As you will probably already know, this Newsletter hosts an accompanying Directory on Heterodox Economics, which aims to document the institutional diversity and breadth of the heterodox economics community within academia and has become a valuable tool for students, researchers, practitioners and interested laypeople. However, what you most probably did not know is that a new edition of said directory has just been published here.

In this edition, we provide the Directory with novel content, a revised and improved organization of materials as well as an all-new graphical framework. As usual, the Directory comes in the form of a website with archival character and as a handy pdf-version. In this update we decided to first introduce a 'beta-version' of the Directory, which practically implies the opportunity for all readers of the Directory to suggest corrections and new entries within the next nine weeks. During this time-span we will continue to update and extend the Directory to eventually present a final version at the end of May.

If you have any suggestion to correct or amend the Heterodox Economics Directory simply write to newsletter@heterodoxnews.com.

All the best,

Jakob

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The economic crisis that has been unfolding since 2007 has had a severely asymmetric impact both within and between countries. There can be no dispute that the cost of the crisis has been especially high for the peripheral countries and for the world’s poor, women, the old, the young, and the disabled: the crisis itself, and the recovery strategies implemented in most countries, have tended to reinforce the hierarchies of privilege under neoliberal capitalism. The main schools of political economy have examined the crisis and its implications in detail. Those studies have offered valuable insights supporting further academic analyses and, most importantly, informing political action to undermine the reproduction of neoliberalism. The Seventh Annual Conference in Political Economy will review the development of political economy in response to the crisis, and the emergence and renewal of political economy in different countries and regions. In doing this, this Conference will:

- Examine emerging traditions, and compare and contrast their approaches and insights with those of existing schools of political economy.
- Contribute to the further enrichment of political economy in the context of the ongoing crisis and the apparent, if uneven, loss of dynamism of global capitalism.
Highlight the points of contact between political economy and the modalities of activism that have prospered since the onset of the global crisis.

Proposals for presentations on all aspects of political economy are welcome. Those focusing on activism, and on the contributions of different traditions, regions and countries, are especially encouraged.

IIPPE welcomes the submission of (a) proposals for individual papers (which IIPPE will group into panels), (b) proposals for panels, (c) proposals for streams of panels, or (d) proposals on activism.

To submit a proposal, please go to the following Electronic Proposal Form, and carefully follow the complete instructions there. All deadline dates are included on this Electronic Proposal Form.

Panel on "The Political Economy of EU: the common home of European people or an imperialist integration?"

The European integration has been a long-standing and very ambitious project. It began in the post-WW II era in very different from today economic, social and geopolitical circumstances and has evolved till today. During its course it passed through several internal crises as well as major global crises (the 1974 and the 2007-8 ones being the more significant). From its very beginning was a matter of controversy both in general and within Political Economy and the Left. Two major camps emerged (and several sub-divisions). The first camp argues that the European integration project is an imperialist one, pushed forward by the dominant capitals of the Western European countries and aiming to exploit weaker economies and, in its course, to challenge US global supremacy. Thus, it is argued that the European integration is internally divided in at least two groups of countries: a dominant euro-centre and a dominated euro-periphery. Consequently, the task of the Left is to dismantle this reactionary project. The second camp argues that, despite any conservative hegemonies and later neoliberal foundations, the European integration is an inherently progressive process as it sets aside national conflicts and leads to a unified social and economic space in which the European working class has to struggle with the European capital for hegemony. Therefore, this camp supports pan-European initiatives for democratizing and/or socializing the European integration.

The 2007-8 global capitalist crisis brought to the fore with invigorated force this controversy. After some initial mainstream musing about decoupling between the US and the European Union (EU) economies, the latter were engulfed in an ongoing crisis centred on the European Monetary Union (EMU) but also spread to the whole of the European in-
The division between euro-core and euro-periphery became more pronounced, brutal austerity programmes were imposed on many euro-periphery countries under the auspices of troikas (EU-IMF-ECB) and social and national tensions erupted. Questions like leaving the EMU (like Grexit) or leaving the EU (like the Brexit) came to the fore and are hotly debated both generally and within Political Economy and the Left.

This panel aims to study this issue. It aspires to gather contributions analyzing subjects like:

- The economic, social and political nature of the European integration
- Theories and approaches studying it (e.g. uneven and combined development, convergence)
- Specific economic mechanisms (e.g. EMU, current account and trade imbalances)
- Comparisons between EU economies
- Geopolitical issues

Abstracts (500 words maximum) should be submitted by April 1, 2016. To submit your abstract, please go to the Electronic Proposal Form and carefully follow the instructions there. (All deadlines are listed at the link.)

For more general information about IIPPE, the working groups and the conference, please visit our website. For details on the panel, you can contact Stavros Mavroudeas (smavro@uom.gr).

Panel for the Greek Economy – "The Greek economy in front of the 3 Adjustment Program" (organised by the Neoliberalism Working Group)

The Greek economy is in crisis for the seventh consecutive year. Since its beginning in 2009, it has already curried the brunt of two Economic Adjustment Programmes (popularly called Memoranda) organised by the EU-ECB-IMF troika and agreed by the Greek political and economic establishment that led to a cumulative depression of approximately 27% of the initial GDP, a skyrocketing unemployment around 27% and mounting immiserisation of the working class and the middle strata. The SYRIZA government betrayed its declarations of rejecting the Memoranda policy, capitulated unconditionally to the directives and demands of the troika and signed a new 3 Economic

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Adjustment Programme. The new programme follows the lines of the previous ones and dictates more austerity for the country and immiserisation for the popular classes.

This panel aims to study the state of the Greek economy in front of the new Adjustment Programme. It aspires to gather contributions on issues like:

- The impact of the Adjustment Programmes on the labour market, the sectoral and branch structure of the economy, health and the health system etc.
- Competing explanations of the Greek crisis
- Alternative economic policies for overcoming the crisis

The panel is organised under the auspices of the Neoliberalism Working Group.

Abstracts (500 words maximum) should be submitted by April 1, 2016. To submit your abstract, please go to the Electronic Proposal Form and carefully follow the instructions there. (All deadlines are listed at the link.). Also mention the specific Working Group and the relevant panel.

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on “Economics and Alternative Development Models: the National Differences by the Religions” (organised by the Political Economy and Religions Working Group, IIPPE)

The key question of this panel is to analyse the fundamental role of the religions for the formation of new economic and social proposals, polities and indications as reply to the recent recession of the economic-financial crisis began in 2007. The research of this panel will be an cross-cultural, cross-religious and cross-national comparative analysis of various European and world countries; and to understand like this topic can to find concrete help, support and indications by the religions for a different and various economic and social development inspired at the theory of the common good and of the sustainable growth. The theoretical framework of the panel will develop quantitative and qualitative aspects. In line with this last, the research will value the religions (Christianity, Protestantism and Islam) not only like personal faith, but in particular way like fundamental value and cultural knowledge capable to modify and to condition the human attitudes, in private but above all in public ambit, therefore also from economic and social point of view. The panel will analyse the role and the importance of the birth and of the spread of different and various “religious” economy of the common good and of a more human development, such as: cooperation economy, microcredit, ethical finance,
ethical banks, economy of communion, development credits and other, all of religious origin. In this context, the religions become also a culture of integral dimension, social change and primary reality in which is inserted the whole humanity, constituted by relational factors of political, economic, social and institutional nature. In fact, the importance of the religions in the public sphere, also like cultures and attitudes, means that the adherence to their fundamental values (such as dignity of human person, human liberty, private property, and right to the development) becomes a decisive factor for the economic and social development in the ambit of the recent economic-financial crisis. By this vision, the panel aims to understand how actually the recent economic-financial crisis is also a crisis of religious and ethical values that have been excluded from the economic science legislation all over the centuries, from its financial origins to its effects on the real economy. Besides, the panel aims to understand the intrinsic motivations, the cultural aspects and the religious origins of a new thinking that could provide the opportunity for a new approach capable to build a more egalitarian, prosperous, responsible and stable world society.

We encourage abstracts from theoretical and practical point of view. The submit a proposal, go on IIPPE website and fill the online application-form choosing “Political Economy and Religions” Working Group. Moreover send the abstract at the WG Coordinator, Salvatore Drago (drago73salvo@tiscali.it).
IIPPE Poverty Working Group

The economic crisis that started in 2007 has become the deepest global contraction since the 1930s, and the economic recovery has been the slowest and weakest on record. The costs of the crisis include a wave of unemployment and poverty that has only built on top on already existing pauperised working people. A whole generation, especially the youth, has been blighted by the crisis, which has had devastating consequences for hundreds of millions of people across the world. Austerity policies of unprecedented depth and severity have contributed decisively to this grim picture, and within Europe, Greek and Spanish governments leading the way.

The necessary destruction of capital for getting over the crisis has been burdened on the shoulders of working people, self-employed people, small business and small farmers. Lately, these people are receiving the direct or indirect effects of imperialist war with Syria in its epicenter. The immigrant waves have resulted in European countries closing their borders, blocking thus hundreds of thousands of immigrants in Balkan countries in extremely dangerous living conditions for themselves and the local population. It is beyond doubt that this will lead to an absolute lowering of the living standard in the receiving countries. Nevertheless, while absolute poverty is the most telling aspect of poverty, research in approaching this aspect is left aside, as well as the effect of the crisis and war in the pauperisation of people.

Within developed capitalist countries, (in the US, Europe and UK) the attack on the welfare state had started long before the crisis. The crisis has also generated an ideological offensive against the poor and benefit claimants, who are increasingly demonized and stereotyped as ‘welfare dependents’ which reinforces policies of means testing and conditionality. There was retreat on the satisfaction of needs socially and the responsibility for the provision of housing, health and education was gradually transformed from social to individual. The crisis has accelerated and deepened this process, while poverty has been undoubtedly exacerbated. In developing countries such as Latin America (Bolivia, Venezuela and Ecuador) some of the left wing governments have developed anti-poverty programmes and for the first time the poor have had a voice within the political process. Recent political changes signal a reversal of this evolution and there are questions about what the future holds for these welfare programmes.

The Poverty Working Group encourages contributions which shed light on critical theoretical approach of poverty and social needs. We are particularly interested in contributions that link theory to practice where there is an analysis of resistance and political mobilization around poverty highlighting strengths and weaknesses.

The panel is calling for papers which treat issues in the following topics:

- Comparative analysis of contrasting definitions and approaches concerning the poverty threshold.
• Theory of needs, definition and measurement of needs, poverty threshold as the necessary income covering needs.

• Structure of households’ expenses

• The relationship between the value of labour power and absolute poverty – the “reserve army of labor” and the “working poor”.

• Methodological issues concerning the estimation of all necessary household expenses – food, shelter, clothing, health, transportation, education, childcare, recreation, telecommunications etc.

• The welfare state, its retreat and the related rise of poverty

• Poverty and immigrants, especially under the light of the recent events

• Over-indebtedness in the EU and Greece. Causes and consequences of over-indebtedness. The impact of crisis on households’ budgets.

• Recent institutional developments on personal bankruptcy

• In this conference we particularly welcome papers that also focus on labour and popular mobilization against poverty, the living conditions of immigrants and the retreat of the welfare state. For example how and in what way are trade unions and other pro-workers organizations shaping anti-poverty discourses, what are their strategies – successes and weaknesses

Papers and stream proposals can be submitted on iippe.org by 1 April 2016, ticking the Poverty Working Group as pertinent to the proposal. Alternatively, please contact the Poverty Working Group coordinator George Labrinidis (geolabros@gmail.com).


In a year with a strong El Nino, droughts and floods have accentuated the crisis of reproduction and unveiled the fragility of agricultural systems across the globe. The sluggish recovery from the 2007-2008 financial crisis, the slowing down of Chinese demand and the current trend in the prices of oil are having effects on agrarian social formations with implications – via food prices, labour markets, land deals – for wider social and political processes. The latest crisis expresses the contradictions of an increasingly integrated global agriculture which progressively concentrates and reproduces poverty and

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exploitation. In such a conjuncture the capacity of critical agrarian political economy to account for the crises and to rethink agrarian change is ultimately tested. The Agrarian Change working group fosters the study of agrarian relations through world-historical, class-based perspectives.

