue this discussion, identify new salient points and study the following questions: How do developments in contemporary capitalisms in the Global North and South constitute a great transformation, i.e. an epochal change in which the relationship between politics/state and economy/market undergoes fundamental changes at the global, international, transnational, and national levels? Have there been parallel, contradictory or interwoven developments and what form do these take? How are they

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⁴⁰<https://keynes2016torino.wordpress.com/>

shaped by social inequalities arising from gender, ethnicity and class, by power and dominance, and by conflict and resistance? How can all these developments be considered in light of Karl Polanyi's *The Great Transformation*? How do other analyses of and theories on capitalism rooted in sociology, political science, and economics contribute to social analysis and criticism? Where do they interlink with Polanyi's perspective and where do they take different paths? All these questions will be thoroughly discussed at this interdisciplinary international conference.

The conference will start with an opening speech by Michael Burawoy, University of California, Berkeley/USA, and conclude with his on-stage conversation with Kari Polanyi Levitt, McGill University, Montreal/Canada. **Keynote speakers** will be **Jose Luis Coraggio**, Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Buenos Aires/Argentina and **Beverly Silver**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore/USA.

With this call for papers, we are inviting potential participants to submit proposals related to Karl Polanyi's work, under one of the following three headings:

Beginning with Polanyi

Under this heading, we will use Polanyi's models and analyses as starting points for discussing the question of how to theoretically, epistemologically, and empirically utilize them when analyzing contemporary capitalisms. We welcome proposals that address one or more of the following issues:

- (De-)commodification and fictitious commodities
- Economy and society: the liberal creed
- Movements and counter-movements
- Marketization, exploitation and alienation
- Exchange, markets and justice

Meeting Polanyi

Under this heading, we will discuss Polanyi's theory in conjunction with other approaches. As all these concepts are embedded in specific scientific, historical and regional contexts, we will examine their validity as theoretical perspectives and tools for analyzing contemporary capitalisms. We welcome proposals that address one or more of the following issues:

- Regulation theory meets Polanyi
- Marxian theory meets Polanyi

- Critical theory meets Polanyi
- Critical development theory and world systems analysis meet Polanyi
- Social movement theory meets Polanyi

After Polanyi

Under this heading, we will take a look at social problems that call for a contemporary analysis of capitalism. We will show how these challenges can be accepted and how Polanyi's work contributes to meeting said challenges. We welcome proposals that address one or more of the following issues:

- Commodification and de-commodification of ecological and social reproduction
- Fictitious commodities: marketization of knowledge and science
- Politics of crisis: the enduring strength of neoliberalism and the welfare debate
- Conceptions of capitalist crises and pathways towards transformation
- De-growth and democracy

Addressees and conference language

With this call for papers, we are inviting scholars from all parts of the world and all branches of sociology, political science, and economics – including those working in such transdisciplinary research areas as feminist or intersectionality studies – to submit proposals under the three headings outlined above. The conference will be held in English.

Schedules for submitting abstracts and full papers

We welcome abstracts limited to a maximum of 500 words (including the title, outline of the contents, at least three but no more than five keywords, author's name, affiliation, and full address). We are endeavoring to provide financial support to applicants whose universities, research institutes, etc. are unable to fund travel costs and who have no opportunity to apply for funds elsewhere. Applicants who wish to make use of this offer are asked to state this in their abstract.

Important

- Deadline for submitting abstracts: 30 April 2016
- Notification of acceptance: 30 June 2016

- Deadline for submitting full papers: 30 November 2016
- Please send your abstracts and full papers to great.transformation@jku.at⁴¹

Organizers and hosts of the conference

- DFG-Kollegforscher_innengruppe „Landnahme, Beschleunigung, Aktivierung. Dynamik und (De-)Stabilisierung moderner Wachstumsgesellschaften“, Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena/Germany (Klaus Dorre)
- Institute for Comprehensive Analysis of the Economy, Johannes Kepler University, Linz/Austria (Jakob Kapeller)
- Institute of Political Science, University of Vienna/Austria (Ulrich Brand, Birgit Sauer, Dieter Segert)
- Institute of Sociology, Johannes Kepler University, Linz/Austria (Roland Atzmüller, Brigitte Aulenbacher, Fabienne Decieux, Karin Fischer; conference administration: Heidemarie Schutz)

More details are available at the [conference website](#)⁴² .

International Conference on Consumer Research: "The 21st Century Consumer: Vulnerable, Responsible, Transparent?" (North Rhine-Westphalia, 2016)

26-27 September, 2016 — North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

The Competence Center of Consumer Research North Rhine-Westphalia (CECORE NRW) seeks submissions for presentations at the second International Conference on Consumer Research (ICCR) 2016 scheduled for September 26-27, 2016. The theme of the conference is "The 21st Century Consumer: Vulnerable, Responsible, Transparent?". The aim of the conference is to discuss different views, concepts, and models of consumers and the implications for policy-making. The ICCR 2016 addresses questions like: Is there a way to protect vulnerable consumers more efficiently? Can responsible consumers get new tools to achieve healthy and sustainable societies? Is transparency an asset or a threat to consumers? Does nudging help to unfold self-governance of consumers?

Roles, capabilities and responsibilities of consumers seem to be rapidly changing. Companies and politics reach out to consumers to shape future markets and the well-being

⁴¹<mailto:great.transformation@jku.at>

⁴²<http://www.jku.at/conferences/content/e290365>

of our societies. Interdisciplinary consumer research is vital to explore conditions and consequences of change. At the ICCR 2016 researchers from different disciplines and countries gather in Germany to enrich this debate.

Specific sessions will focus on the following topics:

- Session 1: The (Self-)Quantified Consumer: Wearables and Lifelogging
- Session 2: The Well-fed Consumer: Sustainable and Healthy Food Consumption
- Session 3: The Educated Consumer: Chances and Limits of Role Models in Consumer Education
- Session 4: The Nudged Consumer: The Rise of Behavioural Governance
- Session 5: The Poor Consumer: Poverty, Debt Overload, and Income Inequality
- Session 6: The Modest Consumer: Good and Sufficient Lifestyles
- Session 7: The Scored Consumer: Privacy and Big Data
- Session 8: The Political Consumer: From Activism to Slacktivism, from Advocacy to Adhocracy?
- Session 9: The Ethical Consumer: From Corporate to Consumer Social Responsibility?
- Session 10: The New Consumer: Sharing Economy, Collaborative Consumption, and Peer Production
- Session 11: The European Consumer: Patterns and Developments of EU Consumer Policy
- Session 12: The Sustainable Consumer: Sustainable Consumption in Private Households

Researchers from disciplines such as sociology, political science, economics, law, psychology, history, food sciences, environmental sciences, engineering, etc. are welcome to present their work on one of those topics. With the ICCR 2016 we want to provide a interdisciplinary platform for communication between researchers, young and established, policy-makers, and civil society organisations.

The ICCR 2016 is hosted by the CECORE NRW, a think tank connecting researchers of Germany's most populated state and beyond. The conference brings together state-of-the-art research and supports seminal, multi-, and transdisciplinary research perspectives. It features round-table discussions with participants from politics, the media, and academic disciplines.

If you are interested in presenting a paper please send an abstract (max. 500 words) that contains the status of your research, your main thesis, and findings. Please tell us your institutional affiliation and contact address (e-mail and telephone number required). Please indicate in which session you would like to present your paper (multiple references are possible). The conference committee will contact you until the end of May. Travel cost of at least one of the authors of each submission will be reimbursed if your paper is accepted.

If you wish to submit a paper, please email the paper as a PDF file to verbraucherforschung@vz-nrw.de⁴³

The deadline for submitting papers is **May 2, 2016**. Only electronic submissions will be considered.

Contact

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The ICCR 2016 is funded by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Research of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia.

More details are available at the [conference website](#)⁴⁵.

Journal of Australian Political Economy: Special Issue on "Global Economic Inequalities and Development"

Submitted papers are invited for a proposed special issue of this journal on global economic inequalities that impede development.

The geographical scope of much existing research on 'development' emphasises the 'global south'. But the prospects for development in the global south are linked to global economic inequalities – between south and north, east and west, and both within and between nations. In recognition of these interrelationships, the proposed special issue has a global focus that emphasises intersections between political economy and postcolonialism; across class, institutions, and race; and between theory and practice. Topics could include, but are not limited to, the following:

- global economic inequality;
- postcolonialism;
- gender, ethnicity and class relations;
- internal and international migration;
- poverty, development and the SDGs

⁴³<mailto:verbraucherforschung@vz-nrw.de>

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⁴⁵<http://www.verbraucherzentrale.nrw/iccr-2016>

Preference will be given to submissions that address overarching themes and regional dynamics rather than self-contained country studies (with the possible exception of larger emerging economies).

Papers should be submitted by **May 1st 2016**. General guidelines for all JAPE contributors are shown at the end of this issue of the journal.

For more information about the proposed special issue please contact the guest editors:

Franklin Obeng-Odoom (franklin.obeng-odoom@uts.edu.au⁴⁶) and **Matt Withers** (matt.withers@sydney.edu.au⁴⁷).

Studio Roma: Special Issue on "Value and surplus value"

Special issue on "Value and surplus value in aesthetic experience, artistic practice and academic research", November 2016

Value, quality and excellence are terms one often runs across when talk turns to the arts, research and universities. Whether the matter at hand is to set criteria of evaluation or to discuss aesthetic experience, the notion of value – measurable or surplus – cyclically resurfaces in the cultural debate. In the growing functionalization and measurability of university research, parallel to the gradual academization of the so-called art world, can the notion of surplus value be the key with which to investigate the production of scientific knowledge and artistic practice? Where every discourse on the value of an intellectual works seems to be transformed today into a discussion on the discourse that is produced around that work, is it possible to make communicative, moral, ethical and social values (and so on) the terrain of study of the added value of the artwork – or the value added to the artwork? Can the category of surplus value be useful to problematize the process of appraisal and to assert alternative values to the classic one of economics, of the equivalence rather than the exploitation of scientific research for commercial ends? Starting with these questions, Studio Roma calls to investigate new paths and to observe the production of knowledge in the time of crisis of contemporary liberal democracies.

This international call for papers invites proposals for contributions addressing the question of value and surplus value in aesthetic experience, artistic practice and academic research. Topical contributions that offer case-specific observations, reflections, and interventions are particularly welcome. Proposals should take the form of extended abstracts (max. 1000 words, excluding bibliography, English language).

