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In the last few weeks we have collected corrections and suggestions for further improving the recently released 6th edition of the [Heterodox Economics Directory](#)⁴ - many thanks to all those who contributed novel content or corrections and thereby made it possible to publish this final version, which serves as a readily available guide to Heterodox Economics useful to researchers, students and lay-people alike.

Having been so obsessed with digital directories in the last few weeks I sometimes felt the urge to look back and remember a really solid, well-done and voluminous Internet Archive on the History of Economic Thought, which I used a lot back in my days as a graduate student to educate myself in the history and diversity of economics. Regrettably, this archive has at some day disappeared from the web (back then it was hosted by the New School, NY, as far as I remember) and was never to be found again – until (*drums about here*) I received an email last week, which announced the official comeback of the ”[History of Economic Thought Website](#)”⁵ , compiled and updated by [Gonçalo Fonseca](#)⁶ . Many thanks, dear Gonçalo, for reviving this impressive and essential piece of work!

While directories and archives like these serve as a comforting foundation for research in heterodox economics and (the history of) political economy, much more interesting stuff on ”cutting-edge” issues and current opportunities in these areas are to be found below - in the contents of your favorite Newsletter ;-)

All the best,

Jakob

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Call for Papers

Finance and Society: Special Issue on "Security and Finance"

Call for papers: *Finance and Society*⁷, vol. 3, no. 1 (2017)

Guest edited by John Morris (University College London) and Mariana Santos (Durham)

PDF version of the call for papers available [here](#)⁸.

In recent years, the War on Terror and the global financial crisis have brought to the fore the manifold, complex ways in which finance and security are interlinked in contemporary societies. Anti-terrorism financing and anti-money laundering initiatives, for instance, illustrate a turn in security governance towards financial surveillance. At the same time, we see in the governance of financial stability a logic of collective security, working through techniques that emphasize systemic preparedness and resilience over active state intervention. More generally, a new epistemology of risk preparedness is emerging in connection with the notion of 'financial transparency'. As these examples illustrate, contemporary financial and security risk management cannot be easily isolated and are imbricated in a series of instrumental and conceptual interrelations. Marieke de Goede's 2010 study of financial security provides an important milestone in conceptualizing these links*, but the fast pace of technological development demands further empirical and theoretical research on the finance-security nexus.

This special issue calls for post-disciplinary submissions that document the diverse ways in which finance and security logics, institutions, and devices coalesce. This may be in the political economy of the reconfiguration of modern state functions through financial processes and tools, such as debt issuance and securitization. Alternatively, intersections between critical finance and security studies may shed light on the ways that market processes, routines, and devices feed into the intensification of security technologies. Finally, this call is also addressed to cultural economy researchers concerned with the securitization of the body and mundane everyday life, be this in the house, at work, or in spaces of leisure and consumption. Potential topics include (but are not limited to):

- Technologies of financial and data security;
- Links between finance and governance structures or techniques;
- Personal insecurity, vulnerability, and indebtedness;
- Financialization, war, and militarization;
- Securing bodies, embodied securities.

Paper submission

⁷<http://financeandsociety.ed.ac.uk/>

⁸<http://journals.ed.ac.uk/ojs-images/financeandsociety/cfp-security-and-finance.pdf>

Completed manuscripts of 9,000–11,000 words should be submitted to John Morris (john.morris@ucl.ac.uk⁹) and Mariana Santos (m.f.alves-dos-santos@durham.ac.uk¹⁰) for initial review by **15 November 2016**. The special issue will be published as vol. 3, no. 1 in July 2017. Further instructions for authors are available [here](#)¹¹ .

* de Goede, M. (2010) Financial security. In: Burgess, J. P. (ed) *The Routledge Handbook of New Security Studies*. Abingdon: Routledge, 100-09.

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

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

The Department of Applied Economics V of the University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU and the Cambridge Centre for Economic and Public Policy, Department of Land Economy, of the University of Cambridge, are organizing the 13th International Conference Developments in Economic Theory and Policy. The Conference will be held in Bilbao (Spain), the days 23th and 24th of June 2016.

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

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

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

At the conference, there will also be parallel sessions of Presentation of New Books, where authors will be able to introduce recently published books, and sessions dedicated to the Innovation in the Teaching of Economics.

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¹¹<http://financeandsociety.org/house-style/>

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

For more information, you can contact with Jesus Ferreiro (jesus.ferreiro@ehu.eus¹²) or visit the conference website: www.conferencedevelopments.com¹³

3rd Witten Conference on Institutional Change: ”Institutions in Development Research: New Buzzword or Real Impact?”

1-2 December, 2016 — Witten/Herdecke University, Witten, Germany.

The Witten Institute for Institutional Change (WIWa) invites submissions of papers and organized sessions for the 3rd Witten Conference on Institutional Change which will be conducted in co-operation and with the generous support by the *Aktionsgemeinschaft Soziale Marktwirtschaft* and the *Forschungskolleg Siegen*.

The 2016 Conference will focus on **“Institutions in Development Research: New Buzzword or Real Impact?”**

In recent years, development experts have (re-)discovered the impact of institutions on development. A vast and quickly growing empirical literature seems to prove that the quality of institutions is one of the most important determinants of prosperity or poverty. That “institutions matter” has become common wisdom by now not only in academia but also in development organizations and in politics. However, development research and practice have both seen a long chain of buzzwords and concepts. All of these promised to provide the key to explaining the global problems of development and/or to solving them. Finally, all these buzzwords shared the same fate: Sooner or later they were replaced with other ”fashionable” concepts. So, is institutions just a new buzzword or does the inclusion of the institutional dimension of development provide real and relevant insights?

The 3rd Witten Conference on Institutional Change intends to foster the inter-disciplinary discourse on the institutional dimension of development. Papers and session proposals from economics, sociology, philosophy and political science are equally welcome.