Building on a debate started in Naples and continued in Leeds, the Agrarian Change working group calls for individual papers and thematic panels on the Political Economy of Agrarian Change for the 7th IIPPE conference in Lisbon. Submissions to this stream will engage with social, economic and political power relations in the spheres of agricultural production and exchange and in relation to land, labour and capital in all regions of the world. We welcome papers discussing:

- Power and inequality in agrarian systems; social differentiation; accumulation from below and above; class formation.
- Labour and social mobilisation; class struggles in the countryside; rural social movements and transnational agrarian movements; alternative networks and politics (e.g. the Latin American left).
- Emerging forms of organising production and pricing; encounters between capital and commodity producers.
- Private-led quality and social standards and certification; vertical integration and implications for the creation and appropriation of value.
- Capital upstream and downstream from agriculture, market integration, accumulation across sectors, the financialisation of agriculture.
- Rural labour markets, labour and migration, remittances and agriculture; social protection and employment schemes, the rural ‘precariat’, informality and rural livelihoods.
- Experiences with land reform, land restitution and redistribution; unpacking community and customary structures (e.g. South Africa).
- The formation and contestation of property and authority over land and other land-based resources; land grabs and large-scale land acquisition; the development of biofuels.
- The state and agricultural policy
- Gender, generational, caste and race politics in agrarian formations
• Theory and methods in agrarian political economy; Marxist agrarian political economy; the transition debates and the agrarian question(s).

• The metabolic rift and the limits to capitalist reproduction, political ecology, resources and environmental conflict.

• Food regimes; food systems and the food sovereignty debate; corporate appropriation of the ‘food dollar’.

We encourage the submission of panel proposals (consisting of up to four presentations) as an opportunity to showcase the work of study groups in greater depth than is possible in single presentations. Abstracts of individual papers (max. 500 words) or panel proposals (max. 500 words plus abstracts of the individual papers) can be submitted via the Electronic Proposal Form. For other questions and additional information contact: Helena Perez Nino (hpereznino@plaas.org.za17) and Leandro Vergara-Camus (lv6@soas.ac.uk18).

For more general information about IIPPE, the working groups and the conference, please visit our website19.

Call for a book chapter proposal: "The Internal Impact and External Influence of the Greek Financial Crisis"

The Greek Financial Crisis (GRFC) which unfolded in the wake of the Global Financial Crisis had both internal and external economic and social consequences, as Greece is a member of the Eurozone, the European Union and international organizations such as the IMF. The current literature of the GRFC focuses mostly on the causes of the crisis, without adequate attention being paid to the economic and social impact on the domestic economy. Externally, the GRFC initiated the establishment of new EU institutions to deal with the crisis, which have not been assessed for their effectiveness. The external reaction to the crisis by the IMF, EU, European Central Bank and Eurozone governments has played a central role in determining the current situation. An edited book with a collection of papers with the scope of exploring the changes that the GRFC initiated not only in the domestic domain but also in the external sphere will add to our concise understanding of both the internal and the international impact of the crisis.

The papers should examine and explicitly deal with issues that have been ignored by the dominant socio-economic theory and practice. Researchers should aim to use alternative

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perspectives in ways that go beyond traditional dominant socio-economic theories. The papers should examine and question the prevailing consensus and as such illustrate alternative responses to the crisis for the benefit of the people. The methodology adopted should preferably be holistic, historical, dynamic and comparative in nature.

After the collection of the suitable abstracts, the editor will submit a book proposal to reputable international publishers for publication. The book will also be translated into Greek and will be made available in the Greek market in both the Greek and English version.

The edited book will include one Graduate Student Research Paper. The book editor invites graduate students to submit research papers. Proof of graduate student status should be provided with the submission. While the students’ papers will go through the regular review process and be held to the same standards for acceptance as other submissions, the panel of reviewers will serve a mentoring role to advise the student to strengthen the paper. The best student paper will be published.

Those interested should submit an extended abstract of 300-350 words by 31 of March 2016 as a word attachment.

For queries and submissions contact:

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  University of Macedonia, Greece.
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Cambridge University Press is pleased to announce the formation of a new book series entitled Cambridge Studies in Stratification Economics: Economics and Social Identity, with Series Editor William A. (Sandy) Darity Jr., Professor of Public Policy, African and African American Studies and Economics, and Director of the Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity, Duke University.

We encourage book proposals that emphasize structural sources of group-based inequality rather than cultural or genetic factors, and utilize the underlying economic principles of self-interested behavior and substantive rationality. The series will be interdisciplinary, drawing authors from various disciplines such as economics, sociology,
and social psychology focused on topics dealing with group-based inequality, identity, and economics.

Please contact Karen Maloney, Senior Editor at Cambridge University Press at k.maloney@cambridge.org for more information and proposal guidelines.

**Cuadernos de Economía Crítica: Special issue on ”A hundred years after Imperialism”**

This year marks the centenary of the publication of Lenin’s book Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism. This work became iconic of an intense debate about on how to interpret global trends of capitalism in the early twentieth century, a controversy that involved authors from such different traditions as Hilferding, Hobson, Luxemburg or Bukharin, among others. This first stage of the debate, structured on an understanding of imperialism based on the issue of value was the starting point for new contributions and further disputes from various perspectives. For instance, the second postwar debate on ”monopoly capitalism” and its reception in Latin America in dependency theory, the idea of “super-imperialism” or more recently the debate on the “new imperialism” and challenges to the relevance of the nation-state, among other moments in this debate. The relevance of the term and some of these controversies also spread inside and outside the academy. The century that separates us from the publication of Lenin’s work has also been witness to the intensification and the simultaneous decline of dominant powers, a number of regional and global crises, two world wars, structural transformations of international trade (including so-called unequal exchange) and the financial system, the decolonization of a large part of the globe (accompanied by the emergence of new forms of dependence and vulnerability), the emergence of ”new regionalisms” (such as the European Union) and the emergence in the global game of China or the so-called BRICS with the revival of the debate on sub-imperialism. In other words, both the extensive political and theoretical developments of imperialism since the publication of the book of Lenin today as the number of shifts and changes in world capitalism have confirmed, challenged and refuted the trends elaborated there. The new political trends in Latin America have once again put on the forefront of the debate on the term dependency. Facing a new wave of intensification of domination and resistance in the XXI century, Cuadernos de Economía Crítica calls for papers and interventions to be part of a special issue to be published at number 5 (October 2016). To this end, we call for the academic community to send their contributions in Spanish, English or Portuguese.

Contributions are invited on issues such as (the list is by no means comprehensive):

- New perspectives on imperialism
• The "new imperialism" and its significance for Latin America Dependency and new political trends in Latin America
• Theoretical debates hundred years after Imperialism
• Subimperialism Empire and superimperialism
• Regional blocs and imperialism

To participate in the call, the authors who wish to send their contributions, must do so through our website, where instructions and editorial guidelines can be found.


Gender Gaps Conference (Warsaw, 2016)

1-2 July, 2016 — University of Warsaw, Poland

Please join us for the first "Gender Gaps in the Labor Market” conference to present and discuss research related to this topic. We will seek to enrich understanding of why gender gaps emerge, how they change and what are the driving patterns across countries, industries and occupations. We aim to create a forum to analyze research on a broad range of issues, including:

• theoretical approaches to gender labor market gaps
• econometrics of estimating the gender gaps;
• evidence from field, laboratory and natural experiments;
• determinants of gender gaps, such as institutions, demographics, culture, etc.;
• the role of structural change, skill-biased technological progress and globalization;
• country, sector, occupational, regional as well as comparative studies.

Presentations will be organized in coherent sessions giving each speaker the chance to present his work exhaustively and receive through comments. We intend sessions with 30 minutes allocated to presentations and 20 minutes for discussion.

Post-conference publications: After the conference selected papers will be invited for a book to be published in cooperation with Palgrave. There will be a special post-conference issue of Post-Communist Economies. Subject to mutual interest there may

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also be a special issue of Economics of Transition. Organizers are negotiating special post-conference issues of other journals devoted to topics listed above. In addition, the editors of IZA Journal of Labor Policy will solicit selected papers to be submitted to this outlet. Also the editors of European Journal of Women’s Studies encourage authors to submit articles based on conference presentations.

Prize for Best Student Paper: Scientific Committee will award a prize of 1000 euro for the best paper by a graduate student.

Papers or extended abstracts should be submitted before April 1st, 2016. However, we are reviewing submissions on a rolling basis. If you intend to submit an extended abstract rather than a complete paper, you are strongly encouraged to complete your submission as soon as possible to settle any questions that the scientific committee might have.

During the conference the organizers will provide refreshments during the coffee breaks and lunch on both days of the conference. In the evening of July 1st all conference participants are invited to a social dinner. There is a conference fee of 80 euro to help cover the costs of catering. PhD students may apply for a reduced fee of 50 euro.

Organizers will help in securing the accommodation at preferential prices (details to be announced after the acceptance decisions in May).

Important dates

- Submissions due: April 1st
- Decisions: May 1st
- Registration: June 15th

More information including submission form can be found at the conference website.

HES Session Proposals for the ASSA 2017 (Chicago, 2017)

6-8 January, 2017 — ASSA, Chicago, Illinois, USA

The History of Economics Society (HES) will sponsor four sessions at the Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) meetings in Chicago.

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The ASSA offers historians of economic thought an opportunity to present high quality historical research to an audience of professional economists. Given this, preference will be given to proposals that are most likely to interest the broader community. Proposals are invited for entire sessions, rather than single papers.

Please submit session proposals, including abstracts for the proposed papers (approximately 200 words), to Maria Pia Paganelli at mpaganel@trinity.edu.

The **deadline** for submissions is **April 15, 2016**.


5-7 September, 2016 — Glasgow, Scotland

ISIRC is the world’s leading interdisciplinary social innovation research conference. The conference brings together scholars from across the globe to discuss social innovation from a variety of perspectives. This year we are delighted to welcome keynote speakers Ana Maria Peredo, Taco Brandsen, Alex Nicholls, Rafael Ziegler, Pascal Dey and Ute Stephan.

There is now just one month left to submit abstracts and proposals for panel sessions. The call for papers ends 1st April 2016. Abstract submissions - maximum of one page of 500 words. Submission deadline for abstracts is Friday 1st April 2016. Acceptance of abstracts will be confirmed by April 29th 2016.

**Paper Submission:**

To be eligible for the Best Paper awards you will also need to submit a full paper by August 26th. Article files should be provided in Microsoft Word format in font 12 with double spacing. Articles should be between 6500 and 9500 words in length with a maximum 250 word abstract. This includes all text including references and appendices. You should provide a title page with details of authors. References to other publications must be in Harvard style and carefully checked for completeness, accuracy and consistency.

- All tables and figures/diagrams should be included in the text.

- All uploaded ISIRC papers will eventually appear in the conference drop box which will only be accessible by ISIRC participants

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• Selected full papers will be fast-tracked for publication in Special Editions of:
  the Journal of Social Entrepreneurship\textsuperscript{27}, Social Enterprise Journal\textsuperscript{28} and the
  International Handbook of Public Policy and Social innovation.

Conference streams:

• Co-production and co-creation: stream chairs: TACO BRANDSEN\textsuperscript{29}

• Expanding the frontiers of social innovation theory: heterodox theories, non-
  positivist paradigms and embedded qualitative methodologies: stream chairs: PAS-
  CAL DEY\textsuperscript{30}

• Economic underpinnings of social innovation: stream chairs: JUDITH TER-
  STRIPE\textsuperscript{31}
  & RAFAEL ZIEGLER\textsuperscript{32}

• Growing and scaling social impact: stream chairs: FERGUS LYON\textsuperscript{33}

• Hybrridity and conflicting logics: stream chairs: BOB DOHERTY\textsuperscript{34}

• Social innovation education: stream chairs: TIM CURTIS\textsuperscript{35}

• Design thinking and social innovation: CATHERINE DOCHERTY\textsuperscript{36}

• Public policy & social innovation: comparative evidence, critical assessments:
  stream chairs: CHRIS MASON \textsuperscript{38}

• Social exclusion and employability: stream chairs: SIMONE BAGLIONI\textsuperscript{39}

• Social innovation and the environment: stream chairs: BEN HUYBRECHTS\textsuperscript{41}

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• Social marketplaces: linking markets and consumers: stream chairs: MORVEN MCEACHERN

• Ethics, power relations and corruption: stream chairs: LYNNE BAXTER

• Governance and stakeholder relations: stream chairs: ROGER SPEAR

• Health and well-being: stream chairs: MICHAEL ROY

• Rural social entrepreneurship and social enterprise: ARTUR STEINER

• Latin American social enterprise: stream chairs: RICHARD HULL

• Open stream: stream chairs: MICAELA MAZZEI

• Regional and geographical aspects of social innovation: stream chairs: GEOFF WHITTAM

• Social innovation and food insecurity: stream chairs: ALEX MURDOCK

• Social investment: stream chairs: ALEX NICHOLLS

• Social co-operatives and the solidarity economy RORY RIDLEY-DUFF

For more information or to submit an abstract please visit www.isircconference2016.com.