Possible topics for papers include but are not limited to:

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- How value and surplus value are generated and negotiated, discussed and contested in current practices of art, research, and/or artistic research;
- Surplus value's heuristic role to investigate the production of scientific knowledge and artistic practice;
- From exploitation to equivalence: scientific research out of (or before) commercial ends;
- How communicative, moral, ethical and social values (and so on) may be studied as the added value of works of research and artwork – or the value added to both;
- Discussing the process of appraisal within an alternative frame with respect to classic economics;
- The notion of surplus value and the metropolitan space as a site of production and economic valorization;
- City planning, issues of social housing and practices of reappropriation of urban space;
- Labour conflict and social struggle in the city, related to informal economy, production and trade;
- Logistics and the circulation of commodities as a field in which to explore the production of surplus value and contemporary capitalism;
- Conditions and circumstances, forms and categories of values and surplus value: production, extraction, exploitation, appropriation, expropriation, speculation, etc.

This list of questions is open-ended. Contributions of related interest will of course also be considered. Studio Roma encourages contributions in a variety of formats including articles, notes, interviews, photo essays, among others. Accepted materials that do not match with standard publication formats will be published online on the Studio Roma website. Work-in-progress on value and surplus value in art, research, and/or artistic research that may change received understandings of (e)valuation, worth, and values will be of particular interest.

Deadline for submission of proposals: 1 March 2016

Please send an abstract in English of no more than 1000 words and a short biography to: [studio.roma@⁴⁸ istitutosvizzero.it⁴⁹](mailto:studio.roma@istitutosvizzero.it)

⁴⁸<mailto:studio.roma@istitutosvizzero.it>

⁴⁹<http://istitutosvizzero.it/>

For additional information, please contact us at this same email address.

Important dates

- Authors of the selected contributions will be notified by 15 March 2016.
- The submission deadline for the full contributions is 1 June 2016.
- Scheduled publication date: November 2016.

More details are available at: <http://www.studioroma.istitutosvizzero.it/en/>⁵⁰

Towards a Better Understanding of Economic Dynamics. What Can We Expect from Complexity Economics and Non-Linear Business Cycle Models? (Hamburg, 2016)

12-13 May, 2016 — University of Hamburg, Germany

Whereas through many decades macroeconomics was dominated by linear approaches, it is in particular their inability to forecast the Great Financial Crisis which has refuelled an interest in non-linear modelling. Whereas non-linear business approaches emphasize asymmetries in the adjustment patterns of actors, complexity economics directs the attention to a continuous interaction between individual behaviours of heterogeneous actors and the institutional and macroeconomic surroundings with agent-based modelling and network analysis as the two workhorse methods. The workshop intends to bring together academics working in these fields to present their current works and discuss their contributions to explaining economic dynamics. The exchange of ideas is also meant to broaden existing research network or create new ones, respectively.

The workshop will be split in three sessions on - **Agent-based Modelling - Network-Analysis - Non-Linear Business Cycle Models** - each being composed of up to four presentations and an open discussion. Round tables will provide the opportunity to discuss prospects of future research and in particular of research collaborations. Additionally, we will host a poster session in our facilities of selected authors to post work in progress. Posters will be displayed all day and while presenters are not expected to stand by their poster throughout the day, there will be dedicated viewing times including a social event, during which presenters will be expected to stand by their posters.

Interested researchers are invited to submit an extended abstract (about 300 words) or preferably a full length article with JEL classification to Artur Tarassow (artur.tarassow@wiso.uni-

⁵⁰<http://www.studioroma.istitutosvizzero.it/en/>

hamburg.de⁵¹) in pdf format. The **deadline for submission is February 29, 2016**. Authors will be informed about the acceptance of their articles by March 20, 2016.

Upon acceptance of a paper the registration fee is 100€. The registration fee for Ph.D. students is 50€ (a letter of proof of Ph.D. student status is required from the head of the department). The fee includes coffee and lunches on both days, as well as a conference dinner on the first day of the conference. Registration fees are not refundable after April 15.

Organizers: Ulrich Fritsche, Ingrid Größl and Artur Tarassow.

Please check the [conference homepage](https://complexity2016.noblogs.org)⁵² frequently for new information.

Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research: Special Issue on "The digital economy and its implications for labour"

Call for contributions to the special issue of Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research

Theme: The digital economy and its implications for labour

Edited by Maria Jepsen & Jan Drahokoupil

The themed issue addresses the implications of the digital economy on jobs, distribution of productivity gains, the dynamics of job destruction and job creation, and in particular the possible recast of the labour market in the light of the ‘gig’ or ‘sharing’ economy. The research on labour aspects of digitalization is growing rapidly but its findings are by no means unequivocal. Many are predicting a transformative change in the global distribution of jobs and wealth as well as with regard to what jobs will exist. However, the research looking at the place and role of trade unions is embryonic at best. This special issue aims at clarifying what a future labour market might look like and what policy choices are crucial in shaping the outcomes.

We thus encourage submission of proposals for contributions that address a wide range of issues related to labour implications of digitalization. At the same time, we are actively seeking papers that address the following questions and themes:

- Is this time different? Assessment of the specificity of the fourth industrial revolution in comparison with the previous ones

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⁵²<https://complexity2016.noblogs.org>

- Who is going to end up unemployed? The evolution of demand for skills and tasks on European labour markets
- What are the lessons from the new economy champions? Case studies of multinational companies such as Amazon that ride the digitalization wave while exploiting the diversity in labour markets and industrial relations in Europe
- How to make the welfare states and labour-market regulation fit for purpose? The future of insurance systems in the era of gig employment, the role of basic income schemes and other policy responses
- Are we all going to end up self-employed? The extent to which the platforms are transforming labour markets and their potential to undermine employment relations
- Can technology give trade unions a new life line? Existing strategies of trade unions in using the new technology, possibilities that the technology offers to trade unions, the digital era as an opportunity for trade unions to forge a new role in societies, organizing self-employed workers
- Is this the end of manufacturing and global supply chains? Shift from manufacturing and supplier relations to services and 3D printing, shift from trade in goods to trade in information, trends in re-shoring, production relocation

Proposals for contributions including abstracts of 400 words should be sent to the Editor of Transfer Maria Jepsen (mjepsen@etui.org⁵³) before **1 March 2016**. Full manuscripts will be due by 7 July 2016. The articles will be subject to double-blind peer-review before being accepted for publication. In general, comparative articles will be preferred.

URPE Session & Paper Proposals for the ASSA 2017 (Chicago, 2017)

6-8 January, 2017 — Chicago, US

URPE invites proposals for complete sessions and individual papers for the URPE at Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) meetings in ⁵⁴ Chicago⁵⁵ . URPE welcomes proposals on radical political economic theory and applied analysis from a wide variety of theoretical perspectives.

⁵³<mailto:mjepsen@etui.org>

⁵⁴https://www.aeaweb.org/Annual_Meeting/

⁵⁵https://www.aeaweb.org/Annual_Meeting/

The **deadline** for proposed papers and sessions is **May 1, 2016**. At that time individual and panel proposals will be checked to ensure that everyone is current with their URPE dues or the proposals will be set aside.

Proposals for **complete sessions** are encouraged and should include the session title, a brief description of each paper, and the names, institutional affiliations, and email addresses of the chair, discussants, and presenters. Proposals for sessions should contain four papers. If you are proposing a complete session, please arrange to have discussants for your papers and a chair for your session. As the organizer of this session, you are responsible for conveying administrative information to session members, including confirmation that the session has been accepted, the time and location, and the deadlines for distributing papers.

Proposals for **individual papers** should include the title, the abstract, and the author's name, institutional affiliation, and email. Individual papers that are accepted will be assigned to sessions and each session will have an assigned organizer. Individuals whose papers are accepted may also be asked to serve as a discussant in a different session at the meetings.

We regret that high quality individual papers may be turned down due to the inability to place them in a session with papers with similar themes. The number of sessions we can have is limited by ASSA, and we regret that high quality session proposals may also have to be turned down.

You should receive word from URPE about the decision on your session or paper by late June. The date and time of sessions are assigned by the AEA in late August.

Please note that anyone who presents a paper (but not the chairs or discussants) must be a member of URPE **at the time of submission of the paper or panel proposal**. Membership information is available by clicking [here](#).⁵⁶

Applications should be submitted online beginning April 1 at this link: URPE@ASSA Submissions. If you have questions or problems with the online submission, please contact [Matías Vernengo](mailto:Matias.Vernengo)⁵⁷.

Proposals submitted after the **May 1 deadline** will not be considered.

⁵⁶http://urpe.org/?page=about_urpe&side=join_urpe_renew_urpe_annual_membership

⁵⁷<mailto:mv012@bucknell.edu>

Work, Employment and Society Conference: "Work in Crisis" (Leeds, 2016)

6-8 September, 2016 — Leeds University Business School (LUBS), University of Leeds, UK

Conference Theme: WORK IN CRISIS

The British Sociological Association and the *Work, Employment and Society* Editorial Board are pleased to announce that the WES Conference 2016 will be hosted by Leeds University Business School, University of Leeds. Like the journal, the conference is sociologically oriented but welcomes contributions from related fields. **The thematic focus of the 2016 conference at the University of Leeds will be 'Work in crisis'**. It is now clear that the impact of the global financial crisis has not only been profound, but enduring. Economic recovery has been slow. The crisis has not led to any fundamental reappraisal of the nature of capitalism, or how to 'govern' it. Instead, governments have sought to impose austerity and erode social protections. For the majority in work real wages have fallen, pensions have been eroded and precariousness has become more pervasive, while those without employment have been subject to ever more punitive sanctions. Inequalities have been and are set to continue increasing.

While inequality has risen to the foreground of public debate following Thomas Picketty's celebrated contribution, it has long been an area of enquiry in the sociology of work, employment and society. Picketty's analysis convincingly shows how long-term, low economic growth will drive further disparities in wealth and income. But his macro analysis offers few insights into the daily realities of those working, or aspiring to work, in the 21st Century labour market. The first concern of the conference, therefore, is to understand in a more systematic sociological sense the experiences and realities of those in work.

In looking at people's experiences 'in work' during the crisis, and particularly in relation to precarious forms work and inequalities, we ask not only traditional questions about how these are shaped by gender, race, class, disability and other social characteristics, but also how difference is (re)produced through the changing nature and organization of work. How do we understand contemporary social relations at work and the financial, personal, health and well-being crises they appear to be ushering in? What are the connections between shifts in global political economy, and the dynamics of financialisation, and the realities of work and employment? How does technology continue to change and transform our experiences of work? How are the temporalities and spatialities of work and employment structured? How does work today relate to value production? How are contemporary forms of work disciplining, engendering or creating crises for human capabilities and well-being?