Key questions (non-exclusive) are:

- What is the causal relationship between institutions and development? Do countries that improve their institutional framework experience higher incomes or do higher incomes facilitate institutional reform?

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¹³<http://www.conferencedevelopments.com>

- What kind of institutions matters most? How should “growth supporting” institutions be designed?
- The role of institutions in development practice
- Multidisciplinary approaches to institutions and development

We invite submissions for individual papers (400 words max.) or sessions with (800 words max.) from any relevant discipline addressing the institutional dimension of development. Please send your abstracts to conference.wiwa@uni-wh.de.¹⁴

Deadline for submission is 15 August 2016.

Selected papers will be published as a special issue of *Schmollers Jahrbuch. Journal of Contextual Economics*, a peer-reviewed international economics and social sciences journal.

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE:

- Magdalene Silberberger (WIWA and Witten/Herdecke University)
- Joachim Zweynert (WIWA and Witten/Herdecke University)
- Nils Goldschmidt (University of Siegen and Chairman of the Aktionsgemeinschaft Soziale Marktwirtschaft)
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- André Schmidt (WIWA and Witten/Herdecke University)

FORMAT:

The conference will take place at Witten/Herdecke University and is planned for two full days. There will be an informal get-together in the evening of 31 November and a conference dinner at 1 December. Apart from regular sessions, there will be two keynote

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speeches. Depending on the number and quality of submissions, a poster session with additional papers may be organized.

FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT POLICY:

There will be no conference fee. Travel costs and accommodation have to be covered by the participants. The conference dinner will cost around 50.00 €.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- The deadline for submissions is **15 August 2016**. Authors of accepted papers will be notified by **12 September**.
- **Completed drafts** of accepted papers are due **by 16 November** and will be made available for download on the conference website.

For any questions, please contact the Director of WIWA, Joachim Zweynert: joachim.zweynert@uni-wh.de¹⁵

Conference on "Theory, measurement and expertise: Edmond Malinvaud and the reconfigurations of economic theory, 1950-2000" (Paris, 2016)

8-10 December 2016 — Maison des Sciences économiques, Paris, France

Title: "Theory, measurement and expertise: Edmond Malinvaud and the reconfigurations of economic theory, 1950-2000"

Economic theory was reconfigured during the second half of the twentieth century: in its theoretical references, in its formal tools and in its practices. The objective of this conference is to analyse this transformation in light of the work of Edmond Malinvaud (1923-2015). From the *Ecole Polytechnique* to the Applied School of the *Institut National d'Etudes Statistiques et Economiques* ; from Maurice Allais's seminar to the Cowles Commission, from which he brought back new econometric techniques ; as Director of *Institut National d'Etudes Statistiques et Economiques* and as Chair of Economic Analysis at the *Collège of France*, Malinvaud embodied several dimensions of what the economic discipline has become today, combining analytical innovations, expertise and new statistical and econometric tools.

His research focused on national accounting, econometrics, microeconomics and macroeconomics. Following Robert W. Clower and Axel Leijonhufvud, he contributed, together

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with Jean-Pascal Bénassy and Jacques Drèze, to the launching of disequilibrium macroeconomics. In 1986 the *Malinvaud Report on the statistics of employment and unemployment* called for radical change in unemployment statistics, whereas his reflections on economic methodology are yet to be discovered and discussed.

Edmond Malinvaud's work, both theoretical and applied, is therefore relevant and central to many key developments in the second half of the twentieth century.in¹⁶ economic theory and in the Economics profession.

Beyond this, the conference will provide the opportunity to evaluate fifty years of theoretical and methodological debates, marked out by the growing internationalisation of the discipline (the start of which, in France, is undoubtedly linked to Edmond Malinvaud's and Gerard Debreu's visits to the Cowles Commission in the early 1950s), the increasing mathematization of economic theory, the systematic use of econometric techniques, the restructuring of statistical systems, the implementation of economic policies based on macro-econometric models, the evolution of economic expertise and the specific role held by economists engineers

This international conference will bring together a diverse range of specialists reflecting the diversity of Malinvaud's work: microeconomists, macroeconomists, econometricians and statisticians, historians of statistics and econometrics and alumni of Edmond Malinvaud.

Organization

The conference will take place in Paris, on **8-10 December 2016**, at the *Maison des sciences économiques* (106-112, boulevard de l'Hôpital, 75013 Paris).

Abstracts (500 words), or full contributions for the candidates for a travel grant, should be sent by **June 15, 2016** to Annie.Cot@univ-paris1.fr¹⁷.

After a double blind review process of the abstracts by the Scientific Council, the acceptance decision will be communicated to the authors by **July 10, 2016**.

The Scientific Council will award a limited number of travel grants to foreign young scholars.

Final papers should be sent by **November 15, 2016**.

More information will soon be available on the [conference website](http://ces.univ-paris1.fr/CEE/Malinvaudconference.html)¹⁸.

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¹⁸<http://ces.univ-paris1.fr/CEE/Malinvaudconference.html>

Handbook of research on Nonviolent Political Economy: Call for Contributions

The idea of Nonviolent Political Economy

Surprisingly, there is not a unified and updated field of research about nonviolent political economy. Indeed, a number of orthodox economists and social scientists are the promoters of thinking schools and patterns of public policy that generate violence against human beings and nature. Violent economy is characterized by the exaltation of egoism, competition, possessive individualism, marginalization, and the exclusion of allegedly distant people. This occurs because conventional economic models are designed to solve problems in the short run (the influent Keynes said that in the long run we are all dead) and inside limits of exclusive groups of interest like families, communities, social classes and nations. The great heterodox economist K. Boulding acknowledged this situation when he affirmed that the current economy is intense in destructive powers (military power) and in economic bargaining power (markets), but it lacks integrative power (the power of love).