For more information please see the website or contact the ISIRC team, Glasgow Caledonian University, isirc2016@gcu.ac.uk.
Joint URPE/IAFFE sessions at the 2017 ASSA meetings (San Francisco, 2017)

6-8 January, 2017 — ASSA, Chicago, Illinois, USA

Joint URPE/IAFFE sessions using feminist and radical political economy approaches

Once again, URPE (Union of Radical Political Economics) and IAFFE (International Association for Feminist Economics) plan to co-sponsor up to three sessions at the ASSA annual meeting in 2017. I will be coordinating these for IAFFE and working closely with URPE program coordinators for the ASSAs (Matías Vernengo) and IAFFE program coordinator (and president-elect) Joyce Jacobsen.

We welcome proposals on feminist and radical political economic theory and applied analysis. The number of panels allocated to heterodox organizations is very limited. The joint IAFFE/URPE panels are allocated to URPE. Please note that anyone who presents a paper must be a member of URPE or IAFFE at the time of submission of the paper or panel proposal. Preference will be given to presenters who are members of both organizations.

Proposals for individual papers should include the title and an abstract (100 words). A longer depiction of the paper (include methods used) is desired, but not required. We will also need name, institutional affiliation, phone, email, and membership status in URPE and IAFFE for all authors. Please send your paper proposal and all requested information to elissa.braunstein@colostate.edu.

Proposals for complete sessions are also possible. If you want to propose a panel, please contact me. And if you are interested in/willing to be a chair or discussant, please let me know.

The deadline for proposed papers for joint URPE/IAFFE panels is April 8, 2016.

Contact urpe@labornet.org for URPE membership. Contact iaffe.org for IAFFE membership information. We will confirm membership prior to accepting proposals and URPE reserves the right to cancel panels in which any members (besides chairs or discussants) are not URPE or IAFFE members.

You should receive word if your paper/session is accepted by mid-June. Please note that the date, time, and location of sessions are assigned by ASSA in the summer, not URPE or IAFFE. You are expected to have a paper prepared and provided to all members of
your panel in early December.

Regards,

Elissa Braunstein
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Manchester Graduate Conference: "The Enduring Reproduction of Crises in Europe: Competition, Competitiveness and Competing Narratives" (Manchester, 2016)

3 June, 2016 — University of Manchester, UK

More than seven years after the onset of the Global Financial Crisis, Europe finds itself in a state of continued crisis. Ripples of the Eurozone debt crisis are still felt in several countries, whilst efforts to overcome the broader economic slowdown have yet to bear fruit. The legitimacy of European institutions is at an all time low as an increasing share of the population turns towards so-called ‘extreme’ political parties. At the same time, both internal relations among EU members (e.g. due to the migrants’ crisis) and the very membership of countries (‘Grexit’ and ‘Brexit’) are coming under stress.

In this context, radical narratives on – and often against – the European Union are competing with each other and with more mainstream views on European integration. The EU increasingly appears as convoluted and indecisive; on the other hand however, the crisis can be seen as the very modus operandi through which long-standing objectives of the European ‘ruling class’ are being implemented. The enduring (reproduction of) crisis in Europe leads to a series of questions that the one-day post-graduate conference aims to explore:

• To what extent can divergent national or class interests explain the growing divisions and enduring crisis of the European Union?

• Is the current crisis a crisis of competitiveness? Or is the crisis rather a way through which the rhetoric of competitiveness can be successfully used to fulfil the imperatives of the reproduction of (financialised) capital?

• How can we make sense of claims that a more ‘competitive’ financial sector would solve the prolonged economic recession? What does that imply in terms of power relations and social reproduction?
• What role does discourse or rhetoric play in legitimising European integration along with economic and social reforms that member states are required to make in the name of ‘competitiveness’?

• Does the ‘left’ need to withdraw from the EU in order to pursue an alternative economic and social model? Or should it seek to challenge the neoliberal model from within? This may include country specific examples of the challenges for ‘left-wing’ parties.

These are merely ideas to take as a starting point. The conference will accept presentations on a wide range of topics related to the European Union, its member states and their crises, understood in relation to issues of competition and competitiveness. We look forward to receiving abstracts based on diverse critical theoretical and empirical approaches.

The conference will end with a panel debate on the theme “Competing Futures of the European Left: Within or Without the EU?” Confirmed speakers include Erik Swyngedouw, Angela Wigger, and Gabriel Siles-Brügge.

Please submit your 300 word abstract in a separate Word document clearly stating your name, affiliation and email address to McrPoliticsConference@gmail.com by 25 March 2016. Successful applicants will be notified and informed of paper submission deadlines.

Thanks to the support of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, a limited amount of financial support may be available for self-funded researchers or researchers working in precarious conditions.

More information can be found at the conference website.

The 64th Annual Conference of the Japan Society of Political Economy: ”Marx in the 21st century: 150 years after Capital” (Fukushima, 2016)

15-16 October, 2016 — Fukushima University, Japan

150 years after the publication of Marx’s Capital, the relevance of Marx’s theory is now being appreciated anew. Increasing income inequality, lasting structural crisis, the dramatic changes in the spread of global capitalism all requires basic theories and historical analysis of capitalism. This is the right time to reinvestigate Marx’s theory,
and to rebuild theories of capitalism based on diverse political economic approaches. The Japan Society of Political Economy (JSPE) is an interdisciplinary association devoted to the study and development of political economy, and of its application to social problems. Japan has been an important laboratory for developing and debating ideas about capitalism and its dynamics. JSPE has been the largest organization of heterodox economists in Japan since its founding in 1959. This annual conference will provide important occasions for debate among scholars with diverse points of view.

**Invited speakers:**

**Professor Makoto Itoh (Emeritus Professor, University of Tokyo), the 2015 JSPE-Routledge Book Prize winner.** The JSPE-Routledge Book Prize honors work that promotes the study of heterodox economics throughout the world and challenges the dominant position of orthodox neo-liberal economics among economists and policy-makers.

**Call for Papers**

JSPE invites all proposals reflecting the tradition and analytical perspective of JSPE which include

1. basic theories of political economy;

2. historical developments in the critique of political economy and economics;

3. the critical analysis of current political economic problems and policy challenges, including crisis, financial instability, economic development, socialism, gender, environment, and climate change.

**Submission Procedures and the Deadline:**

Proposals should reach the JSPE International Committee by **8 May, 2016** at the latest.

Submit your proposal to  Jspecice2014@jspe.gr.jp, and please include:

1. The title of the proposed paper;

2. Your name and academic affiliation;

3. Your e-mail and postal address;

4. An abstract (up to 500 words).

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Notification of acceptance will be sent by 30 June.

Deadline of Full paper: The full paper and the extended abstract (A4, 1 page) in Word format must be submitted by 6 September 2016

Cost: Attendants will pay their conference fee (6000 yen per person including the conference dinner), as well as their own transportation, accommodation and other personal expenses.

Fukushima University is located in the Northeast Region of Japan.

- Postal Address: c/o Prof. Koji Sano, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Fukushima University, 1 Kanayagawa Fukushima-shi, Fukushima-ken 960-1296 Japan
- Tel: + 81-(0)24-548-8391
- Contact: Prof. Nobuharu Yokokawa (Chairman of the JSPE International Committee)
- E-mail: Jspecice2014@jspe.gr.jp

More information can be found [here](http://www.jspe.gr.jp/en_front).

The Centre Walras-Pareto Wage Workshop: "Theoretical, empirical and historical perspectives on wage, subsistence and basic income"

29-30 September, 2016 — Centre Walras-Pareto, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

The Centre Walras-Pareto is organizing a workshop on the history of wages. This workshop is supported by the International Labour Organization (ILO). We are pleased to announce that Patrick BELSER, Economist at ILO and author of the ILO’s Global Wage Report, and Evelyn FORGET, Professor of economics at the University of Manitoba (Canada), and Academic Director of the Manitoba Research Data Centre (and new HES president-elect!), will join the conference as keynote speakers.
Much has been written on wages within economics. In his classical account of the history of wage theory, Dunlop (1957) refers to three time-periods: the wage-fund theory domination, the rise of marginal productivity distribution theory, and the “contemporary setting”, starting in the 1930s and characterized by a diversity of theoretical arguments; but much has changed. What have economists said on wage theories since then? And, more importantly, how and which economic arguments were used to change the world? The main focus of the workshop is on the evolution of the use of both wage theories and empirical analysis in public and policy debates.

The expansion of wage theories and methodologies since the 1970s, and the development of legislation and institutions dealing with labour questions, call for renewed reflexive and historical perspectives on the determination and measurement of wages in relation to policy issues such as poverty, macroeconomic stability, social justice, etc. The main topics for contributions include, but are not limited to: the evolution of the concept of subsistence from debates on living wage to minimum wage controversies, debates on the confrontation of the concept of unconditional basic income to wage system, the role of experts and institutions such as ILO on wage questions, the renewal of theories and practices of labour economics.

Researchers and practitioners are invited to express their interest in participating in the workshop by April 30th, 2016 by sending a short abstract to cleo.chassonnery-zaigouche@unil.ch. Full papers should be sent two weeks before the workshop. We plan to publish a thematic issue in a peer-review journal.

Organizers: François ALLISSON & Cléo CHASSONERY-ZAÏGOUCHE

More information can be found at the conference website.

The Past, Present & Future of Radical Economics: URPE at 50

Manuscript submission deadline: extended to February 1, 2017

The Union of Radical Political Economics (URPE) turns 50 in 2018. To celebrate this achievement, we are soliciting articles for a special issue on URPE and radical economics: its past, legacy and future. Such articles could address any of the following subjects; the list is not exhaustive, and we welcome papers that address other aspects of the topic.

- The founding and history of URPE: its founding, purpose, and the intellectual and social context in which it was founded; barriers, tensions and opposition to forming it; how these were overcome; its successes and shortfalls.
• The legacy of URPE: How have URPE and radical economics affected modern economics, institutions, policy, and society? What were its key achievements? What are the weaknesses that the tradition needs to address? What is left to accomplish? Did URPE, the RRPE and radical economics affect economic policies? In which countries, or where and how?

• Mainstream reactions to radical political economics, then and now: including the hostility to heterodox and radical economics, the difficulties faced by radical economics graduate programs, institutions, and schools. The current place of radical political economics in universities, including its history.

• Radical political economics: where it is now, and its future, including any of the following:
  
  – How has URPE intersected and fit the traditions of movements such as feminism, sustainability, globalization justice, anti-racism, immigration reform, and others? What have each drawn from and contributed to each other?

  – At its founding, URPE filled a gap in current economic thought and the established left. The founders felt that the existing theory and body of work had not caught up to the movements of the times. Today, do we face a similar time period? Is URPE and RRPE in tune with the challenges and opportunities of the times? Could we connect more with the analytical needs of today’s activists?

  – Current spin-offs of URPE and collaborative relations with these, including economic think tanks, magazines, newsletters, today’s blogs, European institutions, new forms of collaboration: the importance of these, their legacy, impact, and history.

Questions on this special issue may be sent to: Marlene Kim Marlene.Kim@umb.edu. We encourage contacting her regarding your interest in submission to ensure covering the important areas and topics for this issue.