In thinking about ways that we can move beyond crises in work, we are interested in the

changing terrain of struggle and the ways in which market relations can be ameliorated or turned back. Historically won social protections are threatened by programmes of austerity and the reassertion of the primacy of the market. This raises important questions about how, and whether, society can respond to protect itself from the destructive nature of self-regulating markets. It also raises important questions about agency, particularly within a context of a much weakened labour movement. How are labour movements, nationally and internationally, challenging the degradation of contemporary work? The UK Trade Union Congress (TUC) asks for ‘more jobs’, while

the New Economic Foundation (NEF) makes a case for a 21 hour working week and the Green Party propose a ‘basic income’. We ask: which other demands are being made and which strategies are successful? What are the political formations necessary or working in the current conjuncture to challenge precarious forms of work? Where are the bases and sites of power from which people are organizing within and across their workplaces? How do we better protect those who are not in, or are unable to undertake, paid work, and those experiencing from the most extreme forms of precarious work?

Finally, we want to consider the ways in which we might move beyond work in the crisis and the crises work is producing, provoking questions about how theorists and social actors are imagining and enacting a life beyond work. We ask contributors/participants to examine the successes and otherwise of worker co-operatives, reclaimed factories and forms of self-reproduction outside the wage relation. We ask participants to explore, for example, how ‘post-work politics’ are theorised and how these are translating into mainstream lexicon; which narratives of human value can be generated to contest the work ethic and the crises it creates and how new subjectivities are being produced that can move beyond work as we know it.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

We welcome abstract submissions in three separate categories:

Conference papers: Abstracts should be up to 500 words. While we particularly encourage papers reporting research findings, we also welcome abstracts related to sociological theory, social policy, ‘works in progress’ or those testing out new and exciting ideas. Further guidance can be found at the end of this call for papers.

Special sessions: Abstracts of up to 500 words. These may offer theoretical, empirical, methodological or policy-related contributions. The sessions will last for 1.5 hours and, while we anticipate that most Special Sessions will involve three speakers, with or without a discussant, more creative formats are welcome. Further guidance can be found at the end of this call for papers.

Pre-conference doctoral workshop: This workshop aims to be inclusive. Doctoral students are very welcome to submit conference papers to the main conference, but there will also be a pre-conference doctoral workshop before the main conference starts,

with a dedicated social event. Abstracts should be up to 250 words and there will be opportunities for feedback as well as opportunities to meet fellow students before the conference itself starts. Papers submitted to the doctoral pre-conference workshop may also be submitted to the main conference. Further guidance can be found at the end of this call for papers.

Abstracts may nominate one of the dedicated conference streams (see below) or be written for the open stream.

They should be submitted to: <http://portal.britsoc.co.uk/public/abstract/eventAbstract.aspx?id=EVT10>

The abstract submission deadline is **Monday 7th March 2016**

For further details please visit the [conference website](#)⁵⁹. Enquiries to: events@britsoc.org.uk⁶⁰

CONFERENCE THEMES

- Global political economy, comparative analysis and the changing regulatory role of the state
- Social movements, unions, representation and voice
- Transnational labour migration
- Professions, occupations, skills and social mobility
- In and out of work poverty/ precariousness
- The new and old inequalities
- Gender, work and social reproduction
- Unpaid and unfree work
- Body work and emotional labour
- New technology, the green economy and sustainable economy and work
- Open Stream

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⁵⁸<http://portal.britsoc.co.uk/public/abstract/eventAbstract.aspx?id=EVT10478>

⁵⁹<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/wes-conference.aspx>

⁶⁰<mailto:events@britsoc.org.uk>

Conference papers

Abstracts should be up to 500 words long, not including references. In these the contribution made by the paper should be clearly set out, with brief references to relevant debates in the literature, methodology where appropriate and research findings. It is expected that conference papers will not have been accepted for publication elsewhere.

Special sessions

Proposals are invited for Special Sessions at WES 2016. We anticipate between 4-6 Special Sessions, which will be scheduled for a dedicated slot in the conference timetable. Special Sessions provide an opportunity for a focused presentation and discussion of a specific topic related to the overall conference programme and can offer theoretical, empirical, methodological or policy-related contributions. The sessions will last for 1.5 hours and, while we anticipate that most Special Sessions will involve three speakers, with or without a discussant, more creative formats are welcome. The organisation of Special Sessions will be the responsibility of the Special Session organisers and we expect all contributors to commit to registering for the conference. **We expect Special Sessions to be reasonably detailed as we anticipate a highly competitive selection process.** All proposals will be subject to review by the conference organising team. Proposals should be structured as follows:

- Special Session Title
- Sessions organisers (with affiliations and contact details)
- Brief abstract or description of session (up to 500 words)
- Details of participants (with affiliations and contact details) stating whether they have been invited or are confirmed.
- Paper titles and brief abstracts for all papers to be presented in the session (250 words per paper)

Proposals must be submitted to [BSA email address] no later than **7th March 2016**. Initial expressions of interest or for further guidance please contact the Special Sessions Chair, Dr Vera Trappmann: V.Trappmann@leeds.ac.uk⁶¹

Pre-conference doctoral workshop.

Abstracts should be up to 250 words in length and may focus on any aspect of the PhD process. For those in the final stage of their studies who are writing up research findings these may be presented in the same format as main conference abstracts, with a clear contribution/message set out, brief references to relevant debates in the literature

⁶¹<mailto:V.Trappmann@leeds.ac.uk>

and research findings. For others, this workshop aims to be inclusive and abstracts are encouraged on any aspect of the PhD process including research design, fieldwork, negotiating access, research ethics, managing your supervisor or any other topic you would find it useful to have feedback on.

Call for Participants

Advanced Course on Innovation, Growth, International Production

2-6 May, 2016 — Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

The 11th edition of the Advanced Course on **Innovation, Growth, International Production. Models and Data Analysis** will take place at the Faculty of Economics, Sapienza University of **Rome on 2-6 May 2016**. The Course is intended for PhD students, post-docs and young scholars, and will be taught in English. You may circulate the information to those potentially interested.

The Course is organized by the *University of Urbino Carlo Bo* and the *University of Rome La Sapienza*, in collaboration with the *Marche Polytechnic University*, and *Roma Tre University*, with the support of the *Centro Linceo Interdisciplinare*.

Lecturers will include: Cristiano Antonelli, Francesco Bogliacino, Francesco Crespi, Giovanni Dosi, Rinaldo Evangelista, Maurizio Franzini, Anna Giunta, Luigi Marengo, Luigi Orsenigo, Mario Pianta, Michele Raitano, Massimo Riccaboni, Alessandro Sterlacchini, Massimiliano Tancioni, Marco Vivarelli.

The Course will include theoretical lectures, papers presentations and applied classes using STATA.

All details are in the [attached programme](#)⁶² .

Application forms are downloadable at the [conference website](#)⁶³ and should be sent to with a short CV to dario.guarascio@uniroma1.it⁶⁴ , by **15 April 2016**.

⁶²<http://www.heterodoxnews.com/HEN/attach/hen192/Innovationadvancedcourse2016.pdf>

⁶³<http://www.econ.uniurb.it/corsoavanzato2016/index.htm>

⁶⁴<mailto:dario.guarascio@uniroma1.it>

CSE South Group two spring events

4 March, 2016 — University of Westminster, London

What is new in new materialism?: Marxisms, new materialisms and the nature/culture divide

Location: Westminster Forum, 5th Floor, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Westminster, 32-38 Wells Street, London, W1T 3UW

12am – 2pm Plenary panel: David Chandler, Felicity Colman, Nicholas Kiersey, Phoebe Moore.

2.30 – 5.30 Speakers: Helen Palmer, Paul Rekret, Daniela Tepe-Belfrage, Michiel van Ingen. *Discussant: Christian Fuchs*

In response to a perceived prioritization of ‘mind over matter or culture over nature’ in the humanities and cultural studies, contemporary philosophers Braidotti and DeLanda separately named a shift in research that brings attention to the body or corporeal and explores immanence over transcendence in ontology as new materialism (or neo-materialism) in the 1990s. Since then, feminist, poststructuralist, historical materialist, science and technology, geography and critical realist researchers have begun to explore what it means to move away from the confines of discourse analysis and research that is limited to analysis of the cognitive, introducing research on human subjectivity as embodied, denying quantification of the affective field, rethinking categories of agency and causality and taking seriously questions around what it means to be human. New materialism is a critical ontological position that transcends thought traditions and advances studies that transgress mind-body dualism from the side of the mind and rejects research that eliminates possibilities for lived experiences except as efficient, rational, managed subjects.

The workshop ‘What is new in new materialism?: Marxisms, new materialisms and the nature/culture divide’ serves partly as an introduction to new materialism and partly as a space to critique and develop nascent work in this emerging area. We will ask, what is the difference between immanent, transcendental approaches and materialist ontology? Where do historical materialists stand on questions of nature and culture? What new questions of the human can we pose and what is the promise of the posthuman? Is this arena one where Marxist and poststructuralist agendas harmonise? What is the difference between mechanical materialism, historical materialism and new materialism? And, what is at stake in the connection between the human and materialism?

Co-organised with the Materialisms Reading Group⁶⁵ run by David Chandler and & the

⁶⁵<http://bisappwg.org/2016/01/21/events-schedule-westminster-materialisms-study-group/>

*CSE*⁶⁶ South Group run by Phoebe Moore and Martin Upchurch. (*Capital & Class*⁶⁷ is the *CSE* journal.)

3 March, 2016 — Ohio University, US

Negotiating Crisis: Neoliberal Power in Austerity Ireland

University of Middlesex Law and Politics⁶⁸ and Conference for Socialist Economists (**CSE**⁶⁹) South Group Research Seminar

Time: 4–6 pm

Location: College Building Board Room room C219, Ohio University

Dr. Nicholas Kiersey will present a paper that is linked to his forthcoming book *NEGOTIATING CRISIS: NEOLIBERAL POWER IN AUSTRITY IRELAND* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016). His talk will identify some of the key issues of distributive justice prompted by Ireland's recent economic history, demonstrating a theoretical interpretation of the stakes of this reading in terms of the concept of precarity. Starting with a brief review of current debates surrounding the concept of precarious life and its relationship to indebtedness, the paper proceeds to elaborate the Irish case as an exemplary model of a debt economy (Lazzarato, 2012). Offering a brief history of Irish economic development, the research focuses on the nation's total failure to develop a meaningful social housing policy, the decision of successive generations to ignore indigenous industrial development, and the embrace in its place of a strategic dependency on a low corporate tax rate in order to attract foreign direct investment.