Nonviolent Political Economy encompasses the complex relations or interactions of political, economic, ideological, and organizational power that, when possible, do not generate any devastating impact on nature and human lives. Its essence is the preservation of nature and the promotion of sane and good life, sacrificing the opulence and the economic growth. Nonviolent Political Economy challenges the boundaries of traditional and mainstream economy by exploring the relations of nondestructive powers, the amplifying of welfare economics, and the understanding of bioeconomics. The idea is to create and generate social relations of production, appropriation, distribution, exchange, expenditure and consumption with minimal destructive impacts in both, society and nature.

Additionally, nonviolent action is a kind of nondestructive power, a force to promote diverse pedagogic, politic, economic, and social transformations without irrecoverable costs (e.g. human deaths as well as the destruction and contamination of nature). There exist variegated combinations of principled nonviolence (inspired by religious and moral values) and strategic methods of noncooperation with violent economic and political actors.

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Bearing in mind this background, our objective is to build a collective handbook about

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this crucial topic, including some important components such as disarmament, transarmament, post-military nonviolent weapons, universal welfare, non-egoistic conduct, political economy of love, bioeconomics, ecological economy, the enjoyment of life (Buen Vivir), among others.

Disarmament, transarmament, and nonviolent post-military systems of defense: these imply the destruction of dangerous and expensive weapons (from small weapons to weapons of mass destruction), and the construction of civil-defense systems with weapons of communication and tactics of nonviolent political action.

The idea of Universal Welfare: Universal welfare is the opposite of egoistic sadist welfare (typical of the current society of consumption) because an ideal of universal fraternity must include at least all the living creatures: human beings, animals, and plants. This amplified perspective of welfare includes, obviously, all the human beings, without political fences and without the intergenerational rate of discount. Nevertheless, the amplification of welfare implies a reduction of individual material welfare (the typical society of consumption which is characterized by high expenditure of energy) in order to expand the preservation of collectivities and, consequently, implies a voluntary reduction and stabilization of human population (because the demographic explosion of humans causes dangers and destructions of animals and plants).

The economy of non-egoistic behavior: An important conceptual basis of the political economy of nonviolence is not precisely the concept of market (the empire of bilateral corresponded transactions where it is assumed that all the things and beings have a price and a substitute, and all the actors pursue lucre), but the broader reign of unilateral, unrequited transactions such as unconditional love (radical altruism) and conditioned and corresponding exchange of gifts (reciprocity).

Ecological economy: The science dedicated to the study of bioeconomics, ecological economy, and political ecology considers that all human economic activity is pure expenditure: the different economic agents take for free natural renewable and non-renewable resources and, additionally, human knowledge and labor cannot produce substitutes of energy, and life. The main exponents of this theory, like the great economist Georgescu-Roegen suggested a sort of economy of frugality, organic agriculture, disarmament, and low scale economies of subsistence (from Buddhist perspective of all the small is beautiful).

Enjoyment of life: If we live on an entropic planet and, consequently, suffer a growing scarcity of natural renewable and non-renewable resources and, moreover, the individual death and the disappearance of the human kind is an inevitable reality, then the most sensible and smart ideal is to promote the enjoyment of life. Some of the features of a nonviolent enjoyment of life are: The gratification of leisure (because the majority of labors are dangerous activities of creative destruction which only can be loved by greedy bosses), and the diverse experiences of freedom (including hedonic and affective

experiences, and excluding the unhealthy tentative of the possessive individualism). Of course, the pure contemplative actions associated with love, sensuality, meditation, arts, trekking, and gastronomy, are part of the enjoyment of life (in South America exists the concept of “Buen vivir”).

The academic procedure:

If you agree with this editorial project then you can write a contribution that offers a general view and/or a particular remark about one of the topics mentioned above or a new field related. Additionally, we expect that, posteriorly, you can evaluate at least one of the peer contributions.

Two key dates:

- September 15, 2016: Abstract Submission. 500 - 700 words. You will receive our response during October.
- June 30, 2017: Final document. 10.000 -13.000 words, including bibliography.

Historical Materialism Annual Conference (London, 2017)

10-13 November, 2016 — London, UK

Please find below the following CFPs

1. Annual Conference General: Limits, Barriers and Borders
2. One-Day Themed Conference: The Limits to Capital and the Limits to Nature
3. Stream: Marxist-Feminist stream: Environment, Nature and Technologies
4. Stream: The Politics of Identity
5. Stream: (Re-)Conceptualising Marxist Theories of Racism
6. Stream: Latin America and Marxism(s)
7. Stream: Marxism and Sexualities

Abstracts should be between 250 and 350 words. Panels should include abstracts for all individual presentations.

Important notice on the structure of the Call For Papers for this year:

As previously we are including a general CFP alongside specific streams (see 3-7). Papers and pre-constituted panels are welcome in both cases. When submitting to a specific stream you should also give notice of your submission to their organizers (via email, as noted in the CFPs below). The One-Day themed conference will take place during the main event. In ALL cases papers must be submitted to the main website <http://conference.historicalmaterialism.org>²¹ (the link will be live after May 5) clearly making evident in your proposal if your paper belongs to a specific stream and/or panel.

Second important announcement: all participants are expected to make every reasonable effort to participate in the whole of the conference and be able to have their paper at any slot therein. Any absolutely imperative reasons why you cannot speak on day X or Y or at time X or Y MUST BE COMMUNICATED TO US WHEN THE ABSTRACT IS SUBMITTED as we WILL NOT be making last minute changes to the timetable as in previous years. Participants are also expected to be actually able to participate in the conference when they submit their abstracts. Of course, medical emergencies or visa denials cannot be predicted, but all other cases of last minute withdrawals cause us unnecessary stress and create chaotic conditions for a final timetable.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 1 June 2016

All queries: historicalmaterialism@soas.ac.uk²²

Submission must be made here: <http://conference.historicalmaterialism.org/annual13/call-for-papers>²³

Annual Conference General: Limits, Barriers and Borders

In the Grundrisse, Marx diagnosed the effort to turn unsurpassable limits into transcendable barriers as one of capital's defining features, what permitted it either to avert crises or to employ them to its own advantage. Ecological critique and activism is increasingly identifying the endurance of capitalist imperatives as a limit of a different kind, a limit on the reproducibility of human livelihoods, a limit both to and of nature, which is not necessarily a limit to capital.