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Got photos, documents, videos, recordings, or other memorabilia around URPE’s founding or existence? Please contact the editor at editor.rrpe@urpe.org. We have an URPE archive and you can either donate this material or make it available for the 50 celebration in 2018. Submit your manuscript to https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/rrpe. When asked what “type” of manuscript you are submitting, check the box that says, "The Past, Present & Future of Radical Economics: URPE at 50”

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Workshop on "Historicizing The Economy" at the Harvard University (Cambridge, 2016)

23–24 September, 2016 — Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, US

This two day workshop aims to bring together scholars working on the emergence and the history of different conceptions of the “economic” and the “economy” as objects of economic thought and political practice. Both academics and the lay public have tended to project present day economic concepts back into history. But the now unavoidable intuition of there being a special sphere, realm, or aspect of social reality that could be characterized as “economic” or an object called “the economy” is a historically recent one. Over the past two decades, interest in the genealogies of these concepts and their imbrication in modes of government has grown, yet scholars working on this issue have not gathered to discuss the different chronologies and competing narratives that have been proposed. The planned two-day workshop will provide a venue for this discussion, with the aim of continuing collaboration and eventual group publication.

The origins of the economic are receiving heightened interdisciplinary attention right now due to the position of this problem at the confluence of three literatures. First, the 1990s saw a wave of new histories of statistics, accounting, and econometrics – knowledges inseparable from the conceptualization of the economy. Second, there is a burgeoning new literature from the sociology of finance on “the performativity of economics.” Third, there is growing interdisciplinary recognition of the importance of Michel Foucault’s recently published lectures at the Collège de France on governmentality, which include readings of physiocracy, Adam Smith, Ordoliberalism, and the Chicago School. Finally, Timothy Mitchell and others have begun to examine the construction of the economy as a part material, part conceptual assemblage, paying particular attention to vital infrastructure systems such as energy and money. For all of these reasons, the time is ripe to concentrate attention on this thematic, consolidate it, and establish a landmark body of work about it.

Existing research has tentatively and contentiously established two historical semantic thresholds: one at the end of the eighteenth and beginning of the nineteenth centuries, and a second at the beginning of the twentieth century. But papers are welcome that treat the theme in any time period, earlier or later. Submissions are especially encouraged from early career scholars, and those working in non-North Atlantic contexts.
The workshop is being organized by Daniel Hirschman (University of Michigan/Brown University), Adam Leeds (Harvard University/Columbia University) and Onur Özgöde (Harvard University). This project is supported by the New Horizons Initiative of the History of Economics Society and the Harvard Institute for Global Law and Policy. Limited funding will be available to offset travel and lodging costs.

Please submit abstracts of a maximum of 500 words are to all three organizers (a.e.leeds@gmail.com, dan.hirschman@gmail.com, onur.ozgode@gmail.com) by May 1st.

Further information will be posted on the workshop website.

**Young Economists Conference:** "(Un-)Employment in times of technical progress and economic crisis" (Vienna, 2016)

14-15 October, 2016 — Vienna, Austria

While labour markets have not yet recovered from the impacts of the Great Recession, new challenges, like the fourth industrial revolution, are already arising. However, the effects of so-called "Industry 4.0" are ambiguous and offer a wide field for speculation, ranging from nearly half of the jobs at risk to negligible total effects on employment.

For sure, some types of work will become obsolete and others will be created in the course of technological progress, but there is considerable uncertainty concerning the impact on employment. How do these developments affect working time and living standards in terms of wages, leisure, and social activities? Is Keynes’ proclaimed 15 hours working week becoming a feasible scenario or will it remain utopian? These and other related questions are highly relevant for the near and more distant future, and progressive answers are needed.

For this reason the Chamber of Labour Vienna and the Society for Pluralism in Economics Vienna host a conference from the 4th of October to the 5th of October 2016, for which researchers at the beginning of their career (Master, pre- or post-doc) are specifically invited to attend.

This year’s keynote speaker is Özlem Onaran, Professor of Economics at the University of Greenwich, who is an expert on globalisation, employment, and post-Keynesian approaches to inequality.
We particularly encourage contributions that deal with the consequences of economic crisis and technological change for labour market issues and with regard to potential shifts in sociocultural and gender-related preferences in a work-life-balance. We also appreciate submissions on other topics relevant for labour-related challenges of the 21st century. The conference aims for pluralistic approaches to economics – we therefore welcome research in various heterodox schools of thought as well as work in sociology and political science. Women are especially encouraged to submit presentations.

The deadline for abstracts (max. 1 page) is the 31th of May, 2016. The workshop language is English. Participants will be notified of acceptance by mid of June. The deadline for the (working) papers is the 5th of September. The conference is free of charge. Presenting participants will be reimbursed for train travel cost within Austria, and may apply for hotel subsidies. An outstanding contribution by presenters in the young economist sessions (age limit: 34 years) will be awarded the Eduard März Prize of €1,000.

Submission of abstracts and further information: daniela.paraskevaidis@akwien.at

Call for Participants

10th Annual Conference on the History of Recent Economics (Sao Paulo. 2016)

14-15 March, 2016 — University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

Venue: University of Sao Paulo, Faculdade de Economia, Administração e Contabilidade (FEA-USP), Room: Sala da Congregação

The past decade has seen significant growth in work on the history of economics since WW2. The availability of source-materials has increased dramatically, new methods have been employed and scholars have looked across disciplinary boundaries. This work has produced insightful contextual histories of the development of economic ideas. We believe that the history of recent economics has developed to such an extent that it is worth bringing researchers together in a meeting devoted specifically to this period, and if this is successful to do so annually.

The organizing committee consists of Pedro Duarte (University of Sao Paulo) and Yann Giraud (Université de Cergy-Pontoise).

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Participants:

- Marcel Boumans (Utrecht University): “The Methodological Debates of the 1950s”
- Philippe Fontaine (École Normale Supérieure de Cachan): “Another History of Economics”
- Joel Isaac (University of Cambridge): “The Rediscovery of Property Rights in Postwar Economics”
- Tiago Mata (University College London): “The Responsibility to Teach, 1966-1970”
- Camila Orozco Espinel (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales): “Pragmatism and skills: scientific knowledge as technical knowledge. MIT’s Economic Department and the demarcation of mainstream economics territory”
- Erich Pinzón Fuchs (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne): “Macroeconometric modeling as a ‘photographic description of reality’ or as an ‘engine for the discovery of concrete truth’? Friedman and Klein on statistical illusions”
- Theodore Porter (UCLA): “Funny Numbers: Indicators and Incentives in Political Economy”
- Tobias Vogelgsang (LSE): “Producing and disseminating cognitive artefacts: US policy and Germany’s post-1945 recovery”

The conference programme is available here. More information can be found at the conference website.

17th Trento Summer School

20 June - 1 July, 2016 — University of Trento, Italy

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Intensive course on Macroeconomic Coordination And Externalities

The School will analyze macroeconomic systems of interacting agents. It will discuss the emergence of externalities and instabilities and their implications for policy. Among the topics to be considered are: i) Links between economic structure and macroeconomic performance; ii) Disaggregation as a means for understanding issues of instability and efficiency; iii) Macroeconomic effects of heterogeneous beliefs and expectations; iv) Financial imperfections and credit network effects; their consequences for the propagation of macroeconomic impulses and the intensity of systemic risks.

The course will analyze deep recessions and debt crises and the policies required to deal with them or prevent them.

During the school, students will also have an opportunity to present their own work and receive comments from faculty.

The ideal candidates for the School are Ph.D. students, post-doctoral fellows, and newly minted researchers in macroeconomics, finance; and the economics of organizations and institutions. People interested in participating in the Summer School are encouraged to fill in the application form on line and are asked to submit a curriculum vitae, a two-page essay describing their interest on Macroeconomic Coordination And Externalities, a course transcript from their PhD program, including advanced examinations passed, two letters of recommendation, and statements about their current or projected research, along with relevant research papers, if any.

Applications are due by 22 April, 2016 (h.1.00 PM - GMT+1). Admissions decisions will be announced by 10 May 2016. All applicants will be informed by e-mail about the results.

The sessions will be held at Hotel Villa Madruzzo, Trento, Italy. All participants are required to stay for the entire duration of the event. Food and accommodation will be covered by the School (except for meals during the weekend) and participants will have to cover travel expenses.

Please direct logistical questions to the Summer School secretary (ccschool@economia.unitn.it).

This is the 17 of a series of intensive courses to be offered by the Cognitive and Experimental Economics Laboratory (CEEL) with the financial support of:

- John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation, an Athens-based Foundation supporting public benefit activities in Greece and abroad: www.latsis-foundation.org,
 Lecturers

- Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University
- Stefano Battiston, University of Zurich
- Edoardo Gaffeo, University of Trento
- Martin Guzman, Columbia University
- Daniel Heymann, University of Buenos Aires and University of San Andrés
- Arjun Jayadev, University of Massachusetts,
- Anton Korinek, Johns Hopkins University

2016 EAEPE Summer School at University Roma Tre

4-8 July, 2016 — University Roma Tre, Italy

“CAPITAL AND LABOUR IN AN EVOLVING AND COMPLEX GLOBAL ECONOMY”

Location: Via Silvio D’Amico 77, 00145 Rome, Italy. Local organisers: Pasquale Tridico and Sebastiano Fadda

The EAEPE Summer School is open to PhD students and early-career researchers working in particular in the field of institutional and evolutionary analysis, with a special focus this year on Capital and Labour evolution in a global and complex economy. Teachers will address these important topics from different perspectives and approaches. In the spirit of pluralism characteristic of the EAEPE, many Research Areas are relevant: human development, environment-economy interactions, methodology of economics, institutional history, comparative economics, transition economics, institutional change, innovation and technology, and labour economics. More generally, contributions from all fields using institutional, multidisciplinary approaches are welcome. Lectures

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by internationally-renowned scholars will be given in the morning, while afternoons will be devoted to presentations by advanced PhD students and early-career researchers, who will thus benefit from comments and suggestions from experts in the field.

- **Summer School Fee** (which includes lunches): 100 €
- **Deadline for application**: 20 May 2016
- **Successful candidates will be notified by**: 25 May 2016
- **Deadline for accommodation payment**: 5 June 2016

**Hotel Accommodation (at Villa Benedetta):** Single and double rooms are available, at special prices for the students of the Summer School. First best served policy applies. Rates are the following (and include breakfast):

- Single room: 291€ per person *for 6 nights: from Sunday 3 July, to Saturday 9 July*
- Double room: 241€ per person *for 6 nights: from Sunday 3 July, to Saturday 9 July*

**Some Scholarships covering Summer School Fees only are available.**

PhD students can apply by uploading their CV using the [online submission form](
http://eaepe.org/?page=events&side=summer_school&sub=submit_abstract). Advanced PhD students and early-career researchers who would like to present their work can submit their proposal or paper along with their CV using the online submission form.

For information and contact: summerschool@eaepe.org (Pasquale Tridico)

**Summer School Professors**

- Lucio Baccaro, University of Geneve, Switzerland
- Alberto Bagnai, University of Chieti, Italy
- Sebastiano Fadda University Roma Tre, Italy
- Hardy Hanappi, TU Wien, Austria, (TBC)
- Marc Lavoi, University of Ottawa, Canada

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• Nathalie Lazaric, University of Nice Sophia-Antipolis-CNRS, France
• Peter Nolan, University of Leicester, UK
• Andreas Nölke, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main, Germany
• David Soskice, LSE, UK (TBC)
• klós Szany, Hungarian Academy of Science, Hungary
• Pasquale Tridico, University Roma Tre, Italy
• Gennaro Zezza, University of Cassino, Italy and Levy Institute (USA)

Advanced Course on "Innovation, Growth, International Production. Models and Data Analysis" (Rome, 2016)

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 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 and is intended for PhD students, post-docs and young scholars. The Course will be taught in English; the full programme is attached.

Lecturers will include:

Maria Rosaria Agostino, Cristiano Antonelli, Francesco Bogliacino, Giorgio Calcagnini, Valeria Cirillo, Francesco Crespi, Giovanni Dosi, Rinaldo Evangelista, Roberto Fantozzi, Maurizio Franzini, Anna Giunta, Dario Guarascio, Luigi Marengo, Leopoldo Nascia, Tito Orlandi, Luigi Orsenigo, Mario Pianta, Michele Raitano, Massimo Riccaboni, Alessandro Sterlacchini, Massimiliano Tancioni, Francesco Trivieri, Marco Vivarelli, Antonello Zanfei.