Next the paper addresses the evolution of 'social partnership,' the country's practice of staging periodic centralized wage negotiations. While the latter practice has functioned historically to stabilize industrial unrest in the country, its success has been won at the expense of strategies to develop a meaningful social wage and, in the context of the current crisis, has constituted a seriously distorted metric for assessing the impact of austerity on distributive justice. Finally, Nicholas's work examines the emergence of debt as a key problematic in the 'Tiger' years, and its status in relation to public life today. While popular accounts continue to replicate the official government line of a 'homegrown' crisis, the emergence of indebtedness suggests lines of affinity with crisis-prone dynamics of neoliberal finance elsewhere.

Bio: Nicholas Kiersey (PhD, Virginia Tech) is Associate Professor in Political Science

⁶⁶<http://www.cseweb.org.uk/>

⁶⁷<http://cnc.sagepub.com/>

⁶⁸<http://www.mdx.ac.uk/about-us/our-schools/school-of-law/law-and-politics>

⁶⁹<http://www.cseweb.org.uk/>

at Ohio University. His work focuses on the place of crisis and subjectivity in the reproduction of capitalist power. Recently published articles of his can be found in *Global Society*, *Global Discourse*, and *Capital & Class*. He recently co-edited the volume *Battlestar Galactica and International Relations* with Iver Neumann (Routledge, 2013). His current book project is entitled *Negotiating Crisis: Neoliberal Power in Austerity Ireland*, and is set to be published by Rowman & Littlefield in 2016.

Organised and Chaired by Phoebe Moore. Sponsored by the CSE⁷⁰ South Group run by Phoebe Moore and Martin Upchurch. (Capital & Class⁷¹ is the CSE journal.)

The Next System Teach-Ins (New York, 2016)

10-12 March, 2016 — NYC, US

What should the next system look like — and how can we get there? We are in the midst of systemic crisis. Growing inequality, climate disruption, mass incarceration, perpetual warfare and too many other crises to name have woken us up: the current system doesn't work for the vast majority of us, and we need to work toward something else. In order to build a world that prioritizes people, communities and the planet, we need space to reimagine what's possible, uplift projects that move us closer to our vision(s), and build connections among the people already doing the hard work to bring us into another paradigm. March 10th-12th, hundreds of New Yorkers — including community members, activists, students, faculty, and visionaries of all kinds — will gather at the New School and the Murphy Institute for a [The Next System NYC⁷²](#), where we'll vision together, share work & ideas and build connections that serve us as we work towards a "Next System."

Call for Proposals

We're calling for workshops and panels that explore one or more aspects of the "next system" — and we want to hear from you! Let's explore alternatives and models that produce outcomes that are sustainable, equitable, and democratic.

We're looking for panels and workshops that:

- address one or more of the following areas:
 - **Climate, energy and environment**
 - **Economic democracy**

⁷⁰<http://www.cseweb.org.uk/>

⁷¹<http://cnc.sagepub.com/>

⁷²<http://teachins.thenextsystem.org>

– **Racial and immigrant justice**

- have a clear description
- connect different issue areas — we’re getting systemic, so we want to connect the dots
- are 75 or 105 minutes long (you’ll have a chance to specify how much time you’ll need)

Workshops should additionally:

- be interactive and inclusive (check out these great [presenter guidelines from Allied Media Conference⁷³](#))
- highlight and embody Next System organizing taking place across communities and identities
- end with an “artifact” of some sort — that can mean notes, a network map, a directory, a plan of action, a drawing, skill certifications — you decide

Sample Areas of Interest

This list is by no means exhaustive but, rather, is meant to give you an idea of what’s come up in planning conversations around the Next System. Working on/dreaming about something that can move us to the next paradigm but isn’t on this list? We can’t wait to hear about it.

- Housing/Land/Community Lands Trusts
- Community Policing/Restorative Justice
- Divestment/Reinvestment
- Debt/Mutual Aid Networks
- Energy Alternatives/Energy Democracy
- Economic Democracy/Coops
- Permaculture/Bioregionalism/Food Systems
- Supply Chains
- Alternative Currency/Alternative Finance

⁷³https://www.alliedmedia.org/files/amc_presenter_guidelines.pdf

- Blockchain/Crypto-contracts
- Open-Source/Open Access
- Alternative Pedagogy/Accreditation/Education
- Participatory Governance/Participatory Budgeting
- Building & Governing “the Commons”
- Disaster Response/Community Resilience
- System Change: Capitalism, Syndicalism, Eco-Socialism or . . . ?

Timeline

- 15th February: Proposals Due
- 24th February: Accepted Sessions Announced
- 1st March: Facilitator Call
- 10-12th March: Next System Project NYC Convening

Questions?

If you have any questions about what we’re looking for, how to craft an engaging workshop, or anything else regarding the NYC Next System Teach-In, please contact lfeder@democracycollaborative.org⁷⁴ .

[PROPOSE YOUR SESSION HERE](#)⁷⁵

Job Postings

Hiram College, US

Job Title: Faculty Position as Economist

Hiram College invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track faculty position for an Economist to begin in the Fall of 2016. The ideal candidate will hold a Ph.D. in Economics and will be able to teach introductory as well as upper level Economics courses.

⁷⁴<mailto:lfeder@democracycollaborative.org>

⁷⁵https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1p9Zsbq_S3ksrc4b-vV406HJlshE5fmeRqRX0fFXv1u0/viewform

An interest in behavioral economics and or health economics is helpful. Hiram College is constantly evaluating its curriculum development and delivery teaching methods. The successful candidate will be integral to this process and previous adult education and distance learning experience is helpful. Creative thinking and administrative skills are desirable. The successful candidate will be dedicated to the liberal arts, enthusiastic about teaching in the college's liberal arts core (first-year, interdisciplinary, or study abroad), and develop an active research program that incorporates bright and enthusiastic undergraduates. The successful candidate will be expected to teach six courses each year in Hiram's unique 12-week/3-week semester plan (two courses during each 12-week and one during the 3-week). There will additionally be some departmental service work and expectations of regular participation in the life of the college.

To apply, please send a letter of application, C.V., a teaching portfolio which demonstrates commitment to and success in undergraduate teaching (including sample syllabi, peer and student evaluations, and a statement of teaching philosophy), statement of research interests, and letters of recommendation, electronically to HR@hiram.edu⁷⁶.

Review of applications will begin February 1, 2016 and will continue until the position is filled. Hiram College is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to Excellence through Diversity.

More details: www.hiram.edu⁷⁷

New Economics Foundation, UK

Job Title: Chief Economist or Senior Economist

- **Salary:** Depending on experience
- **Contract:** Full-time

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 for its ground breaking research and for the way it works in partnership with organisations and communities to put its ideas into action. Through the excellence of its research, NEF continues its mission to build a new economy – one which truly serves the interests of people and the planet.

⁷⁶<mailto:HR@hiram.edu>

⁷⁷<http://www.hiram.edu>

We currently have a vacancy for a Chief Economist or Senior Economist (depending on experience and expertise) with important responsibilities for helping to strengthen NEF's public profile and policy impact

The post holder will work to highlight the critical importance of new and progressive economic thinking 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 work with colleagues to provide strategic vision, innovation and leadership on economic policy and research at NEF, working to enhance and develop NEF's external profile, its influence and impact. S/he will combine academic credentials with demonstrable experience of first-rate research and analysis in the field of economics (both heterodox and orthodox), creativity and flair, and experience of effective external engagement with the media and policy 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. We are keen to consider candidates with excellence and promise as well as those with seniority and an outstanding track record.

Deadline for applications: 9am, Monday **29th February, 2016**

Interviews: First round, Monday 7th March 2016; Second round, Monday 14th March 2016

[Click to download the job description⁷⁸](#)

[Click to download the application form⁷⁹](#)

[Click to download the equal opportunities form⁸⁰](#)

St. Thomas University, Canada

Job Title: Assistant Professor

Ten month position for a heterodox economist at St. Thomas University, Fredericton, NB, Canada

⁷⁸<http://www.neweconomics.org/page/-/Job%20Description%20chief%20senior%20economist%202901.pdf>

⁷⁹<http://www.neweconomics.org/page/-/Application%20form%20chief%20senior%20economist%202901.doc>

⁸⁰<http://www.neweconomics.org/page/-/Application%20form%20EQUAL%20PPS%20chief%20senior%20economist%202901.docx>

The Department of Economics, St. Thomas University, invites applications for a 10 month limited-term appointment, at the rank of Assistant Professor, to begin August 1, 2016, pending budgetary approval. St. Thomas University is an undergraduate, liberal arts institution with a full-time enrolment of 1,900. Its students graduate with Bachelor of Arts, Applied Arts, Education, and Social Work degrees.

The faculty members are distinguished teachers, researchers and scholars, and the university holds four Canada Research Chairs. The Department of Economics seeks candidates with a demonstrated potential for excellence in undergraduate teaching, including some familiarity with traditional and heterodox approaches. The candidate will be expected to teach three courses per term in some of the following areas: perspectives on underdevelopment, women in the third world, political economy, community economic development, quantitative methods, intermediate macroeconomic theory, and the economics of government.

A PhD or imminent completion is required. Completed applications must include a letter of application that describes the applicant's teaching experience, scholarly interests and achievements, and potential contributions to the program as specified in the qualifications listed above. The application must also include a curriculum vitae and a teaching dossier that provides evidence of teaching effectiveness, such as sample course syllabi, teaching evaluations, and a statement of teaching philosophy. Applicants should also submit samples of scholarly work and arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly to Dr. Dev Gupta, Chair, Department of Economics, St. Thomas University, 51 Dineen Drive, Fredericton, NB, E3B 5G3.

Electronic applications may be sent to gupta@stu.ca⁸¹ .

Closing Date: February 22, 2016 or when the position is filled.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their completed applications, including letters of reference, are received by this date. An equal employment employer, St. Thomas University is committed to employment equity for women, Aboriginal persons, members of visible minority groups, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian and permanent residents will be given priority.

The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, AUT

The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies⁸² is looking for a junior economist with an interest and possibly experience in European fiscal policies to participate in an ongoing research project.

⁸¹<mailto:gupta@stu.ca>

⁸²<http://www.wiiw.ac.at/>

The position is part-time (20 hours) and limited to the duration of the project (22 months). **Please be aware that the project is conducted in the German language. Excellent German is therefore required!**

Major tasks

- Contribution to project work on comparative analysis of European fiscal policies
- Literature review and data work
- Presentation of research results to expert audience

Requirements

- Master in Economics
- Experience in macroeconomics and fiscal studies
- Interest and experience in data work and quantitative analysis
- Excellent German and English language (written and oral)
- Presentation skills
- Knowledge of conventional as well as heterodox economics is relevant

We are paying salaries comparable to universities. Remuneration for the part-time position will be € 18,500 gross annual income or above, depending on qualification.