HM 2016 seeks to address from a multiplicity of angles the question of the relationships between the limits and barriers of capital and those of its human and non-human "others". Or: its limits and ours, their barriers and ours. How does Marxist theory address the so-called 'spatial turn' and various geographies of capital? We hope to investigate the theoretical and practical challenges to capital's increasingly disastrous or desultory forms of crisis-management, from the COP21 agreements on climate change to the sin-

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ister responses to mass migration and civil war. We hope that this theme of limits will not be taken simply in a systemic sense – as the limits to capital, or to nature, or to the capitalist state, etc. – but also in a strategic one, as an occasion to reflect on the limits (or barriers) of current socialist, communist and emancipatory political movements. From public outcries against financial scandals to the rise of populist anti-elitism, are movements redrawing the limits of politics?HM 2016 welcomes papers addressing the question of capital’s limits, barriers and borders and their relation to Marxist theory and anti-capitalist politics. Though we envisage it as a theme running throughout the conference, we will devote a day to the critical question of the relation between the limits to capital and the limits to nature (see separate CFP) below. We continue to welcome papers on ALL general topics of interest to readers of Historical Materialism, but also encourage papers on the following themes:

- Limits and borders: the migration ‘crisis’, the European state-system and racism
- Social reproduction, the reproduction of capital and the reproduction of nature
- Historical-materialist geography and the limits to capital
- ‘Marx in his limits’: Marxist traditions of theoretical self-criticism
- Environmental racism
- Feminism and the limits to capital
- ‘Race’ and the limits to capital
- Art, aesthetics, culture and the limits to capital
- Marxist aesthetics and ecology
- Ecological Marxism and crisis theory
- The law and ethics of capital’s borders
- The geographies of finance capital

One-Day Themed Conference: The Limits to Capital and the Limits to Nature

Notwithstanding the ritual self-congratulation of global elites over recent agreements to restrain global warming, the incompatibility between capitalist imperatives of accumulation and the urgent need to respond to multiple ecological emergencies is patent. In the domains of academia and popular discourse, much is made of the designation of our

present as the ‘Anthropocene’, the era of mankind’s promotion to the status of geological agent. Historical materialism has long cast corrosive doubt on mystifying fables of united human agency – beyond class, gender or race. At this year’s annual Historical Materialism conference we want to explore the way in which thinking through global warming and accelerating ecological degradation has posed a challenge to contemporary Marxist theory, demanding a critical application and reconstruction of classical categories of historical and materialist analysis. How can Marxists think the entanglement of the history of class struggles and the history of ecological transformation? In what sense is capital to be understood as an ecological and geological agent? What concepts of ‘nature’ and of the relationship between the natural and the social is adequate to thinking our present? What can a critical Marxist theory of the relation between the limits to capital and the limits to nature contribute to contemporary movements for social and environmental justice?

We welcome papers in the general areas of:

- Nature and ecology in historical materialism and critical Marxist theory
- Radical social movements and ecological politics (feminism, anti-racism, anti-colonialism, anarchism, radical environmentalism)
- Marxist analyses and responses to ecological crisis

Stream: Marxist Feminist stream CFP: Environment, Nature and Technologies

Feminism has had much to say about capitalism’s impact on the environment and the appropriation of nature by man (sic). Feminists have examined how the enclosure of land has been integral to capitalist accumulation and how capitalism has sought to present ‘women’s work’ as a ‘natural’ outcome of woman’s ‘nature’. More broadly, feminists have examined and opposed the very identification of woman with nature, spearheading the critique of the culture/nature divide, patterned upon and replicating the hierarchy of the male/female binary—a binary that has been troubled by queer/LGBT struggles against naturalised conceptions of sexuality. Other strands of feminist thought have highlighted a de-colonising process of nature and the feminine, implying that a suppressed authenticity could be recovered in the process of overthrowing capitalist patriarchy. In short, analysis of nature and the environment has been a rich, multi-layered vein in much feminist thought, including in Marxist feminism. Such critiques comprise the complex legacy of second-wave feminism – a legacy whose relationship to Marxist feminism is itself a subject of critique. Developments within global capitalism and the struggles against it as well as against the rule of capital at large demand that contemporary Marxist feminism revisit, re-evaluate and update these critiques with the aim of building transformative, continuous, active resistance. The Marxist feminist stream of the Historical Materialism

London conference 2016 invites proposals for panels and papers that negotiate these critiques, broadly interpreted.

Key questions that we hope panels and papers will address include:

- What does ‘the environment’ mean for Marxist feminism in the 21st century?
- Can there be a differentiation between a natural environment and human life or does capital increasingly achieve its gains by overcoming precisely this distinction?
- What is the relationship between technology, gender and class?
- What progress has been made in the critique of racialised ‘women’s work’, given the persistent naturalisation of ‘race’ in the social imaginary?
- What Marxist feminist positions on the common/s are available and can contemporary Marxist feminism expand understandings of the common/s beyond traditional identifications with land and nature or, conversely, technology-dominated spaces?
- How can Marxist feminism conceive of the environment ‘in the expanded field’, as the space and time of revolutionary connectivity?