On Thursday 5 May, h.15-18 a Roundtable on Industrial Policy will be held.

Speakers include Maurizio Franzini, Cristiano Antonelli, Daria Ciriaci, Fabrizio Onida, Mario Pianta, Alberto Quadrio Curzio, Edoardo Reviglio, Gianfranco Viesti, Claudio De Vincenti. The Course will include theoretical lectures, presentation of research results and applied classes on data analysis.
Applications (the form is downloadable on the website\footnote{http://www.econ.uniurb.it/corsoavanzato2016/index.htm} and a short CV should be sent to Dario Guarascio, dario.guarascio@sssup.it\footnote{mailto:dario.guarascio@sssup.it}, by 15 April 2016.

For participants who are not PhD students of the universities that organize the course, a fee of 250 euros is required.

Additional information is available on the website conference\footnote{http://www.econ.uniurb.it/corsoavanzato2015/index.htm}.

**Feminist Economics and Development Summer School**

4-22 July, 2016 — SOAS, University of London

This course is designed for individuals looking to become familiar with debates in feminist economics and gender and development theory and their application to developing countries. The course provides a critical review of economic theories, methods and policy-debates from a gender perspective. It also offers students the chance to explore alternative feminist theory and apply such theories to concrete problems in the developing world. Students will be exposed to established debates in feminist scholarship including the crucial gender issue of unpaid care work and the relationship between gender equality and economic growth.

The course will also assess how the global economic crisis has impacted men and women and how policies have responded to the continued challenge of gender equality. The course does not require students to have prior qualifications in economics and is intended to be accessible to those working in policy-circles, academia or anyone with a general interest in the subject.

Outline of the course:

**Week 1: What is Feminist Economics**

- From Homo Economicus to Feminist Economics
- Defining, conceptualising and measuring ‘gender equality’ in economic terms
- Tackling ‘care’ and the relationship between productive and unproductive work

**Week 2: Globalisation, gender and work in the developing world**

- The feminisation of labour in the developing world
- ‘Labour’, ‘work’, production and reproduction across the international division of labour
• Agriculture, resource allocation and intra-household issues

• Investing in women for a food secure world? Issues of gender, food and nutrition in the developing world

Week 3: Gender, the state and economic policies

• Gender equality and economic growth: What are the links?

• The global economic crisis and policy responses through a gender lens

• Gender and the international financial institutions: From gender-blind to female empowerment?

This course is co-taught by Dr Hannah Bargawi, Dr Alessandra Mezzadri, Ms Lorena Lombardozzi, Dr. Sara Stevano, Prof. Sue Himmelweit, Dr. Jerome De Henau and Dr. Marzia Fontana.

Discounts available for early applicants and for SOAS alumni and those from partner universities overseas.

Applications now being accepted. For more info please visit this website: https://www.soas.ac.uk/summerschool/subjects/development-studies-and-environment/feminist-economics-and-development/


14-16 July, 2016 — Kingston University London, UK

The Global Financial Crisis has demonstrated the limitations of mainstream economic theory and neoliberal economic policy. This workshop will introduce two of the main alternatives to orthodoxy - Post Keynesian Economics and Marxist Political Economy. Post Keynesian Economics has at its core the concepts of effective demand and distributional conflict: individuals face fundamental uncertainty about the future; there is a central role for ‘animal spirits’ in the determination of investment decisions; inflation is the result of unresolved distributional conflicts; money is an endogenous creation of the private banking system; unemployment is determined by effective demand on the goods markets; financial markets are prone to periodic boom-bust cycles. Marxist Political Economy is focused on the fundamental conflict between capital and labour on the basis of the conception of the capitalist mode of production. It characterises capitalist production as intrinsically unstable, with financial crises sometimes the prelude

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to, and sometimes the result of, a crisis of over-accumulation of capital. It stresses the use of mass unemployment as a key element of the ‘cure’ for these problems. Marxist analysis looks to value form analysis to trace fundamental developments in capitalism and emphasises the role of the state in organizing the political and economic hegemony of capital.

The workshop is aimed at students of economics and social sciences. As the aim of Post Keynesian Economics and Political Economy ultimately is to provide the foundation for progressive economic policies, it may of interest for a broader audience.

Programme:

Thursday, 14 July, 9.00am - 7.00pm

- **Engelbert Stockhammer, Kingston University:** *Post Keynesian Economics, Introduction & overview*
- **Ozlem Onaran, University of Greenwich:** *Aggregate demand, income distribution and the causes of unemployment*
- **Jo Michell, University of the West of England:** *Money in the Economy: A Post-Keynesian Perspective*
- **Panel discussion:** *Post Keynesian Economic Policy*

Friday, 15 July, 9.00am - 7.00pm

- **Simon Mohun, Queen Mary University:** *Introduction to Marxian Political Economy*
- **Antoine Godin, Kingston University:** *Minsky, Instability and Regulation of the Financial Sector*
- **Ewa Karwowski, Kingston University** *Development in Post Keynesian and Marxist theories*
- **Panel discussion:** *Financial stability, development, socialism: What does it mean for economic policy?*

Saturday, 16 July, 9.00am - 5.00pm

- **Gary Dymski, Leeds University:** *Post-Keynesian and Marxian Approaches to Economic Policy: Can Global Capitalism be Tamed?*
- **Student working groups preparing questions for the Concluding Panel***
• Concluding Panel: *The state of Political Economy and progressive economic policy. Open questions of the workshop*

• Rethinking Economics Challenges and achievements. Panel discussion on student initiatives and heterodox economics with Rethinking Economics London, Rethinking Economics Kingston, Reteaching Economics and lecturers from the workshop

**Organising Committee:**

Mads Jensen, Kingston University Rethinking Economics (KURE), Ewa Karwowski, Kingston University, Andreas Maschke, KURE, Jo Michell, University of the West of England, Engelbert Stockhammer, Kingston University, Rafael Wildauer (email: r.wildauer@kingston.ac.uk), Kingston University,

**Booking:**

• Registration (workshop only) for PKSG members: £20 (to join PKSG go to [http://www.postkeynesian.net/](http://www.postkeynesian.net/) and click on ‘Join PKSG’. Any current university student is eligible for membership at £10 per annum.)

• Registration (workshop only): £45

• Early Bird - Registration with accommodation (3 nights: Wed-Fri, 13/7-15/7) for PKSG members: £60 registration [until 18 May]

• Early Bird - Registration with accommodation (3 nights: Wed-Fri, 13/7-15/7) for non-members: £85 registration [until 18 May]

• Registration with accommodation for PKSG members (3 nights: Wed-Fri, 13/7-15/7): £125 [after 18 May]

• Registration with accommodation for non-members(3 nights: Wed-Fri, 13/7-15/7): £150 [after 18 May]

• Deadline for registration with accommodation is 1 June, for workshop only registration 7 July

Booking must be done online [https://politicaleconomy2016.eventbrite.co.uk](https://politicaleconomy2016.eventbrite.co.uk)

*PKSG has set aside a fixed sum to assist with the registration and UK travel costs of student participants at the workshop (please note this does not include the costs of travel to the UK). If you are unable to secure funding elsewhere, you are warmly encouraged*
to apply to Ewa Karwowski (e.karwowski@kingston.ac.uk) 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 31 July 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.

Location: John Galsworthy Building, Kingston University, Penrhyn Road, Kingston, Surrey, KT1 2EE. Accommodation will be in the Seething Wells Halls of Residence, Kingston University, Portsmouth Road, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 5PJ.

International colloquium and public conference on "Wilhelm Röpke: A liberal political economist and social philosopher in times of multiple European crises" (Geneva, 2016)

14-16 April, 2016 — Geneva, Italy

Wilhelm Röpke (1899-1966) is widely known as an economist of the founding generation of ordoliberalism who had a seminal impact on German liberal economic policy after World War II. However, he never returned to Germany after emigrating in 1933, first to Istanbul and then in 1937 to Geneva, where he became professor for international economic relations at the Graduate Institute of International Studies and stayed at this institution until his death in February 1966.

Röpke was a relentless critic of excessive interventionism, political centralism and welfare statism. As an economic theorist, he developed fundamental insights into the mechanisms of the business cycle, later linking these economic phenomena to ethics and societal dynamics. What is his specific understanding of a “humane market economy” and to what extent can it be a basis for stable international relations? Why is free trade not a sufficient condition for a stable international order? What are necessary complements to establish a stable international order? What is the role of economic and political ideas, especially of liberalism and conservatism, in the dynamics of societal orders?

This unique event, which is dedicated to the 50th anniversary of Röpke’s passing, will address these and other related questions. It starts with a two-day scientific colloquium, continues with a keynote lecture by the economist, author and former Röpke student Mr. Hernando de Soto and concludes with a public conference. We look forward to your participation!

Registration

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For registration, fees and further information please contact Professor Patricia Commun (patricia.commun@u-cergy.fr) and Professor Stefan Kolev (info@roepke-institut.org).

Registration deadline is Wednesday, 6 April 2016.

Attendance is free of charge for students, academics, and alumni of the Graduate Institute.

Location: Graduate Institute · Maison de la Paix · chemin Eugène-Rigot 2 · Geneva

Detailed program and more information is available here.

NCCR Summer School at the University of Neuchatel

22-26 August, 2016 — University of Neuchatel, Switzerland

Summer School on ”Measuring Discrimination”

The National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) on the move is a large interdisciplinary research program in migration and mobility studies supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation. It includes projects in law, economics and social sciences at 7 Swiss institutions, and is coordinated by the University of Neuchâtel. The first NCCR Summer School will take place in Neuchatel, Switzerland, from 22 to 26 August 2016. It will be dedicated to the topic “Measuring Discrimination” with a special focus on labor-market discrimination and methodological questions.

The nccr – on the move organizes a summer school, which will take place on a yearly basis, starting 2016. The five-day summer school provides the unique opportunity for doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers to deepen their knowledge on research questions, theories and methods in migration and mobility studies. It allows the participants to discuss their work with leading international experts. Moreover, it intends to facilitate the exchange of research ideas, practices and results across the different disciplines involved in migration and mobility studies. The summer school is an integral part of the NCCR Doctoral Program, but is open to external participation.

This year’s summer school aims at addressing methodological questions and challenges connected with measuring discrimination of minorities at large. Particular emphasis will be placed on methods such as correspondence testing, factorial survey experiments,
implicit association tests and surveys. Leading experts in the field of discrimination studies will present a wide range of approaches and tools to help doctoral and postdoctoral students expand their understanding of discrimination.

**Deadline for Application**

We encourage early registration as the number of participants is limited to 16. Deadline for application is **15 March 2016**.

- Call for applications (PDF)\textsuperscript{105}
- Application form (Word)\textsuperscript{106}

More information can be found [here]\textsuperscript{107}.

**Workshop on Resistance and Alternatives to Austerity by the Centre for Urban Research on Austerity (CURA)**

18 May, 2016 — De Montfort University, Leicester, UK

**When? Wednesday 18th May 2016, 9.30am-4.30pm**

Across the globe the deepening of austerity has exposed urban populations across Europe, North America, Latin America, and beyond to worsening living and working conditions, reduced access to public services, and persistent insecurity. As these deleterious effects have become more apparent, so too has the functioning of austerity as a set of policies and practices aimed at deepening and consolidating the discipline of neoliberal capitalism. This growing clarity – in academia and the public sphere – has led to the tentative emergence of various forms of resistance and alternatives. Mainstream political parties – and even some governments – have gained growing public support from Greece to the UK to Portugal through the adoption of anti-austerity platforms. Traditional trade unions, new social movements, and activists across countries most deeply affected by these new measures have begun to mobilise in new and increasingly combative ways. From mass strikes to everyday acts of refusal, the trend of urban resistance to austerity is growing. To offset the worst of its impact or as a means to overcome the entrenched power and privilege austerity supports, some involved in these resistance(s) have begun to discuss the possibilities of alternatives to austerity – and even to capitalism. How

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these are manifested and how effectively they can provide tools for thinking about and acting on post-austerity and “post-capitalism”.