Women are encouraged to apply.

[Download this job opening in pdf format \(in German language only\)](#)⁸³

Please send your applications (with cover letter and CV) to wiiw@wiiw.ac.at⁸⁴

University of Lausanne, CH

Job Title: Lecturer in International Relations

The University of Lausanne announces the opening of **two positions of Lecturer in International Relations** at the Institute of Political, Historical and International Studies (IEPHI).

⁸³<http://wiiw.ac.at/files/press/ausschreibung-europaeische-fiskalpolitik.pdf>

⁸⁴<mailto:wiiw@wiiw.ac.at>

The appointed persons will undertake research in affiliation with the "Centre d'histoire internationale et d'études politiques de la mondialisation" (CRHIM).

They will teach classes at bachelor's and master's level in international relations, in particular: International Security, International Political Economy, Environmental Politics or Globalisation. Knowledge of qualitative or documentary methodology is also expected. The mastery of English and French is required. In principle, courses will be delivered in French.

The contract is initially limited to four years, but **subject to a positive assessment a lecturer can be promoted to the level of a permanent senior lecturer position** ("maître d'enseignement et recherche"). Please refer to the documents attached to the advertisement on the University of Lausanne website.

The deadline for applications is: **29 February 2016**.

The starting date is: **1 September 2016**.

Applicants should apply through the procedure described on the [University of Lausanne website](#)⁸⁵.

Further information on the Institute for Political, Historical and International Studies is available on the [following website](#)⁸⁶.

If you have any queries regarding the vacancy or the application process, please contact: Prof. Jean-Christophe Graz (jean-christophe.graz@unil.ch⁸⁷).

Awards

2016 Rhonda Williams Prize

The 2016 Rhonda Williams Prize Call for Applications

Sponsored by Routledge/Taylor and Francis, publisher of *Feminist Economics*

In memory of Rhonda Williams, associate editor of *Feminist Economics* from 1994 to 1998, the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) has established a prize to help scholars from underrepresented groups in IAFFE, whose work reflects

⁸⁵<https://applicationsinter.unil.ch/inter/noauth/php/Po/pooffres.php?poid=3782&langage=8>

⁸⁶<http://www.unil.ch/iephi/home.html>

⁸⁷<mailto:jean-christophe.graz@unil.ch>

Rhonda Williams' legacy of scholarship and activism, attend the annual IAFFE conference and present a paper.

Amount: \$1,000 to be awarded at the 25 IAFFE Annual Conference in Galway, Ireland, June 24-26, 2016. (Conference information is at the [conference website](#)⁸⁸) The funds are intended to partially defray travel costs to attend the annual conference. The award winner will also receive a registration fee waiver for the 25 IAFFE Annual Conference.

Application Deadline: April 4, 2016.

Criteria: The recipient's work in activism, advocacy, or scholarship should demonstrate a commitment to one or more of the following issues:

- Inequalities based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or nationality.
- Interrelationships among racism, sexism, homophobia, and classism.
- Connections between scholarship and activism.

Special consideration will be given to applicants from groups not well represented in IAFFE and those with limited access to travel funds from their home institutions or international funders. This prize is targeted to junior scholars and activists.

The recipient of the prize must present a paper at the IAFFE conference (you must separately submit the paper for inclusion in the Conference program at the Conference website) and submit the manuscript to *Feminist Economics* within a reasonable period after the conference. The paper will undergo an expedited review process, but publication is not guaranteed.

In cases where some but not all the criteria for the prize have been met, a travel grant may be awarded instead of the Rhonda Williams Prize.

Application Process:

Applications should be sent to Marlene Kim, Chair, Rhonda Williams Prize Committee, at Marlene.Kim@umb.edu⁸⁹ and should include:

1. A cover letter/email that includes a statement of (a) the connection between the applicant's experience and the Rhonda Williams legacy as described in the criteria above; and (b) how the applicant would bring diversity to IAFFE and how the applicant would like to be engaged with IAFFE in the future.
2. A curriculum vitae or resume, labeled "resumeRWSjapplicantlastnamej"

⁸⁸<http://www.iaffe.org/2016-annual-conference/>

⁸⁹<mailto:Marlene.Kim@umb.edu>

3. A draft of a full paper (not an abstract or outline) for the 2016 IAFFE conference, scheduled for June 24-26, 2016 in Galway, Ireland (label file "paper-RWS2016;applicantlastname;")."

Please send all files in Microsoft Word or in PDF Acrobat format. Please be sure that all materials are sent. Applicants who omit any of the three items listed above may not be considered for the prize.

Applicants who have not yet registered for the annual conference because you need funding, you still must submit your paper, via the conference website, for consideration for the program. The prize winner will be allowed to register for the annual conference and will be included in the conference program after being notified of the prize.

If you are not an IAFFE member for 2016, please send in your [membership application](#)⁹⁰ prior to submission of your prize application.

Please direct any questions to Marlene Kim, Chair, Rhonda William Prize Committee, Marlene.Kim@umb.edu⁹¹ , or (617) 287-6954.

Winner of Forum for Social Economics Best Paper Award

The winner of the [Forum for Social Economics](#)⁹² Best Paper Award for 2015 has been announced, and you can read it for free.

The chosen article is Franklin Obeng-Odoom's '[Africa: On the Rise, but to Where?](#)'

[Forum for Social Economics](#)⁹³ Editor Wolfram Elsner discusses the article and why it was selected:

"Africa is experiencing economic growth as shown by sharp increases in GDP during the past decade. In 2012, half of the ten fastest growing economies in the world were in Africa. Although neoclassical economics often equates economic well-being with economic growth, the connection between growth and human development is much more complex and needs deeper understanding of the cultural, political, and economic conditions of different countries in Africa. Upon closer inspection, it is obvious that higher economic growth is not necessarily manifested in higher employment, reduction in poverty and improved environmental standards in many countries in Africa. While countries like Botswana and Mauritius have experienced both economic growth and human development, other countries like Nigeria and South Africa have not pursued a policy of

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inclusive growth. The benefits of economic growth have a trickle-down effect on the majority of citizens only if countries institute an inclusive growth policy by implementing social programs that promote health, education, and other opportunities for all. The effects of urbanisation are also very different among the different African countries.

”The paper is extremely well-written and offers a convincing argument against the limitations of orthodox economic theory. Obeng-Odoom emphasizes the importance of moving “beyond growth” and shows that GDP expansion alone has not solved the problems of poverty, income distribution, job growth, and ecological issues in many African countries. An inclusive model of growth that pursues a balanced approach to life and the environment, as envisioned by Schumacher, will lead to human development. Obeng-Odoom offers valuable insight on African development that should benefit economists and policy makers.”

The full article is available here⁹⁴

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Books and Book Series

Capitalist Family Values: Gender, Work, and Corporate Culture at Boeing

By Polly Reed Myers — 2016, University of Nebraska Press

Though best known for aircraft and aerospace technology, Boeing has invested significant time and money in the construction and promotion of its corporate culture. Boeing's leaders, in keeping with the standard of traditional American social norms, began to promote a workplace culture of a white, heterosexual family model in the 1930s in an attempt to provide a sense of stability for their labor force during a series of enormous political, social, and economic disruptions. For both managers and workers, the construction of a masculine culture solved problems that technological innovation and profit could not. For managers it offered a way to govern employees and check the power of unions. For male employees, it offered a sense of stability that higher wages and the uncertainties of the airline market could not. For scholar Polly Reed Myers, Boeing's corporate culture offers a case study for understanding how labor and the workplace have evolved over the course of the twentieth century and into the present day amid the rise of neoliberal capitalism, globalization, and women's rights.

Capitalist Family Values places the stories of Boeing's women at the center of the company's history, illuminating the policy shifts and economic changes, global events and modern controversies that have defined policy and workplace culture at Boeing. Using archival documents that include company newspapers, interviews, and historic court cases, *Capitalist Family Values* illustrates the changing concepts of corporate culture and the rhetoric of a "workplace family" in connection with economic, political, and social changes, providing insight into the operations of one of America's most powerful and influential firms.

Link to the book is available [here](#)²²⁴ (For a discount, use code "CSL216CAPI").

Unnatural science: The conflict between reason and ideology in economics and the other social sciences

By Claude Hillinger — 2016, WEA Books

This book describes the many wrong turns that the social sciences have taken to arrive at their current dismal state. Most of the space will be devoted to my own field of economics,

²²⁴<http://www.combinedacademic.co.uk/Book/53328/Capitalist-Family-Values>

however political science, particularly the theory of collective choice will also be treated at some length. Though I agree with much of the criticism of contemporary economics, particularly macroeconomics that comes from the Left of the political spectrum, this and the following two books differ from the conventional critique in fundamental ways.

The first is that I define each wrong turn by contrasting it with what my view would have been the correct turn in the sense that it would have advanced the field in a positive direction. Thus unlike much contemporary criticism, mine is not purely negative – the negative is always contrasted with a possible positive.

Secondly, I do not concentrate on the past several decades that saw the rise of neoclassical economics along with neoliberal economic policies. Instead, I begin with the rise of classical economics and the works of William Petty and Adam Smith. The rejection of all economic theory that is, or has been in some sense mainstream, is in my view an act of non-constructive nihilism.

The topic of this book is how economics came to its present state. What were the valid ideas discovered along the way and why were they lost? What motivated the wrong turns along the way? What role did ideologies of various kinds play in this process? The serious student will find many ideas to challenge him.

Link to the book is available [here](#)²²⁵ .

Analytical Gains of Geopolitical Economy: Part II, vol. 30

Edited by Radhika Desai — 2016, Emerald Books

Part two of this book paves the way, advancing Geopolitical Economy as a new approach to the study of international relations and international political economy. Following on from the theoretical limitations exposed in Part A, in this volume the analytical limitations are explored.

Theoretical Engagements in Geopolitical Economy Part A, volume 30

This work advances geopolitical economy as a new approach to understanding the evolution of the capitalist world order and its 21st century form of multipolarity. Neither can be explained by recently dominant approaches such as 'U.S. hegemony' or 'globalization': they treat the world economy as a seamless whole in which either no state matters or only one does. The first of this two part volume paves the way, advancing Geopolitical Economy as a new approach to the study of international relations and international

²²⁵<http://www.worldeconomicsassociation.org/downloads/collected-works-of-claude-hillinger-volume-i/>

political economy. Authors expose the theoretical limitations of the latter in Part A and the analytical limitations in Part B.

If you are teaching a course in this area you can [request a FREE inspection copy](#)²²⁶ .