We are particularly interested in creating a space for interweaving analysis of nature and the environment with the wider themes explored in the Marxist feminist stream of the HM conference since its launch in 2011. These include (but are not limited to): social reproduction feminism; households; domestic, care and biologically reproductive labour; unfree labour; capitalism and sexuality; and anti-racist, anti-colonial Marxist feminisms. That is, proposals need not be limited to feminist thinking on the destruction of the natural environment by capitalism, per se, but may also seek to trouble or develop an expanded understanding and notion of ‘the environment’ as such.

We look forward to receiving your paper and panel proposals. Please submit via the main 2016 Historical Materialism London submission website. When submitting, please clearly indicate that your proposal is for the Marxist-Feminist stream.

Marxist Feminist stream conveners: Angela Dimitrakaki, Sara Farris, Sue Ferguson, Genevieve LeBaron, Nina Power, Alan Sears.

Stream: The Politics of Identity

The charged phrase “identity politics” has come to encompass a range of ideas and activities under the rubric of either broadening, or developing alternatives to, class-centric analyses of power. Criticisms of identity politics have historically been narrow and economic, with the tension being framed thus far as a cleavage between the class

reductionism of vulgar Marxism and the individualism of vulgar culturalism. This special issue positions itself as an intervention into conversations within Marxist traditions.

The term “identity politics” has often carried pejorative connotations, and many prefer to identify with “liberation politics”. Identity/liberation politics has allowed for self-organisation, and this played a critical role in carving out spaces for movements of colour, in anti-colonial revolutions, feminist struggles, and in queer liberation movements. These spaces have also been places where the intersecting, mutually reinforcing nature of these identity categories have been theorised. The moment at which we are making this intervention is one in which the rhetoric of “safe spaces”, “privilege”, and positionality politics permeates liberatory discourse and social movements – the question is now one of usefulness and their radical potential.

While these approaches have built new avenues into revolutionary politics and self-determination, emphasizing an understanding of oppressions as social relations, they have also been charged with reducing collective struggles to individualism and essentialism. These pitfalls erode the possibility of solidaristic links and hinder the broader aim of movement building. Further, identity politics has been accused of reproducing the power of capital and the state, and reinforcing the very categories they ostensibly seek to dismantle.

Some of the questions we are concerned with include (but are not limited to): Why has identity politics become so appealing amongst self-understood radical circles? What are the social, political and historical processes behind identity politics being co-opted by neoliberal and statist discourses, while simultaneously providing multiple avenues into revolutionary politics? Does identity-based organising have any radical capacity, and is there a way in which it can be mobilised to generate solidarity and resistance? How have feminist, queer and anti-racist movements moved away from the goal of the abolition of race and gender, and turned to social mobility? What might the abolition of identitarian categories of oppression look like as an emancipatory project? What does it mean for class to be mobilised as an identity? What is the relationship between intersectionality and identity politics? In what ways do resistance to identity-based oppressions coalesce with struggles against the hegemony of the capitalist state?

In particular, we encourage contributors to engage with Marxist traditions from multiple standpoints, while complicating what it is that is conceptualised as ‘identity’ itself. What does it mean for a movement to be labelled as “identity politics”? Does working class identity being racialised as white, and gendered as male, shield it from the critiques commonly made of identity politics as sectarian and divisive? Can we accurately describe union meetings a ‘safe space’ from the bosses? Why have subaltern struggles been largely seen as identity-based, and the material bases of their resistance under-emphasised? And finally, how might the traditional left’s dismissal of particular movements as ‘identity politics’ act as a form of self-preservation?

This CFP reproduces the one for papers for a special issue of HM.

Organisers: Ashok Kumar (QMUL), Shruti Iyer (KCL), Dalia Gebrial (Oxford), Ash Sarkar (UCL), Adam Elliott-Cooper (Oxford)

- Identity Politics versus a Politics of Liberation
- Praxis of Solidarity and Identity Politics
- Radical Critiques of Intersectionality
- Identity Politics As/Against Neoliberalism
- Identity Politics and Radical Social Movements
- Identity Politics, Capital and Empire
- Performativity in areas of Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Gender Identity
- Privilege Politics and Solidarity
- Radical Critiques of Cultural Appropriation
- Safer Spaces and the Politics of Comfort
- Identity Politics, Innocence and the Carceral State
- Critiques of Personhood Trauma Politics
- Recovering Subaltern Studies as Anti-Capitalist Resistance
- Transnational Gentrification Discourses
- Victimhood, Security and the State
- Micoaggressions and Social Relations
- Trigger Warnings, Trauma, and the State
- Queer theory, capitalism, & the couple form
- Homonationalism
- Anti-Muslim Racism
- Reparations & class-based demands
- Europeanness & economic crisis

- Whiteness, white fragility and European fascism
 - Anti-colonial struggles and Identity Politics
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Stream: (Re-)Conceptualising Marxist Theories of Racism

Only some years after post-racialism attempted, with one stroke of a pen, to declare racist oppression a thing of the past, contemporary racism seems to be more pervasive than ever in recent history. As Europe and the United States witness the rise of populist political movements with overt racist agendas, increasing anti-migrant, anti-Muslim, and antisemitic rhetoric has been accompanied by a wave of enforced discrimination and violence. In Europe, racist street violence against refugee housing have become a feature of everyday life while lethal police violence in the US is wreaking havoc within black communities. In the light of these developments the lack of mass anti-racist movements in the West, particularly in Europe, is as striking as it is disastrous. With regard to the economic depression and austerity policies that have contributed to the revitalisation of popular racism, the weakness of anti-racism also hints at important shortcomings within left politics. These shortcomings, we contend, are in part the result of key problems within Marxist theory.

Historically, classical Marxism all too often reduced racism to an ideological weapon deployed by ruling elites to weaken the multi-ethnic working class. Claiming that racism would disappear with the establishment of a socialist society, such an account had the strategic effect of subsuming or ignoring, and sometimes actively opposing, demands by racialised minorities within the workers and other social movements. More recent contributions, on the contrary, increasingly recognize the complex interplay of race and class, including how class comes to be lived through racialising identifications. In examining, for example, the racist elements in historical working class and socialist formations, scholars have emphasized the capacity of racism to act as a form of social cement binding parts of the working class to their ruling elites and thereby contributing to the maintenance and consolidation of capitalist rule.