It is the aim of our workshop to bring together cross-national comparisons on these themes focused on local urban settings, to explore the similarities and differences in acts of resistance by urban actors, to understand the power and innovativeness of these resistance(s), and to ask how these can offer potential alternative forms of urban governance challenging austerity.

Speakers: Lisa McKenzie (LSE), Phoebe Moore (Middlesex), David Bailey (Birmingham), Saori Shibata (Leiden), Nick Kiersey (Ohio), Lefteris Krestos (Greenwich), Lucia Pradella (Kings), Stuart Price, Heather Connolly, Adam Fishwick (DMU). If you are interested in attending please send an email to Suzanne Walker (swalker@dmu.ac.uk) to register your place.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

9.30 – 10.00 – Registration, Tea and Coffee and Welcome

10.00 – 12.00 – Resistance and Alternatives in ‘Low Resistance’ Countries

- Panel Chair – Adam Fishwick
- David Bailey (Birmingham) & Saori Shibata (Leiden): “Anti-austerity in low resistance models of capitalism: from defeat to obstruction”
- Lucia Pradella (Kings): “Immigrant workers’ struggles in Italy’s logistics industry”
- Nick Kiersey (Ohio): “Right to Water?: The Commons As Anti-Austerity Platform in Ireland”
- Heather Connolly (DMU): “Trade unions resisting austerity in local government”

12.00 – 13.00 – Lunch

13.00 – 15.00 – Resistance and Alternatives in ‘High Resistance’ Countries

- Panel Chair – Heather Connolly
- Lefteris Krestos (Greenwich) – Resistance to austerity in Greece
- Stuart Price (DMU) – Resistance and workplace occupations in Spain
- Adam Fishwick (DMU): “Against the tide? Worker recuperated factories as alternatives to austerity”

15.00 – 15.10 – Coffee

15.10 – 16.00 – Lisa McKenzie (LSE) – Class and Culture in Austerity Britain

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**Young Scholars Pre-Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (Manchester, 2016)**

**Pre-Conference:** 1-3 November, 2016 — University of Manchester, UK

**Conference:** 3-5 November, 2016 — University of Manchester, UK

The European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) seeks to institutionalize and deepen the involvement of and exchange with young scholars (YS, students – early Post-Docs) and student initiatives at the association’s Annual Conference. Building upon the lively discussions at the previous conferences in Cracow (2012), Paris (2013) Cyprus (2014) and Genova (2015), we invite participation to the following formats.

**Young Scholars Pre-Conference**

Prior to the start of the regular conference, YS are invited to participate in different workshops with leading scholars of their respective fields. The pre-conference keynote speech will take place on the evening of Tuesday, 1 Nov 2016, followed by a social welcome event. The workshops will be held on Wednesday 2 Nov the whole day and Thursday 3 Nov in the morning, before the regular conference will start in the afternoon. Participants will be able to attend 2-4 workshops. Workshop outlines and a preliminary schedule will be available on the pre-conference website soon. Lecturers and workshop topics are:

- **Pre-conference keynote lecture:** **Doyne Farmer** (University of Oxford): *The future of economics: an interdisciplinary perspective*

- **Alessandro Caiani** (Marche Polytechnic University): *Stock Flow Consistent Models – An Introduction to Theory and Technique*

- **Bruce Edmonds** (Manchester Metropolitan University): *An introduction to agent-based modelling for policy analysis*

- **Jakob Kapeller** (Johannes Kepler University Linz): *Epistemology and Philosophy of Economics*

- **Anastasia Nesvetailova** (City University London): *Financialization*

- **Jens Maeße** (University of Giessen): *Discourse practices in economics*
• **Jayati Ghosh** (Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi): **Critical perspectives on development economics** (workshop title tbc)

**Young Scholar Papers at the main conference**

YS are invited to present research papers in the regular paper sessions at the main conference. Conference sessions are organized according to EAEPE’s Research Areas\(^{109}\) and to a special conference topic. Presentation topics might be related to the conference main theme **Industrialisation, socio-economic transformation and Institutions** (please see General Call for Papers\(^{110}\)) or to any of the usual topics covered by EAEPE’s Research Areas. We also welcome research projects initiated by student groups and session proposals. Abstract submission needs to be done through our website\(^{111}\) and closes on 15 May 2016. You will need to create a user account to submit an abstract. Please see the Conference CfP for further instructions.

**The Herbert Simon Prize and High Profile YS session**

Young scholars are encouraged to submit their research paper for consideration for the **Herbert Simon prize**\(^{112}\). The prize is awarded for the best conference paper of scholars younger than 35 years. The best three papers shortlisted for the prize will be invited to present their paper in a high-profile special session. Please note that you need to submit your paper to the conference and for the prize separately.

**Special session: Meet the Prez and GenSec**

As in past years, EAEPE President Nathalie Lazaric and General Secretary Pasquale Tridico are interested in maintaining the dialogue with YS and representatives from European student organizations initiated in past years, in order to discuss topics of mutual interests and foster cooperation. Details about the format will follow. Representatives from European student organizations should indicate their interest to join via mail to Svenja Flechtner (svenja.flechtner@uni-flensburg.de\(^{113}\)) until 1 September 2016.

**Application to the Pre-Conference and Conference**

Please register for the pre-conference workshops through the EAEPE website. Registration opens on 18 June and closes on 1 October. More information about the registration process will be published in due time, please check our website for updates. In case workshops fill up, priority will be given to conference participants with accepted papers.

**Registration Fees**

\(^{109}\) [http://eaepe.org/?page=research_areas](http://eaepe.org/?page=research_areas)


\(^{112}\) [http://eaepe.org/?page=awards&side=eaepesimon_prize&sub=rules](http://eaepe.org/?page=awards&side=eaepesimon_prize&sub=rules)

\(^{113}\) [mailto:svenja.flechtner@uni-flensburg.de](mailto:svenja.flechtner@uni-flensburg.de)
In order to avoid last minute cancellations and to cover part of the costs (catering, conference material and rooms etc.), there is a YS registration fee of 90€ payable upon web registration, including both pre-conference and main conference. Participants must also be paid-up EAEPE members.

Fee Waivers

There is a fee waiver policy for a limited number of YS with papers accepted for presentation at the main conference. Applications for fee waivers will have to be made through our website as of 18 June. The deadline for fee waiver applications is on 31 August. Please submit your full paper and a written statement from your supervisor or a faculty member of your study or PhD program (or similar), confirming that you do not receive financial support for participation. Decisions will be based upon the quality of your conference paper and be made in early September. You can make your conference (and pre-conference) registration after decisions have been made, there will be sufficient time. (Registering earlier, you would be asked to pay the conference fee upon registration.)

Important Dates

- 15 May: Abstract submission for papers at main conference closes
- 18 June: Notification of acceptance; registration opens
- 31 August: Deadline for Herbert Simon Prize and fee waiver applications
- 14 September: Conference registration closes for authors to be included in the conference program
- 1 October: Registration for pre-conference closes; full paper submission deadline on EAEPE website

We are looking forward to your participation and lively discussions in Manchester! Please check our website for more detailed information and updates about the conference.114 For any questions, please contact the pre-conference organizing team – Madeleine Böhm, Claudius Grábner, Till Kellerhoff, Andrew Morton, and Svenja Flechtner – at preconf2016@eaepe.org115. If you have questions about your participation at the main conference, please write to EAEPE Young Scholars officer Svenja Flechtner (svenja.flechtner@uni-flensburg.de116).

The Pre-Conference enjoys financial support by the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) and the Foundation for European Economic Development (FEED)117.

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Further information can be found at the conference website.118

Job Postings

Center for Economic and Social Rights, US

CESR is recruiting a Program Officer (economics and human rights)

CESR applies human rights principles and standards to hold governments and private actors accountable for economic and social rights abuses resulting from unfair fiscal policies in the context of economic crisis, recession and fiscal austerity. CESR is also working to promote human rights-centered fiscal policy alternatives, especially in the implementation of sustainable development commitments on inequality and in situations of political transition.

In these efforts, CESR partners with human rights and tax justice organizations working at all levels to analyze and uncover the links between fiscal policy, inequality and deprivations of economic and social rights in specific local and regional contexts; challenge unfair tax and budget processes and outcomes before national and international human rights bodies, and devise tools to help build evidence of unjust fiscal policies and associated human rights abuses more effectively. To this end, CESR is seeking to recruit a highly-qualified Program Officer to contribute to the organization’s objectives in advancing human rights in economic and development policy. The Program Officer will support CESR’s Program Directors in the implementation of CESR’s program strategies on issues that cut across economics and human rights, such as tax justice or economic inequality. S/he will conduct innovative, multidisciplinary research and strategic advocacy, and will contribute to the development of practical tools to enhance human rights accountability in economic, fiscal and development policy. The Program Officer’s role will be global in scope, but s/he is expected to devote a significant amount of time implementing CESR’s regional strategies (particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean), as well as its work with partners at the national level.

Responsibilities:

- Assisting Program Directors in devising and implementing research and advocacy projects addressing issues relating to human rights in economic, fiscal and development policy;

- Using qualitative and quantitative field and desk-based research methods to investigate, analyze and document patterns of economic and social rights violations;

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• Producing authoritative and compelling reports on selected countries and themes, as well as other research, advocacy, communications and training materials;

• Contributing to the development of effective interdisciplinary tools and methodologies for economic and social rights research;

• Forging and maintaining excellent working relationships with human rights activists, progressive economists and development practitioners;

• Undertaking training and skills-sharing activities relating to the application of human rights in economic and development policy;

• Supervising the work of consultants and interns, ensuring conformity with rigorous standards of quality and objectivity.

Requirements:

CESR is seeking an experienced and qualified professional with a track record of working across the fields of human rights and economics. S/he should combine strong research and policy analysis skills with a proven commitment to advocacy for policy change. The ideal candidate will have:

• A masters degree or higher in economics or a related field such as social science, development or international relations with a concentration in economics;

• Around five years of experience working on issues cutting across human rights and economics, including economic and fiscal policy analysis from a human rights perspective;

• Outstanding research and analytical skills, including significant experience in designing and implementing advocacy-oriented research;

• Proven familiarity with quantitative research methods, including econometric tools and statistical data visualization;

• A portfolio of written work demonstrating experience in producing innovative research outputs, policy briefs and advocacy;

• Strong theoretical and practical knowledge of international human rights law is highly desirable;

• Experience of working with allies and partners across various civil society sectors, including social movements, NGOs, academic institutions, policy makers, UN agencies and others;
• Ability to work effectively as a member of a team, under pressure and to meet tight deadlines;

• Ability to travel to undertake field-research, and attend work-related meetings and events worldwide;

• Knowledge of Latin America and experience of work in the region are highly valued;

• Written and oral fluency in English is required; fluency in Spanish is highly desirable.

Location

This position is based in CESR’s offices in New York. CESR offers a competitive salary and benefits package, commensurate with experience, and reflecting best practice in the sector.

How to apply

To apply, please send a cover letter, a CV, an original writing sample (preferably in English) and the names and contact information of two references to jobs@cesr.org. Please indicate in the subject line of your message and cover letter the position you are applying for.

Applications should be received no later than March 31, 2016. Because of the anticipated volume of applications, we regret that we are unable to answer individual queries in relation to posts or on the progress of individual applications.

CESR is an equal opportunity employer committed to equality and non-discrimination in the workplace and in its hiring practices. It actively seeks to strengthen the diversity of backgrounds and approaches in its staff team. Candidates from the global south and under-represented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

The job advert can be found here.

Department Of Labor, US

Job Title: Labor Economist at the Department Of Labor, US

• SALARY RANGE: $103,065.00 to $144,577.00 / Per Year

• OPEN PERIOD: Monday, March 7, 2016 to Monday, March 21, 2016

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• SERIES & GRADE: GS-0110-14

• POSITION INFORMATION: Full-time - Permanent

• DUTY LOCATIONS: 2 vacancies in the following location(s):
  – San Francisco, CA View Map\textsuperscript{121}
  – Chicago, IL View Map\textsuperscript{122}

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This position is located in the Division of Program Operations (DPO), in the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP). The mission of OFCCP is to ensure employers comply with nondiscrimination and affirmative action laws and regulations when doing business with the Federal Government. DPO is responsible for providing overall operational guidance in the coordination of policy implementation and program operations within the regions, to assure uniformity and consistency in the application of the OFCCP mandated enforcement programs.