Take a look at the [table of contents](#)²²⁷ and you can use this link to [purchase](#)²²⁸ a copy.

Aspects of Support-Bargaining and Money-Bargaining

By Patrick Spread — 2015, WEA Books

Neoclassical theory conceives a model in which rational choice gives rise to equilibrium with an optimal allocation of resources. Money-bargaining suggests the pursuit of situation-related interests, giving rise to an evolutionary process of exchange using money as a bargaining counter.

‘Aspects of Support-Bargaining and Money-Bargaining’ comprises eight articles dealing with different aspects of money-bargaining and the associated process of support-bargaining. Support-bargaining is triggered by the human sense of insecurity, causing people seek the support of others. It leads to group formation and a group confidence that generates cultural evolution. ‘Money’ and ‘money-bargaining’ are outcomes of cultural evolution, with a dynamic that mimics support-bargaining.

Two articles in particular cover important aspects of money-bargaining and contrast it most sharply with the neoclassical approach. The first of these concerns the situation-related identification of interests. This feature gives rise to the evolutionary dynamic of money-bargaining. The second describes the concept of companies as specialist money-bargaining agencies formatting to achieve viability. This understanding of companies gives issues of technology and spatial location a prominence consistent with observation but markedly lacking in neoclassical theory. The Introduction gives a short account of the origins and development of the theory of support-bargaining and money-bargaining.

Link to the book is available [here](#)²²⁹ .

²²⁶<http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/products/books/info/inspection.htm>

²²⁷<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/book/10.1108/S0161-7230201630B>

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²²⁹<http://www.worldeconomicsassociation.org/downloads/aspects-of-support-bargaining-and-money-bargaining/>

Capitalism: Competition, Conflict, Crises

By Anwar Shaikh — 2016, Oxford Press

Neoclassical economical theory uses aspects of perfect functioning of markets as part of its basic assumptions and introduces imperfections as analysis proceeds forward. Many types of heterodox economics insist on dealing with imperfect competition but project backwards to a previous perfect state.

In *Capitalism*, Anwar Shaikh demonstrates that most of the central propositions of economic analysis can be derived without any reference to hyperrationality, optimization, perfect competition, perfect information, representative agents or so-called rational expectations. These include the laws of demand and supply, the determination of wage and profit rates, technological change, relative prices, interest rates, bond and equity prices, exchange rates, terms and balance of trade, growth, unemployment, inflation, and long booms culminating in recurrent general crises.

In every case, Shaikh's theory is applied to modern empirical patterns and contrasted with neoclassical, Keynesian, and Post Keynesian approaches to the same issues. The object of analysis is the economics of capitalism, and economic thought on the subject is addressed in that light. This is how the classical economists, as well as Keynes and Kalecki, approached the issue. Anyone interested in capitalism and economics in general can gain a wealth of knowledge from this ground-breaking text.

Link to the book is available [here](#)²³⁰.

Integrating Human Capital with Human Development: The Path to a More Productive and Humane Economy

John F. Tomer — 2015, Palgrave MacMillan

Mainstream economics' concept of human capital unfortunately only emphasizes human cognitive development enabling growth in worker productivity and earnings. In light of recent research concerning neurodevelopment and early childhood development, it is apparent that the standard human capital has a far too limited conception of human capacities. Therefore, this book integrates the concepts of human capital and human development, an integration considering not only cognitive development but social, psychological, emotional, biological, and other noncognitive dimensions of development over the entire life cycle.

²³⁰<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/capitalism-9780199390632?cc=it&lang=en#>

Link to the book is available [here](#)²³¹ .

Precarious Work And The Struggle For Living Wages: Alternate Routes 2016

Edited by Carlo Fanelli and John Shields — 2016, University of Toronto Press

The conditions of particularly harsh worker exploitation from an earlier phase of laissez-faire capitalism appeared to some considerable degree to be mitigated in the developed West during the Keynesian golden era. Appearances, however, can be deceiving. Across the globe, neoliberalism has thoroughly unmasked ‘capitalism with a human face’ bringing to the fore a logic that celebrates the growth of deep inequalities, aggressive social exclusion and a tolerance for the widespread existence of the un(der)employed poor. The growth of employment precarity and the need for a living wage by large sections of the population rests at the heart of this volume. Using quantitative and qualitative approaches and informed by critical conceptual analysis contributors vividly detail the lived experiences and broader implications of mounting social inequality. Authors not only deconstruct the paradox of low-wage work under neoliberal capitalism, but put forward ideas on what to do about it.

Link to the book is available [here](#)²³² .

The Great Inequality

By Michael D Yates — 2016, Routledge

A growing inequality in income and wealth marks modern capitalism, and it negatively affects nearly every aspect of our lives, especially those of the working class. It is and will continue to be the central issue of politics in almost every nation on earth. In this book, the author explains inequality in clear, passionate, and intelligent prose: what it is, why it matters, how it affects us, what its underlying causes are, and what we might do about it. This book was written to encourage informed radical action by working people, the unemployed, and the poor, uniquely blending the author’s own experiences with his ability to make complex issues comprehensible to a mass audience. This book will be excellent for courses in a variety of disciplines, and it will be useful to activists and the general reading public.

²³¹<http://www.palgrave.com/de/book/9781137473523>

²³²http://uoftbookstore.com/shop_product_detail.asp?catalog_group_id=LTQ&catalog_group_name=U2VhcmNoIFJlc3VsdHM&catalog_id=0&catalog_name=U2VhcmNoIFJlc3VsdHM&pf_id=359410&product_name=UHVJY2FyaW91cyBxb3JrIEFuZCBUaGUgU3RydWdnbGUgRm9yIEExpdmLuZyBXYWdlcyAtIEFsSGVybmlFOZSBST3&search_text=fanelli&f=

Link to the book is available [here](#)²³³ .

The Rise and Fall of Neoliberal Capitalism

By David M. Kotz — 2015, Harvard University Press

The financial and economic collapse that began in the United States in 2008 and spread to the rest of the world continues to burden the global economy. **David Kotz**, who was one of the few academic economists to predict it, argues that the ongoing economic crisis is not simply the aftermath of financial panic and an unusually severe recession but instead is a structural crisis of neoliberal, or free-market, capitalism. Consequently, continuing stagnation cannot be resolved by policy measures alone. It requires major institutional restructuring.

Kotz analyzes the reasons for the rise of free-market ideas, policies, and institutions beginning around 1980. He shows how the neoliberal capitalism that resulted was able to produce a series of long although tepid economic expansions, punctuated by relatively brief recessions, as well as a low rate of inflation. This created the impression of a “Great Moderation.” However, the very same factors that promoted long expansions and low inflation—growing inequality, an increasingly risk-seeking financial sector, and a series of large asset bubbles—were not only objectionable in themselves but also put the economy on an unsustainable trajectory. Kotz interprets the current push for austerity as an attempt to deepen and preserve neoliberal capitalism. However, both economic theory and history suggest that neither austerity measures nor other policy adjustments can bring another period of stable economic expansion. Kotz considers several possible directions of economic restructuring, concluding that significant economic change is likely in the years ahead.

Link to the book is available [here](#)²³⁴ .

Violence in Capitalism: Devaluing Life in an Age of Responsibility

By James A. Tyner — 2016, University of Nebraska Press

What, James Tyner asks, separates the murder of a runaway youth from the death of a father denied a bone-marrow transplant because of budget cuts? Moving beyond our culture’s reductive emphasis on whether a given act of violence is intentional—and may therefore count as deliberate murder—Tyner interrogates the broader forces that

²³³<http://www.taylorandfrancis.com/books/details/9781138183452/>

²³⁴<http://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674725652>

produce violence. His uniquely geographic perspective considers where violence takes place (the workplace, the home, the prison, etc.) and how violence moves across space.

Approaching violence as one of several methods of constituting space, Tyner examines everything from the way police departments map crime to the emergence of “environmental criminology.” Throughout, he casts violence in broad terms—as a realm that is not limited to criminal acts and one that can be divided into the categories of “killing” and “letting die.” His framework extends the study of biopolitics by examining the state’s role in producing (or failing to produce) a healthy citizenry. It also adds to the new literature on capitalism by articulating the interconnections between violence and political economy. Simply put, capitalism (especially its neoliberal and neoconservative variants) is structured around a valuation of life that fosters a particular abstraction of violence and crime.

Link to the book is available [here](#)²³⁵ . (For discount use code ”CSL116VCAP”)

Heterodox Graduate Programs, Scholarships and Grants

Call for research proposals: ”Welfare, Wellbeing and Demographic Change: Understanding Welfare Models”

“More Years, Better Lives (MYBL) – The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change”

Joint Programming is a new approach to foster collaboration and coordination in R&D in Europe. It is a member-states driven activity. The **Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) “More Years, Better Lives (MYBL) – The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change”** seeks to enhance coordination and collaboration between European and national research programmes related to demographic change.

Areas affected by demographic change cover a wide range of research fields and policy topics ranging from health to social welfare, education & learning, work & productivity to housing, urban & rural development and mobility. The JPI “More Years, Better Lives” therefore **follows a transnational, multi-disciplinary approach** bringing together different research programmes and researchers from various disciplines in order to provide solutions for the upcoming challenges and make use of the potential of societal change in Europe. Currently 14 European countries and Canada are participating in the JPI “More Years, Better Lives”.

²³⁵<http://www.combinedacademic.co.uk/Book/53313/Violence-in-Capitalism>

Joint Transnational Call for Proposals (2016) for **“Welfare, Wellbeing and Demographic Change: Understanding Welfare Models”**

The Joint Transnational Call 2016 is opened with the objective of enabling a better coordination of national, European and Canadian R&D programmes and activities relevant to Demographic Change in order to address the most urgent and demanding challenges defined in the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA), developed under the EC funded Coordination and Support Action J-AGE II. The aim of the call is to support research which will improve the understanding of how different approaches to welfare secure the quality of life, especially on older people. The objective is to develop comparative perspectives on “welfare models”, and the ways in which they are changing, drawing on the great diversity of approaches to welfare across Europe and Canada. A better understanding of these differences can help policymakers to identify potential ways of meeting needs, as their own models evolve in response to changing demographic pressures and circumstances. Because welfare models involve a complex interaction of public, private and voluntary activity, understanding them, their impact and the ways in which they are changing, will draw on expertise from many academic disciplines. Therefore proposals shall have an interdisciplinary nature.