In light of the manifold manifestations of contemporary racism, and its reverberations in academic discourses, a systematic inquiry into the concept and theory of racism seems timely. While the Black Lives Matter movement challenges the notion of a post-racial America, anti-Muslim agitation in Europe and the United States is not solely based on the identity logics of race, but clings to traditional patterns of cultural racism. This concomitance of ‘racism without racists’ (as the perpetuation of racial discrimination in supposedly colour-blind societies) and ‘racism without races’ (as the essentialisation of cultural markers of difference) has inspired a diverse echo in social and political sciences, ranging from the renaissance of genetic (‘biosocial’) arguments to transhistorical models of racialisation.

Against this background, the conference stream wants to address crucial issues of contemporary racism analysis from a Marxist perspective. We invite paper proposals that attempt to sharpen our collective theoretical understanding of racism by:

- investigating the socio-historical preconditions for the emergence of racism and its reproduction;
- reassessing the insights as well as shortcomings of past and present Marxist approaches to the problem of racism;
- examining the various modalities of racism, including, but not limited to race, culture, religion to understand their conceptual relationship to each other and to racism more broadly;
- scrutinising the theoretical relationship of racism to other forms of social exclusion and oppression, particularly its intersections with relations of gender and sexuality;
- elaborating on the relationship of racism to the cohesion and reproduction of capitalist societies
- discussing the structural and institutional elements of racism and its reproduction in everyday social practices;
- compiling a historical record and analysis of contemporary anti-racist movements;
- developing theoretical frameworks for understanding the relationship of anti-racism to class struggle and left politics more broadly.

Organisers: Stefanie Affeldt, Malte Hinrichsen, Wulf D. Hund, Felix Lösing, Benjamin Opratko, Satnam Virdee

Stream: Latin America and Marxism(s)

Now in its third year, we announce a Call for Abstracts for the stream on Latin American Marxism(s) which will take place in the Historical Materialism XIII Annual Conference, to be held in London, on 10-13 of November, 2016. The aim of this call is to put together a series of papers and panels based on Latin American Marxism(s) broadly conceived. In this sense, the proposal is open to philosophical, historical, economic, geographical, literary, and/or political approaches related to Marxist practices and/or theories in Latin America. In terms of subjects and contents, the stream is open to any relevant proposal that approaches Latin America (or any of its discrete realities) from Marxist perspectives. We suggest the following topics as orientations to the potential contributors, albeit this is not an exhaustive list:

- Colonialism, imperialism and post-colonialism.
- The end of the ‘pink tide’ and the return of neoliberal policies.
- Latin American materialities: sounds, visions, and words.
- Made in Latin America: conceptual contributions to global Marxism.
- Connected histories, crossed readings: Marxism from/to Latin America.
- Spanish Marxisms: reading Marxists from Spain and Hispanic-America.
- Neo-extractivism and geographies of uneven development: capital accumulation and class-formation.

We ask for 300-word abstracts by 1 June 2016. When sending your abstract, please state in the subject heading of the e-mail both “Latin American Marxism panel” and the general area relevant to your paper (i.e. economics, philosophy, etc.). Please also include your institutional affiliation and correspondence e-mail address as part of the abstract. We will then collate all accepted proposals and organize them into panels, contacting the authors of non-accepted abstracts with a personal e-mail of explanation.

Proposals should be sent to Irina Feldman (irkaro@gmail.com²⁴), and Felipe Lagos (felipe.lagos.r@gmail.com²⁵), as well as through the Historical Materialism website.

Stream: Marxism and Sexualities

The Sexuality and Political Economy network, affiliated to Historical Materialism (HM), invite paper/panel proposals for a stream of panels at HM London 2016 on the theme of Marxism, Sexuality and Political Economy. The second half of the 20th Century has seen the emergence of legislative, legal and political change towards the relative legitimization of LGBTQI sexual identities and relationships (to different degrees in different parts of the globe). These changes have taken through a period of economic crisis for social democratic states and a resurgence of neo-liberalism. The character of this legitimization has been an identarian politics, driven by a politics of recognition focused on legal change and protests against violence and inequality. The achievements of this political change cannot be underestimated in their impact on LGBTQI lives, and bares contrast with parts of the globe where sexual rights and justice are still highly contested and persecution and structural inequalities persist. Nevertheless, the terms of contemporary LGBTQI politics presents challenges for those who think legal equality and civil recognition are not the end of the journey.

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Commodification is a core constituent of sexual space and place, making consumption and the market key and causal features in its development. Sexual tolerance might be described as being driven by and beneficial to advanced capitalist political economies. There is evidence that notwithstanding legal and civil measures of equality in some parts of the globe, there is still structural inequalities based on culture and economic stratifications. There remain racial, gendered, class and other forms of prejudice, pathology and exclusion within sexual communities, and identitarian politics has focused around LGBTQI issues (to different extents and with relative inclusions and exclusions). Homonormativity and heteronationalism have been subject to critique as representing an accommodation with rather than a fundamental challenge to heteronormativity. In the Global South and across the globe, there is still violence and prejudice against those who are sexually different.

Papers are sought that explore those themes and enrich our understanding of the political economy of sexuality from a Marxist perspective, under these broad categories:

- Commodification, Consumption and Sexual Space
- Commodification, Consumption and Homonormativity in neo-Liberal Contexts
- The Market, Capitalism and Sexual Rights and Justice
- Queer Labour, Queer Capital
- Marxism, sexuality studies, feminism and political economy
- Queer Intersections and political economy
- Sexual political economy in global contexts
- The political economy of trans and intersex
- Capitalism, class and the terms of queer resistance
- Sexual dimensions of gendered capitalism as a mode of social production and reproduction
- Imperialist and Colonial interventions, Islamophobia, homonationalism and pinkwashing
- the sexual dynamics of capitalist restoration in China
- Globalising the dialogues between Sexuality, political economy and Marxism

Paper should be submitted to the HM conference website in the normal fashion but clearly marked in the submission title MSPEN in order to be considered for these panels.