**Duties**

Responsible for gathering and analyzing an array of economic information for employment discrimination investigations and the general enforcement of the statues enforced by OFCCP. Work involves locating, obtaining and evaluating data or uses for it that are frequently new and innovative.

Applies econometrics, other statistical/quantitative techniques and research design principles to develop statistical evidence of discrimination for investigations to establish where there are patterns of race, sex, and age discrimination within Federal contractors.

Applies econometrics, other statistical/quantitative techniques and research design principles to develop appropriate monetary remedies to redress conclusions of discrimination by Federal contractors.

Reviews, evaluates, and critiques the economic and analytical methodologies utilized by Federal contractors in the context of supporting OFCCP employment discrimination results.

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Communicates, defends and collaborates on results and analyses with OFCCP Regional and National staff, such as Compliance Officers and supporting attorneys when developing evidence of discrimination in the investigative process and the development of appropriate monetary remedies.

Provides assistance to Regions and National office staff in interpreting and analyzing economic information related to their investigations and to the general enforcement of EEO regulations and laws.

Link to the job advert is available here. 

University of Geneva, CH

2 PhD positions in development studies,

The University of Geneva, Professor Solène Morvant-Roux is advertizing two doctoral positions in development studies for the WATer access via microcredit: A Socio-economic analysis of ‘Inclusive markets’ for the poor in the ‘South’ (WATSIN) SNF funded project, starting on September 1st, 2016. The first position welcomes applications from candidates with skills in quantitative empirical research (with a background in social sciences, development economics, socioeconomy, statistics or a related discipline). The second position is opened to candidates with skills in qualitative empirical research (with a background in socioanthdopology, political economy or a related discipline). Documents requested for the application are: Cover letter, CV, a copy of Master’s degree or equivalent qualification - copies of all university transcripts, two academic letters of recommendation. Applications should be sent to solene.morvant@unige.ch before April 30, 2016.

Awards

2016 Leontief Prize Winners

On March 10, the Global Development and Environment Institute (GDAE) awarded the 2016 Leontief Prize to Diane Elson and Amit Bhaduri for their work to improve our economic understandings of development, power, gender, and human rights. GDAE Co-Director Neva Goodwin opened the event lauding the prizewinners for “their efforts to

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expanding our understanding of economic systems in the contexts of globalization, growing inequality, and the tilting balance of power from governments to markets."

**Equity and Development: Through a Gender Lens**

Dr. Elson spoke about her research on development through a gender lens, emphasizing that macroeconomic policy is not gender neutral when it fails to include unpaid care work in GDP. By Elson’s estimates, putting a monetary value on unpaid work would inflate GDPs by 20-40%. Her lecture suggests a system to remedy this situation: Recognize, Reduce, and Redistribute.

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**Development & Equity**

Dr. Bhaduri’s lecture focused on issues of power in economics. He questioned the ideas of the “mutual dependence” of labor and capital and “market equilibrium” in an efficient market. He stressed the necessity of equality in order to achieve true mutual dependence, otherwise the mutual nature of the relationship falls apart. Bhaduri also spoke on the history of banking regulation in the United States and development and growth strategies in India.

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**2017 Veblen-Commons Award: AFEE Call for Nominations**

Nominations for the Veblen-Commons Award should be sent to the Chair of the Veblen Commons Committee by May 1, 2016. The Veblen-Commons Award is given annually in recognition of significant contributions to evolutionary institutional economics. In making their choice the Committee may consider service to and support for the organizations that promote scholarship in evolutionary institutional economics as well as scholarly publications that contribute to evolutionary institutional analysis, teaching, and service in aid of social control of economies. Nominations should include a statement of qualifications along with any useful or relevant supporting documents such as letters of support and a vita. The Chair of the Veblen-Commons Committee will submit the committee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors of AFEE through the President and Secretary of the Association.

- Anne Mayhew, Committee Chair (T): [amayhew@utk.edu](mailto:amayhew@utk.edu)

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Sprinker Prize 2016

The Marxist Literary Group is pleased to announce the seventeenth annual Michael Sprinker Graduate Writing Competition, established to remember and further Michael’s commitment to Marxist intellectual work and to graduate teaching and students. The award recognizes an essay or dissertation chapter that engages with Marxist theory, scholarship, pedagogy, and/or activism. Submissions will be judged by a committee of the MLG. The winner receives a prize of $500 and automatic entry of the essay into the peer review process for the MLG’s journal Mediations.

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Susan Spronk and Jeffery R. Webber — 2016, Haymarket Books

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\textbf{Alternative Economics: Reversing Stagnation}

By Marc Batko — 2016, Amazon

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The time is right for alternative economics, reducing working hours, redefining state and market and reenvisioning work, security, health and strength. More and more work is done by fewer and fewer people. In Germany, the GDP rose 300\% in 50 years with 20\% fewer workers.

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Austrian, Swiss, Polish and German critical economists could show us the way to a future-friendly economics respectful of human nature and the rights of nature.

Link to the book is available [here](http://www.amazon.com/Alternative-Economics-Stagnation-Marc-Batko-ebook/dp/B01CLKFU0C/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?ie=UTF8&qid=1457898511&sr=1-1&keywords=alternative+economics+reversing+stagnation).

**China’s Twentieth Century: Revolution, Retreat and the Road to Equality**

By Wang Hui & Edited by Saul Thomas — 2016, Verso Books

An examination of the shifts in politics and revolution in China over the last century.

What must China do to become truly democratic and equitable? This question animates most progressive debates about this potential superpower, and in *China’s Twentieth Century* the country’s leading critic, Wang Hui, turns to the past for an answer. Beginning with the birth of modern politics in the 1911 revolution, Wang tracks the initial flourishing of political life, its blossoming in the radical sixties, and its decline in China’s more recent liberalization, to arrive at the crossroads of the present day. Examining the emergence of new class divisions between ethnic groups in the context of Tibet and Xinjiang, alongside the resurgence of neoliberalism through the lens of the Chongqing Incident, Wang Hui argues for a revival of social democracy as the only just path for China’s future.

Link to the book is available [here](http://www.versobooks.com/books/1910-china-s-twentieth-century).

**Economic Thought and History: An unresolved relationship**

Edited by Monika Poettinger and Gianfranco Tusset — 2016, Routledge

*Economic Thought and History* looks at the relationship between facts and thought in historical economic research, viewing it in the context of periods of economic crisis and providing detailed analyses of methods used in determining the bond between economic history and economic theory.

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of their disciplines. The chapters explore the relationship between economic thought and economic theory from a variety of perspectives, exploring the relationship between history and economics, and the boundaries defining the history of economic thought, in terms of both single authors and schools of thought. The book offers particular insights on the Italian tradition of thought.

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Europe on the Brink: Debt Crisis and Dissent in the European Periphery

Edited by Tony Phillips and contributions by Mariana Montagua, Anzhela Knyazeva, Joseph E. Stiglitz, Roberto Lavagna, Christina Laskaridis, and Diana Knyazeva — 2014, Zed Books

Europe is suffering from a bipolar economic disorder. Financial journalists divide the continent into two groups of nations - centre and periphery - not by geography but by credit rating. Europe on the Brink is a critical investigation of the root causes of this sovereign debt crisis, and the often misguided policy choices made to resolve it.

Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz, together with two other finance experts, compares debt contagion in Europe with regional financial crises elsewhere, while Roberto Lavagna, former economics minister in Argentina, provides a poignant comparative analysis with his own country’s experience. Crucially and uniquely, Portuguese, Greek and Irish economists provide hard-hitting case studies from the perspective of the periphery.

This much-needed book offers a heterodox economic perspective on the causes, symptoms and solutions of the biggest economic issue currently facing Europe.

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Exploring the Economy of Late Antiquity: Selected Essays

By Jairus Banaji — 2015, Cambridge University Press

This collection of essays, by leading historian Jairus Banaji, provides a stimulating rebuttal to the prevailing minimalism in late antique studies. Together, they strike a balance between the wide lens and more specialised discussion, expanding on the perspective and argumentation laid out in an earlier book, Agrarian Change in Late Antiquity (2001). Successive chapters discuss the scale of the late Roman gold currency, the economic nature of the aristocracy, the importance of trade, relations between the state and the ruling class, and the problem of continuity into the early Middle Ages. A substantial introduction pulls together the themes of the book into a coherent synopsis, while the preface clarifies the broad aims behind the study. The book as a whole deploys a wide range of sources in various languages and is intended for ancient historians, students of late antiquity, and economic historians more generally.

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Flexible workforces and low profit margins: electronics assembly between Europe and China

By Jan Drahokoupil, Rutvica Andrijasevic and Devi Sacchetto — 2016, ETUI

This book investigates restructuring in the electronics industry and in particular the impact of a ‘Chinese’ labour regime on work and employment practices in the electronics assembly in Europe. It studies Foxconn, the world largest electronics manufacturing service provider and the main assembler of Apple’s iPhone and iPad.

The authors examine in detail whether work and employment practices established in mainland China have been exported to factories in Czechia, Slovakia, Hungary and Turkey, and how these practices have been adapted to the social actors and institutional context of the European host country.

The book thus provides a basis for identifying challenges involved in organising workers and opportunities for improving working conditions in the electronics industry through labour representation.

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Making Public in a Privatized World: The Struggle for Essential Services

Edited by David A. McDonald — 2016, Zed Books

In the wake of the widespread failure of privatisation efforts, societies in the global south are increasingly seeking progressive ways of recreating the public sector. With contributors ranging from cutting-edge scholars to activists working in health, water, and energy provision, and with case studies covering a broad spectrum of localities and actors, Making Public in a Privatized World uncovers the radically different ways in which public services are being reshaped from the grassroots up.

From communities holding the state accountable for public health in rural Guatemala, to waste pickers in India and decentralized solar electricity initiatives in Africa, the essays in this collection offer probing insights into the complex ways in which people are building genuine alternatives to privatization, while also illustrating the challenges which communities face in creating public services which are not subordinated to the logic of the market, or to the monolithic state entities of the past.

Link to the book is available here246.

Marx and the Earth – An Anti Critique

By J.B. Foster and Paul Burkett — 2016, Brill

A decade and a half ago John Bellamy Foster and Paul Burkett introduced a new, revolutionary understanding of the ecological foundations of Marx’s thought, demonstrating that Marx’s concepts of the universal metabolism of nature, social metabolism, and metabolic rift prefigured much of modern systems ecology. Ecological relations were shown to be central to Marx’s critique of capitalism, including his value analysis. Now in Marx and the Earth Foster and Burkett expand on this analysis in the process of responding to recent ecosocialist criticisms of Marx. The result is a full-fledged anti-critique—pointing to the crucial roles that dialectics, open-system thermodynamics, intrinsic value, and aesthetic understandings played in the original Marxian critique, holding out the possibility of a new red-green synthesis.

Link to the book is available here247.

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The Rent Trap: How We Fell Into It And How We Get Out Of It

By Rosie Walker and Samir Jeraj — 2016, Pluto Press

Deregulation, revenge evictions, corruption, and day-to-day instability: these are realities becoming ever more familiar for those of us who rent our homes or apartments. At the same time, house prices are skyrocketing and the promise of homeownership is now an impossible dream for many. This is the rent-trap, an inescapable consequence of market-induced inequality.

Samir Jeraj and Rosie Walker offer the first in-depth case study of the private rental sector in the United Kingdom, exploring the rent-trap injustices in a first-world economy and exposing the powers that conspire to oppose regulation. A quarter of British MPs are landlords; rent strike is almost impossible; and sudden evictions are growing. Nevertheless, drawing on inspiration from movements in the United Kingdom, continental Europe, and elsewhere, The Rent Trap shows how people are starting to fight back against the financial burdens, health risks, and vicious behavior of landlords, working to create a world of fairer, safer housing for all—lessons that extend well beyond the borders of the UK.