Funding organisations that have indicated their commitment in participating in the call:

- Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFV), Austria
- Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Belgium (Flanders)
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Canada
- Academy of Finland (AKA), Finland
- The French National Research Agency (ANR), France
- The Israeli Ministry of Science Technology and Space (MOST), Israel
- Italian Ministry of Health (MoH), Italy
- Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR), Italy
- The Research Council of Norway (RCN), Norway
- Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), Portugal
- Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO), Spain
- National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII), Spain

- The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw),
The Netherlands

The call is expected to be opened simultaneously by the participating funding organisations in their respective countries.

Interested applicants are encouraged to initiate scientific contacts with potential project consortium partners for applications, and to contact their respective national contact points.

More details on National Funding Rules are available [here](#)²³⁶ .

Downloads of documents related (updated:26/01/2016): [4_CallText_MYBL_JTC2016](#)²³⁷

The Submission Tool will be available the **22 of February 2016**.

The Submission period will close the **11 of April 2016 at 12.00 CET**.

Applicants may submit proposals from the 22 of February 2016 until the 11 of April 2016 at 12.00 CET.

Joint Call Secretariat
National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII)
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International Visiting Fellowships in Critical Digital & Social Media Research

The Westminster Institute for Advanced Studies (WIAS) www.westminster.ac.uk/wias²³⁹ is a newly created academic space at the University of Westminster in London for independent critical thinking beyond borders. Its inaugural research theme is Critical Digital & Social Media Research.

One of the WIAS' key features is the Research Fellowship Programme that attracts and brings together current and future academic leaders. We invite applications for international junior and senior research fellows (from all academic backgrounds) who conduct fellowship research projects in the realm of Critical Social & Digital Media Research for the duration of 3 months in 2016. Several fellowships will be awarded as

²³⁶<http://www.jp-demographic.eu/activities/calls/>

²³⁷http://www.jp-demographic.eu/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/4_CallText_MYBL_JTC2016.pdf

²³⁸<mailto:callmybl@isciii.es>

²³⁹<http://www.westminster.ac.uk/wias>

result of this call. The fellowships cover airfare and a contribution to accommodation and subsistence in London.

Funded scholarships are only awarded as a result of open calls. The WIAS invites both junior and senior fellows. Junior fellows are researchers who hold a PhD that has been awarded not more than 5 years before the date of the call publication. Senior fellows are researchers who hold a PhD that has been awarded more than 5 years before the call is published.

More details and application: <https://www.westminster.ac.uk/news/2016/call-for-applications-international-research-fellowship>²⁴⁰

Application deadline: February 29, 2016, 17:00 BST

PhD Studentship on Gender Pay Gap in Manchester/Glasgow

PhD Funding on "Strategic Explanations of the Gender Pay Gap With Multi-level Modelling: A Scottish Comparison with the UK"

Supervised by **Wendy Olsen** and **Kingsley Purdam**, Social Statistics, School of Social Sciences, University of Manchester; in conjunction with the **Close the Gap Project**

Glasgow (Under auspices of the Scottish Trades Union Congress) "Close the Gap" have agreed to work together with the University of Manchester doing data analysis on the pay gap. We will have either a 1+3 (MSc + PhD) or +3 (PhD) student. The funding is from the ESRC via the Northwest Doctoral Training Centre scheme (www.nwdtc.ac.uk²⁴¹). Close The Gap is a partnership initiative working in Scotland on women's participation in the labour market. Methods of decomposing a pay gap have been changing since 1982 (Oaxaca and Ransom, 1994, 1999; Watson, 2010; Olsen and Walby, 2004). Issues of regulation such as unionisation, the impact of pay-gap reporting on the pay gap, and the role of the minimum wage are areas in which the literature is not settled (Manning and Swaffield, 2008; Anxo, et al., 2012). This PhD has a Scottish focus as well as an All-UK focus.

For more details see: <http://www.ruralvisits.org/qca/Advertisement1CaseStudentshipGPG.pdf>²⁴²

²⁴⁰<https://www.westminster.ac.uk/news/2016/call-for-applications-international-research-fellowship>

²⁴¹<http://www.nwdtc.ac.uk>

²⁴²<http://www.ruralvisits.org/qca/Advertisement1CaseStudentshipGPG.pdf>

PhD scholarships at Kingston University London

Kingston University London is advertising ten PhD scholarship across the entire university, these are likely to be highly competitive. The scholarships covers a living allowance and UK/EU fees.

Deadline is 18 March 2016

More information of the scholarship and the application can be found here: <http://www.kingston.ac.uk/research/degrees/funding/phd-studentships-2016/>²⁴³

Kingston University is centre for non-mainstream economics and Political Economy research and has an active Political Economy Research Group (PERG <http://fass.kingston.ac.uk/research/perg/>). PERG is encouraging applications in all fields of heterodox economics and Political Economy, with particular interest in Post Keynesian and Marxist approaches, and on issues like financialisation, financial instability, stock flow consistent modelling, distribution and growth, development. Interested applicants are welcome to send draft proposal to potential supervisors for comments.

The Economics' department guidance of PhD applications (that's general information, not specific to these scholarships) can be found at <http://fass.kingston.ac.uk/downloads/research-guidelines-economics.pdf>²⁴⁵

About Political Economy Research Group ([PERG](#)²⁴⁶): The Political Economy approach highlights the role of effective demand, institutions and social conflict in economic analysis and thereby builds on Austrian, Institutional, Keynesian and Marxist traditions. Economic processes are perceived to be embedded in social relations that must be analysed in the context of historical considerations, power relations and social norms. As a consequence, a broad range of methodological approaches is employed, and cooperation with other disciplines, including history, law, sociology and other social sciences, is necessary.

Master programs:

- MA Political Economy
- MA Economics (Political Economy)
- MA International Politics and Economics
- MA Philosophy and Political Economy

²⁴³<http://www.kingston.ac.uk/research/research-degrees/funding/phd-studentships-2016/>

²⁴⁴<http://fass.kingston.ac.uk/research/perg/>

²⁴⁵<http://fass.kingston.ac.uk/downloads/research-guidelines-economics.pdf>

²⁴⁶<http://fass.kingston.ac.uk/research/perg>

More details are available [here](#)²⁴⁷ .

PhD studentship opportunity at the University of Sheffield

The contemporary global economic crisis and environmental crisis are intimately related. Yet the existing political economy literature has little to say about the relationship between economic growth and environmental sustainability. The [Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute](#)²⁴⁸ (SPERI) is therefore seeking to recruit a doctoral researcher for an innovative, cross-disciplinary research project which explores the economy/environment relationship. At its core, the doctoral research will reflect on a single, disarmingly simple, core research question: **what is sustainable resource use and what are its implications for economic growth?**

SPERI is an inter-disciplinary research institute which aims to bring together leading international researchers, policy-makers, journalists and opinion-formers to develop new ways of thinking about the economic and political challenges posed for the whole world by the current combination of financial crisis, shifting economic power and environmental threat.

Developing new ways of thinking about the economic impact of environmental change is therefore at the heart of SPERI's mission as a research centre. By focusing on 'green growth' and sustainable resource use, this studentship would form an important part of SPERI's ongoing research agenda around the relationships between politics, the economy and climate change.

The Max Batley Grantham Scholarship is organised in partnership with the [Grantham Centre for Sustainable Futures](#)²⁴⁹ . This four-year studentship would encompass an extensive training programme, and opportunities for engagement with the public, policy-makers and industry, as part of the [Grantham Scholars](#)²⁵⁰ programme. This will enable the successful applicant to develop world-class skills in both research and leadership, so that he or she may play an important public role in efforts to address climate change.

The project envisaged will require, firstly, consideration of how we might develop techniques to evaluate and measure the aggregate sustainability of an economy's resource use. However, and secondly, it will be necessary also to consider if, and how, moving towards more sustainable forms of resource use conflicts with the economy's prevailing growth model or developmental path. Put simply, we need to decide whether it is possible to envisage environmentally sustainable growth or whether environmental sus-

²⁴⁷<http://www.kingston.ac.uk/postgraduate-course/political-economy-ma/>

²⁴⁸<http://speri.dept.shef.ac.uk/>

²⁴⁹<http://grantham.sheffield.ac.uk/>

²⁵⁰<http://grantham.sheffield.ac.uk/training/>

tainability entails, at minimum, and on conventional measures of economic performance, a permanent recession.

It is too often assumed by supporters of contemporary models of capitalism, even where sympathetic to fears about environmental destruction, that sustainability and growth can happily coincide through greater levels of investment in green technologies, creating jobs and wealth at the same time as responding to climate change. Equally, it is too often assumed by advocates of radical adaptation to environmental destruction that what is required, above all, is attitudinal change within consumer-based economies, that is, that society must simply learn to live within its environmental means. Even if this were possible, eschewing the possibility of economic growth raises acute distributional questions that any post-growth order must address.

The successful candidate will address these dilemmas by considering the implications of sustainable resource use for the models of growth and development an economy might pursue. They will seek to review existing metrics for measuring sustainable resource use, and use empirical research into different forms of economic activity to explore whether these suitably capture relationships with economic growth. It is expected that the successful candidate will develop a series of case studies of different economic sectors (eg. agri-food industry, resource-intense manufacturing) across particular geographies, conducted using both quantitative and qualitative evidence, in order to explore the potential implications of greater resource sustainability. Case studies would enable reflection on the sustainability of a range of different growth models, providing a platform for future inter-disciplinary research auditing the sustainability of emerging forms of capitalist development.

The doctoral researcher appointed will work closely with the existing SPERI team, but also other Grantham Scholars and other researchers based at the University studying natural resource use. They will be expected to write and research academic papers, but also policy interventions, debate pieces and blog posts. The successful candidate is likely to be someone with a background in political economy and/or natural resource management (studied from a social science perspective), and with experience in the use of a range of research methods.

A multi-disciplinary supervisory team will enable the successful candidate to make important contributions to scholarship across a range of fields. The studentship will be supervised primarily by [Professor Colin Hay](http://speri.dept.shef.ac.uk/people/colin-hay/)²⁵¹. The successful candidate will be based at SPERI (with research formally accredited by the [Department of Politics](https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/politics)²⁵²) but also play an active and integral role in the Grantham Centre. [Professor James Wilsdon](https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/politics/people/academic/james-wilsdon)²⁵³ (Politics), [Dr Craig Berry](http://speri.dept.shef.ac.uk/people/craig-berry/)²⁵⁴ (SPERI) and [Professor Peter Horton](https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/mbb/staff/horton)²⁵⁵ (Molecular

²⁵¹<http://speri.dept.shef.ac.uk/people/colin-hay/>

²⁵²<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/politics>

²⁵³<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/politics/people/academic/james-wilsdon>

²⁵⁴<http://speri.dept.shef.ac.uk/people/craig-berry/>

²⁵⁵<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/mbb/staff/horton>

Biology and Biotechnology) will support the project as second supervisors.