The deadline for submissions is June 1st. Queries and questions can be sent to Paul Reynolds (reynoldp@edgehill.ac.uk²⁶)

Organisers: Holly Lewis (Texas); Nat Raha (Sussex); Paul Reynolds (Edge Hill/HM Editorial Board); Alan Sears (Ryerson)

International Conference on "Intersections of finance and society" (London, 2016)

3-4 November, 2016 — City University London, UK

Recent years have seen a growth in innovative research on finance across the humanities and social sciences. Following on from the success of the 'social studies of finance' approach and the new literature on 'financialization', scholars are taking up the challenge of theorising money and finance beyond the conceptual constraints of orthodox economic theory, with different research agendas emerging under various new monikers. This two-day conference aims to bring these approaches into closer dialogue. In particular, it seeks to identify new synergies between heterodox political economy and various sociological, historical, and philosophical perspectives on the intersections of finance and society.

The conference is organised by the journal *Finance and Society*²⁷ (with support from the Department of International Politics at City University London), together with the Social Studies of Finance Network at the University of Sydney (with support from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Sydney).

Confirmed keynote speakers

- Nigel Dodd (London School of Economics)
- Elena Esposito (University of Modena-Reggio Emilia)
- Perry Mehrling (Columbia University)
- Anastasia Nesvetailova (City University London)

Confirmed roundtable participants

- Lisa Adkins (University of Newcastle Australia)
- Dick Bryan (University of Sydney)

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²⁷<http://financeandsociety.ed.ac.uk/>

- Melinda Cooper (University of Sydney)
- Marieke de Goede (University of Amsterdam)
- Ronen Palan (City University London)

Themes on which we encourage contributions include

- Money and/beyond language;
- Performativity and affect in finance;
- Finance and social theory;
- Derivative finance;
- Engaging orthodox economics and finance theory;
- Central banking and shadow banking;
- Historicity and futurity;
- Gifts and debts;
- Financial crises, past and present;
- Finance and neoliberalism;
- The politics of finance.

Contributions are invited in two formats

- Papers; abstract of up to 300 words
- Panels; panel proposal plus paper abstracts

Paper submission

Please submit abstracts and proposals by **1 August 2016** to both Amin Samman (amin.samman.1@city.ac.uk²⁸) and Martijn Konings (martijn.konings@sydney.edu.au²⁹).

The conference organisers aim to publish a selection of the papers as special issues in *Finance and Society* and other prominent peer-reviewed journals. Participants who

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would like to be considered for these should aim to submit a draft of an original paper by **1 October 2016**.

We have limited funding, with priority given to graduate students. Please indicate in your email if you want to be considered for this.

A PDF version of the call for papers available [here](#)³⁰.

Journal of Business Ethics: Announcing a new publishing venue on ethics and economics

The *Journal of Business Ethics*, a journal in on the Financial Times (FT 45) list for the ranking of research in business schools, has invited ASE member Julie Nelson to be the inaugural editor of a new Section on "Business Ethics and Economics."

This section invites discussions of the relationship between economics and business ethics. Conventional economic theories about firms and the people involved in them encourage a very narrow focus on profit and monetary incentives. Yet the reality of business is far more complex, and the consequences of ethical or unethical economic behaviour are far-reaching. How can the discipline of economics—and the teaching of economics within business schools—more adequately address issues of business ethics? Are there concerns of economists, either conventional or critical, that business ethicists should take more seriously? Authors submitting to this section are welcome to explore these questions from philosophical or historical perspectives, offer conceptual insights, and/or use quantitative or qualitative methods of empirical analysis.

Please consider sending your relevant work to this new section, and pass the news to others who might be interested!

For more information and online submission see: <http://www.springer.com/journal/10551/about>³¹

For information about the scope of the section, or to volunteer to review submissions, contact: julie.nelson@umb.edu³²

³⁰<http://journals.ed.ac.uk/ojs-images/financeandsociety/cfp-intersections.pdf>

³¹https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A_www.springer.com_journal_10551_about&d=CwMFaQ&c=S1d2Gs1Y1NQV8Lx35_Qi5FnTH2uYWyh_0hOS94IqYCo&r=VYR366QYb0PeNdLr_nQZG_8TB4ix_k6b4243gzRvqXk&m=yFV3e18RMVozGm8EF1AJah7abXb0TF9FTz9uxy88KuU&s=h8ZZ5u5uUo3p_XSb7Eo0ICylCh-cCdr4ql4b0G0W7po&e=

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Organizing Equality: International Conference (Ontario, 2016)

24-26 March, 2017 — University of Western Ontario, London, Canada

Organizers and advocates for local and global social justice are the lifeblood of solidarity movements worldwide that disrupt historic projects of exploitation, violent dispossession and social fragmentation. Social and economic inequality is a global challenge of the 21st century. The Global North's Occupy and anti-austerity movement spoke back to the 2008 financial crisis. They now confront the urgent, mass scale migrations of peoples from the Global South to the North, fleeing a colonial legacy deprivations, militarization, wars and land grabs. Settler societies are also experiencing Indigenous re-centerings, from #IdleNoMore to the Truth and Reconciliation process, and the #BlackLivesMatter cry to enfranchise African diasporas.

It is now increasingly recognized that rising levels of inequality are linked to poverty, discrimination, illness, environmental degradation, and social unrest. It is further recognized that inequality, in turn, is conditioned by and contingent on a range of other factors, including citizenship rights, gender, race, ethnicity, age, location, and education.