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**Ph.D Dissertations in Heterodox Economics**

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Abstract

This thesis consists of four parts, all of which concern one topic: (r)evolutions in economics. Part I, entitled Problem context, involves an analytical and critical description of the dominant discourse in economics, juxtaposed with an overview of the contemporary world economy and humanity.

The main findings are as follows:

- The dominant economic discourse provides the intellectual backbone to a world economy in which severe economic imbalances are re-generated and widened, mainly in the forms of extreme poverty, extreme wealth and associated inequality.

- The dominant economic discourse provides the intellectual backbone to an elite-oriented, subjugated humanity, mainly by encouraging ethical behaviour based on destructive selfishness and competition.

- The economic and human imbalances re-generate severe power imbalances so that societies suffer from lower quality of democracy, well-being and further human polarisations, as well as more plutocracy and economic inequality.

- The three subjugatory channels generate societies that oscillate within a vicious cycle of development towards even more subjugatory and destructive imbalances in terms of economy, ethics and power. Moreover, since the outcomes seem to be quickly worsening, (r)evolutions are imperative. The final conclusion to Part I is, therefore: (r)evolutionise economics, the sooner the better.

PART II, entitled Solution orientation: How to (r)evolutionise economics?, employs two lines of enquiry in order to assemble inferences on what possible requirements are necessary to actually (r)evolutionise economics. The first involves a philosophical appraisal, which attempts to outline important perspectives, approaches and accounts to transform an academic field such as economics. The second line of enquiry involves a historical appraisal, which attempts to outline the economic history of an acknowledged (r)evolution in economics: the neoclassical economics take-over during the 1970s. The findings lead us to conclude that there are five overarching criteria that need to be fulfilled in order to realise a (r)evolution in economics: critical juncture; dissimilarity; sensibility; scholar validation; and most importantly, elite appropriation. In relation, Part II concludes that an academic field such as economics cannot be changed simply by intra-scientific support, but must be coupled with extra-scientific factors since economics is significantly value-, interest- and ideology laden.

Part III, entitled Solution assessment: To (r)evolutionise economics today!, appraises the criteria from Part II within the context of the contemporary state of economics. It comprises of five sections, corresponding to the five criteria identified in Part II. Each criterion is assessed through relevant research findings and, when applicable, economic indicators and other statistics. The first criterion ‘Critical Juncture’ is fulfilled because
the GFC and its aftermath form a major economic crisis, and a significant crisis in economics. Furthermore, it is widely seen that the dominant economics has not, and cannot, (re)solve the continued repercussions of the GFC. The ‘Dissimilarity’ criterion was also found to have been fulfilled, given the number of well-researched alternative discourses. The ‘Sensibility’ criterion was found to be only partly fulfilled given, for instance, the limited success in dissemination and exposure while failing to make a significant impact on the mantra that ‘There is No Alternative.’ However, sensibility is a particular challenge in the face of elite appropriation, which involves obstructing exposure to alternative ideas, as well as the existence of prevailing cognitive maps, to the audience. The fourth criterion, ‘Scholar validation’, has also been only partly fulfilled, since dissimilar discourses continue to face major hurdles in the face of entrenched scholarship structures and mechanisms favouring the dominant discourse, such as university education, funding, citations, journal rankings, etc. However, we were able to show the growing interactions and collaboration among heterodox economists, as well as the existence of dissenting economics students. The final criterion, elite appropriation, has certainly not been fulfilled. The dominant elites continue to support the dominant discourse in various ways, particularly in terms of funding, but also through the processes of domination (political power, corporate power, ethical power and through the economics profession).

Part IV provides the aggregated conclusions, recommendations and a discussion based on the previous three Parts. The accounts in Part III lead to a revised analytical framework for (r)evolutions in economics, consisting of a new set of criteria. This is because our contemporary circumstances and objectives stand in contrast to the (r)evolutionary project that materialised in the 1970s. This time, we are attempting to emancipate economics from the dominant discourse that was established over that period and which has generated many of the problems elaborated upon in this thesis. In particular, the contemporary (r)evolutionary project needs to involve a process in which economics, the economy and democratic power, as well as cognitive maps, are emancipated from elite appropriation. It is for this reason two further criteria are added: plutocrat disempowerment and emancipation. Note, however, that they are all overlapping, and that reflections upon each one of them may also be applicable to other criteria. i. Critical juncture ii. Dissimilarity iii. Sensibility iv. Scholar validation v. Plutocrat disempowerment vi. Elite appropriation vii. Emancipation. Since the GFC has not meant an actualised critical juncture, it is recommended that one be established. There are a large number of crises around the world today, which are all, more or less, linked together to form one massive, overarching crisis, i.e. there is a global crisis, consisting of numerous different crises (economy, ethics, and power, but also the environment, conflicts, etc) to remedy. However, in light of sensibility, it may be worthwhile showcasing such various dimensions of a holistic crisis at the regional, national or even local levels, so as to garner sufficient attention to the issues at hand. In brief, for the following three criteria (Dissimilarity, Sensibility, and Scholar Validation), it is suggested that it is essential to transcend interests, values and ideology so as to shift cognitive frameworks towards alternative, or rather emancipatory, ethics, economics and economy. In this endeavour, it is again crucial to implement one line of argumentation against the current
economic system and economic discourse, while a complementary line of argumentation for alternative economic systems and dissimilar discourses. The more the subjugatory structures and mechanisms are made visible, the better for the (r)evolutionary project, as our findings suggest that power is most effective when invisible. Our fifth criterion this time around is plutocrat disempowerment. The findings in Part I and II show that our contemporary world consists of widespread plutocracies; societies significantly ruled by the wealthy or dominant economic elites. This state of affairs has been generated as an outcome of the economic elite-oriented (r)evolution of the 1970s. Elite appropriation processes since then have continuously been allowed to go so far as to create the powerful plutocrat classes of today. Therefore, given the problem context at hand, it is necessary to disempower the plutocrats in order to have a chance of bringing about a (r)evolution in economics today. This is, of course, the most difficult challenge of the (r)evolutionary project. Dominant economic elites have managed to generate an excessive form of capitalism, in which capital is almost entirely equal to power. This means economic inequality is likely to continue to widen even further, in the absence of (r)evolutions, to the extent that the outcome can only be described as fascism. This governance structure would be based on elitism and its specific polarising values, interests and ideas. In other words, excessive capitalism leads to plutocracy which is equal to the absence of real democracy — a situation which is likely to proceed towards fascism, or other totalitarian governance forms, given the presence of human polarisations. Note that the intellectual backbone to excessive capitalism (which leads to fascism) is also capital-, corporate- and elitist-oriented. Therefore, we may conclude that the dominant economic discourse helps to generate ever more totalitarian governance systems, including fascism. The circle is complete. The way out is through emancipation of individuals and institutions. Power imbalances can be remedied by material and immaterial emancipation. The dominant discourse has forwarded the idea that freedom occurs through market mechanisms. But this idea is not being realised, mainly due to two chains of events. Firstly this is done by ignoring unequal points of departure, from which inequalities are exacerbated; and secondly by ignoring the risk of elite appropriation, in which markets are not free, but instead subjugated under capital power. In this manner, the economic discourse stands on a false premise: that freedom will be produced proportional to the expansion of free markets. But ‘free’ markets require ‘free agents’, and in order to become free, one needs to be emancipated. Emancipation is the process of taking someone or something from the state of being subjugated to the state of being free. As such, emancipation precedes freedom. (R)evolutions involve the start of a change process going from subjugation and embarking on transitional pathways toward freedom.
Economic Sociology Newsletter

Link to the Newsletter is available here.

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Frank Stilwell: Heterodox economics or political economy?

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Start Birks: On economics, funerals and digital Taylorism

Heterodox Economics in the Media

MMT in Bloomberg

The story Ignored for Years, a Radical Economic Theory Is Gaining Converts featured Modern Monetary Theory on Bloomberg’s main page.

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Please respond to the Stern Research Evaluation Framework Review

Dear Colleague,

The Association for Heterodox Economics (AHE) is urging its members to support important initiative from the student group Rethinking Economics. As you may know, Nicholas Stern is conducting a review of the Research Excellence Framework and is collecting evidence from students, academics and organisations. Unlike many previous reviews, this is positively inviting contributions from individuals. A substantial collective input – which means from you, your friends, and your students! before the deadline of March 24 could have a major impact on the future of pluralist and heterodox economics in the UK.

The text below was prepared by RE students. Please read carefully, and visit the website indicated, to submit your response. Please also circulate this message as widely as you can, especially among people that you know closely.

The REF has a big part to play in determining the make-up of academics at university departments as it allocates funding for research that it determines to be ‘excellent’. As the judging panel for this allocation is made up of entirely neoclassical economists, it does not recognise heterodox research, and so economists outside of the mainstream are not hired by university departments.

You can find RE’s organisational response here below but the REF review are also asking for submissions from individuals. Please make a submission speaking as yourself and your experience of economics education. When it asks for ‘organisation’ please put your university or local Rethinking Economics group.


The deadline for submissions is 24th of March. Please make sure to respond before then!

Here are some bullet points to guide your submission (Note that ‘here’ will take you to a website where a number of suggested points have been assembled, in consultation with students and faculty from AHE, RE, and others).

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Best wishes

Alan Freeman

Protest Against Closing Down the Lukács Archiv

"We, the undersigned, wish to express our deepest worries about the resolution of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences to close down the Lukács Archives in Budapest. Görgy Lukács was one the significant philosophers of the 20th century, an author of modernity outstanding not only in philosophy but also in the fields of political mindedness, theory of literature, sociology and ethics. An author of international renown, Lukács represented one of the intellectual peaks in Hungary’s history of civilisation, his works constitute a part of the treasures of humankind. For decades, the Lukács Archives has facilitated academic and non-academic circles to have access to the documents related to the philosopher’s life and professional achievements. As it is located in the philosopher’s home of his late years, it has also served as a memorial place devoted to a decisive personality of our era. Based on the above, we call on the authorities in charge to reconsider their decision, which took the international community of science and art by consternation and sorrow."

Here is a link to sign the petition: http://www.petitions24.com/protest_against_closing_down_the_lukacs_archiv

For Your Information

American Statistical Association issues statement on statistical significance

As significance testing is a powerful routine in science, I wanted to share with you the statement below:

Today, the American Statistical Association Board of Directors issued a statement on p-values and statistical significance. We intend the statement, developed over many months in consultation with a large panel of experts, to draw renewed and vigorous attention to changing research practices that have contributed to a reproducibility crisis in science.

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Widespread use of ‘statistical significance’ (generally interpreted as ‘p ≥ 0.05’) as a license for making a claim of a scientific finding (or implied truth) leads to considerable distortion of the scientific process,” says the ASA statement (in part). By putting the authority of the world’s largest community of statisticians behind such a statement, we seek to begin a broad-based discussion of how to more effectively and appropriately use statistical methods as part of the scientific reasoning process.

In short, we envision a new era, in which the broad scientific community recognizes what statisticians have been advocating for many years. In this “post p ≥ .05 era,” the full power of statistical argumentation in all its nuance will be brought to bear to advance science, rather than making decisions simply by reducing complex models and methods to a single number and its relationship to an arbitrary threshold. This new era would be marked by radical change to how editorial decisions are made regarding what is publishable, removing the temptation to inappropriately hunt for statistical significance as a justification for publication. In such an era, every aspect of the investigative process would have its appropriate weight in the ultimate decision about the value of a research contribution.

Is such an era beyond reach? We think not, but we need your help in making sure this opportunity is not lost.

The statement is available freely online to all at The American Statistician Latest Articles website. You’ll find an introduction that describes the reasons for developing the statement and the process by which it was developed. You’ll also find a rich set of discussion papers commenting on various aspects of the statement and related matters.

This is the first time the ASA has spoken so publicly about a fundamental part of statistical theory and practice. We urge you to share this statement with appropriate colleagues and spread the word via social media. We also urge you to share your comments about the statement with the ASA Community via ASA Connect. Of course, you are more than welcome to email your comments directly to us at ron@amstat.org.

On behalf of the ASA Board of Directors, thank you!

Sincerely,

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Ron Wasserstein
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Portrait of Fred Lee, the founder of the Heterodox Economics Newsletter

Tae-Hee Jo on Frederic S. Lee and His Fight for the Future of Heterodox Economics

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