This four-year studentship will be fully funded by the Grantham Centre at Home/EU rates. Support for travel and consumables (RTSG) will also be made available at standard rate of £2,627 per annum, with an additional one-off allowance of £1,000 for a computer in the first year. Students will receive an annual stipend of £17,335 in 2015/16, rising with inflation thereafter.

For more information about the studentship, please contact Laure Astill at l.astill@sheffield.ac.uk²⁵⁶ or visit <http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/politics/study/research>²⁵⁷. To apply for the Department of Politics' PhD programme, please visit <http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/apply> and specify that you are applying for the 'Max Batley Grantham Scholarship'.

Applications must be received by **7 March 2016**. Short interviews with shortlisted candidates will be held via Skype or telephone **24 March 2016** between 09:00 and 12:00 GMT.

Postdoc Research Fellow: Political Economy of the Internet

The **EU project netCommons** (2016-2018) studies the sociological, technical and legal aspects of the Internet infrastructure in Europe.

The University of Westminster team is a co-operation of the Communication and Media Research Institute (CAMRI) and the Westminster Institute for Advanced Studies. It is led by Christian Fuchs and studies the political economy of Internet infrastructure. We are looking to hire as soon as possible and until the end of 2018 a London-based 50% (fixed-term) postdoc research fellow specialising in the political economy of the Internet. Distance-work is not an option for this position. It is a 50% position with a total salary of £19,536.5 - £21,696 p.a. (incl. L.W.A.) [i.e. £20-£21k for 17.5 hours of work per week].

The appointee will hold a social science PhD (in sociology or a related field) and will be familiar with the approach of critical political economy of communication as well as foundations of social science-oriented Internet research. A key aspect is that the person will possess excellent skills in both quantitative and qualitative empirical social science research methods. S/he will also have skills in ethical impact assessment of information technologies. The appointee will have a track record of academic publications and be able to leverage contacts and networks in order to organise workshops, events and a survey for this project.

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²⁵⁷<http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/politics/study/research>

²⁵⁸<http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/apply/applying>

The postoc research fellow will help conducting a both quantitatively and qualitatively focused survey; analyse and interpret the survey results both statistically and qualitatively; conduct interviews; conduct ethical and societal impact assessment of Internet infrastructure's political economy especially in the context of un/sustainability, ownership and commodification, democracy and civil rights, privacy and surveillance, net neutrality, the digital divide and ideologies; help organising workshops that engage academics as well as non-academics in the wider public and relevant communities of interest; produce and publish research reports and articles in open access journals; present research results; and create accessible materials for the public.

If you are interested to apply, then please submit one sample publication (a published article, a chapter from a collected volume, monograph chapter; unpublished or forthcoming works, works in a language other than English, and unpublished dissertations are not eligible) characteristic for your work together with your application (CV, application form). It is best to combine the CV and the sample publication into one pdf file

Further information: Christian Fuchs, c.fuchs@westminster.ac.uk²⁵⁹

Application and job details: <https://vacancies.westminster.ac.uk/hrvacancies/default.aspx?id=50044110>²⁶⁰

Application deadline: 18 February, 2018

Newsletters

Binzagr Institute for Sustainable Prosperity

Link to the latest issue of the Newsletter is available [here](#)²⁶¹ .

Global Labour Column

ILO is the sole shield for millions of workers: Interview with Bernard Thibault²⁶²

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²⁶¹<http://us9.campaign-archive1.com/?u=83e3e436e1729a8ada363869b&id=8469c2759e>

²⁶²<http://column.global-labour-university.org/2016/02/ilo-is-sole-shield-for-millions-of.html>

Sarah Godar and Achim Truger: The Scope for Progressive Tax Reform in the OECD Countries: A Macroeconomic Perspective²⁶³

Union for Radical Political Economy

You can find the current issue of the newsletter [here](#)²⁶⁴ .

Calls for Support

Support Labour Rights in Greece

Academics and activists in Greece have initiated a campaign against the continuing assaults on labour rights and are asking support for their statement / petition which I copied below.

To sign, please go to: <http://mayday.gr/stop-the-coup-collective-labouragreements-now/>²⁶⁵

Stop the coup: collective labour agreements now!

The financial crisis has transformed itself into a generalized attack on labour rights. The neo-liberal forces have managed to make use of the crisis as an opportunity for their aggressive plans. We are now facing a generalized deregulation of labour relations; a wealth and power redistribution process in favor of capital and against labour.

In order to tackle the root cause of the problem, we need to understand a basic contradiction: The contradiction between the enormous amounts of wealth produced by today's societies and the rise of inequalities. In our point of view, getting out of the crisis entails reducing these inequalities and reversing the policies of labour devaluation, in a word, redistributing power and wealth in favor of the labour.

In Greece, the neoliberal policies have managed to destroy labour rights. The numbers illustrating the current situation show the magnitude of the problem. The abolition of collective bargaining led to wage cuts of up to 40%. Nearly one in three workers in the private sector is paid a net salary of 300 euros (up to 440 euros gross), being engaged in flexible forms of employment (part-time and outsourced employment, job rotation, etc.).

²⁶³<http://column.global-labour-university.org/2016/01/the-scope-for-progressive-tax-reform-in.html>

²⁶⁴http://urpe.org/content/media/UA_URPE_Past_Newsletters/newsletter%20fallwinter%202016.pdf

²⁶⁵<http://mayday.gr/stop-the-coup-collective-labouragreements-now/>

To this day, the salary received by 45% of employees is below the 751 euro that was the minimum wage limit before the violent reduction of minimum wages by law. By 2012 this figure was only 17% including the full-time minimum wages and part-time employment. There are estimates according to which workers involved in “black» / undeclared employment, add up to several hundred thousand. In general, labour violations have increased in immeasurable levels, making compliance of businesses with the labour law an exception. At the same time, a high percentage of workers in the private sector, are paid with up to twelve months delay, while the number of the unemployed reaches 1.5 million.

Facing a situation like this, we are not looking for the knight in shining armor coming to the rescue. We know that our dignity can only be earned through social struggles and organization. We fight to restore the right to collective labour agreements, so that workers can organize and claim a life in dignity; to eliminate all regulations dictated by the memorandum concerning collective agreements and arbitration procedures that opened the door to a generalized deregulation of wages 80% of which is a result of individual contracts. Depriving a country from its right to establish collective bargaining touches upon an issue that concerns all European workers: that of democracy itself. The coup of the Institutions must be reversed. The fight of the Greek workers for collective labour agreements is a fight common to all European workers for decent work, labor rights and a life of dignity.

Hulya Dagdeviren
Professor of Economic Development
Business School
University of Hertfordshire

For Your Information

Sanders' Single-Payer Proposal

A few weeks ago, a number of people on this list agreed to sign a letter of support for Sen. Bernie Sanders' Wall St. reform proposal. That letter (along with the names of those who signed on) was just featured in an important piece written by Glenn Greenwald. You can view it here: <https://theintercept.com/2016/01/28/paul-krugman-unironically-anoints-himself-arbiter-of-seriousness-only-clinton-supporters-eligible/>²⁶⁶

Our expertise really does matter (even if Paul Krugman doesn't count us among the 'serious' people). We have another opportunity to influence thinking — this time on

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health care. If you are willing to sign onto the following letter, please write to Heather Gautney at gautney@fordham.edu²⁶⁷. Please **include your institutional affiliation** or your name will not appear on the letter.

ECONOMISTS AND HEALTH CARE EXPERTS IN SUPPORT OF BERNIE SANDERS' MEDICARE FOR ALL

Bernie Sanders' Medicare-for-All plan for universal health care in the United States is the right way to ensure affordable access to health care for *all* Americans.

The Affordable Care Act has made important strides in expanding health insurance, especially for low-income and young Americans. It has instituted important protections against exclusion from coverage. And it has empowered American workers, especially those with health conditions. But 29 million people in this country remain uninsured, and many more struggle with high co-payments and deductibles. Senator Sanders' plan delivers universal coverage at a fraction of the cost because it replaces private health care premiums, co-payments and deductibles with a single, *smaller* payment into the Medicare-for-All system. In short, the Sanders plan will do more and cost less than any privately-administered health insurance system.

We agree with Bernie Sanders that we must build on the proven record over 50 years of the Medicare program. We must provide the freedom and security to all Americans that comes with finally separating health insurance from employment.

Bernie Sanders's single-payer system would cost less than our current system, because a single-payer system wouldn't spend huge sums on advertising, marketing, executive pay, and billing, as private insurers do. The Sanders single-payer system would empower Medicare to negotiate fair prices for drugs and procedures. It would be financed by a fair and reasonable tax, replacing a battery of larger and more burdensome payments to private insurance companies. By eliminating the profit-seeking interests of the insurance companies, the bills will get paid, and there will be no more fighting with insurers who fail to pay in full or on time.

Every other major Western country has made the morally principled and financially responsible decision to provide universal health insurance. The result – in Europe, Canada and Japan – is better health at lower cost. The United States can do this. And we have a program – Medicare – that shows how it can be done here.

To lend your support, please e-mail Heather Gautney at gautney@fordham.edu²⁶⁸

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1. James K. Galbraith, University of Texas
2. Dean Baker, Center for Economic and Policy Research
3. Robert Reich, University of California Berkeley
4. Eileen Appelbaum, Center for Economic and Policy Research

The "International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education" implements a new section: "The Teaching Commons"

The International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education has implemented a new section, 'The Teaching Commons,' edited by Deb Figart and Zohreh Emami.

In this section we are looking for short suggestions, rather than the traditional longer refereed paper, on how to improve pedagogy, and/or successful tips in implementing pluralism in the classroom.

Interested authors should contact Deb Figart (email: Deb.Figart@stockton.edu²⁶⁹) and Zohreh Emami (email: Zohreh.Emami@alverno.edu²⁷⁰)

The journal „Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft“ introduces peer reviewing and invites international contributions

„Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft“, the quarterly journal edited by the Department of Economics in the Vienna Chamber of Labor, introduces a peer-reviewed section as of 2016. The journal has been published since 1975 with a focus on heterodox economic policy and theory, with contributions from renowned economists like John E. King, Engelbert Stockhammer, and Heinz D. Kurz.

Authors are called to submit their contributions for publication in German or English. Submissions are invited to express a critical view on mainstream economics taking account of a wide range of methodological and theoretical approaches to economic issues.

Please submit your article via e-mail to susanne.fuerst@akwien.at²⁷¹ or daniela.paraskevaidis@akwien.at²⁷² .

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For further information, see <http://www.wirtschaftundgesellschaft.at>²⁷³

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