But despite this recognition, social movements contesting inequality face serious problems of organization, strategy and tactics. Recent years have shown the limits of traditional trade unionism, occupy and assembly movements, vanguards and new electoral parties alike. They have also shown that anti-racism, anti-violence, LGBTQ and migrant rights movements, to name a few, face major challenges organizing in the face of violence, xenophobia, marginality, impoverishment and under threat of criminalization. Across the board, movements have to reckon with the unprecedented levels of surveillance of the digital networks which have become an important part of their organizing practices.

This conference therefore asks what forms of organization might, in today's conditions, be most useful to movements for equality. It especially seeks contributions willing to explore new possibilities for the organization of equality struggles.

Organizing Equality is an international conference hosted by members of the Faculty of Information and Media Studies and the Initiative for the Study of Social and Economic Inequality at the University of Western Ontario, and planned for 24 – 26 March 2017. Its goal is to bring organizers, scholars, public educators, artists, media producers and advocates together from around the globe to build local and global capacity, share theories, strategies, experiences, and insights about efforts to address inequality and develop new kinds of theory/practice to guide and build future struggles. Our goal is to strengthen connections regionally, nationally and internationally, and to develop new forms of knowing, thinking and acting together between and across politics, sectors and communities of interest. To this end, we solicit scholarly presentations, organizing and dialogue sessions, workshop proposals, art performances/installations, radical me-

dia teach-ins and more, addressing a wide variety of themes related to the worldwide struggle for equality.

These themes include, but are not limited to (Proposals due 1 June 2016):

- indigenous reconciliation and reclamation
- opposing violent policing and the carceral state
- worker organizing, in and beyond unions
- social media, digital technologies and global resistance networks
- intersectional decolonial community and scholarly praxis
- migrant justice and networks of support
- decolonial/liberatory cultural production and praxis
- gender, sexuality, anti-violence and community solidarity
- struggles for access and equality in education
- environmental and climate justice and sustainability
- anti-austerity mobilization and cooperativism
- health and food security organizing
- social and community housing movements
- strategies for digital protections and privacy from surveillance

Proposals for papers and sessions should be limited to 250 words. The deadline for the submission of abstracts for 20-minute presentations is **1 June 2016**. Please include with your paper or session proposal, your name, e-mail address, institutional or group affiliation, and a short CV or biography. Abstracts should be e-mailed to the organizing committee at: organizingequality@uwo.ca³³.

For further information and conference updates, please visit the conference website: www.organizingequality.com³⁴.

Travel bursaries are available for participants from the global south. Please indicate in your submission if you would like to be considered for financial assistance.

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The Journal of Contextual Economics: Special Issue on "The Idea of Justice in Economics"

Among others, the special issue, to be published at the end of this year, is ideally suited for those working at the thematic intersection of social science disciplines and/or in the humanities.

Schmollers Jahrbuch: Journal of Contextual Economics is a new forum for research analyzing economic life in relation to its social and physical environment, particularly for research interested in the interface between the economic system and other social, cultural and physical systems. The journal sees itself continuing in a tradition indebted to the economist Gustav Schmoller, and this call for papers seeks to reassess one of the central concerns that Schmoller and his generation of social reforming economists had in the late nineteenth century: the problem of growing income inequality. In 1881 Schmoller published an article entitled "The Idea of Justice in Political Economy," which was translated and published in the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* in 1894 (see here). The article quickly became a touchstone for many members of the Progressive Movement as they addressed themselves to the problem of growing inequality in the United States in the "Gilded Age."

As many contemporary economists are beginning to acknowledge, we are today in something of a second Gilded Age in which the problem of persistent and growing inequality has reemerged as one of the most urgent. It is both a drag on economic growth and the root of many political, social and physical pathologies. The problem is worldwide and includes not only the rising inequality within many countries, but growing disparity between so-called least developed, developing and developed countries. Taking as its starting point Schmoller's 1894 article, the *Journal of Contextual Economics* invites contributions to a special issue that will address itself to the question of the contemporary relevance of the idea of justice in economics. Contributions that approach the problem conceptually/theoretically or address it from a policy perspective are equally welcome.

The deadline for submissions is August 31, 2016. Instructions for authors can be found here. Please submit manuscripts via our online submission system available here.

Any additional questions about this call for papers or submissions should be addressed to Mr. Mark McAdam, Editorial Assistant, JOCE: manuscript@schmollersjahrbuch.de³⁵ or mark.mcadam@uni-wh.de³⁶.

The Call for Papers can be accessed [here](#)³⁷ (PDF).

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³⁷https://www.uni-wh.de/fileadmin/media/w/w_i_wiwa/Schmollers_Jahrbuch_CfP_Justice_in_Economics.pdf

Call for Participants

19th Summer School on History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy and Economic History

5-10 September, 2016 — Cargèse, Corsica, France

“Radical changes and transitions: economics and its relations with other disciplines”

The Summer School is open to PhD students and young scholars (PhD degree after January 2015) from the fields of History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy and Economic History. Approximately 20 proposals will be selected for presentation.

Four to six papers will be presented each day on open themes, chosen on the basis of the students' fields of research, related to the history of economic thought, economic methodology, economic philosophy or economic history. The subjects of the papers may differ from the Summer School's main theme. The presentations will take place in the presence of the members of the scientific committee and of some invited speakers, thus covering a broad area of expertise. Each presentation will be commented by a discussant, chosen among the young scholars, followed by a question and answer session with the audience. In addition, individual tutorials are organized for each doctoral student with members of the committee or invited speakers.

Applications

Contributions will be selected from extended abstracts in English of 750 to 1000 words, or full- paper proposals of up to 7500 words. The submission deadline is June 12th, 2016. Abstract must be sent, together with a CV, and a letter of recommendation from a supervisor, to summerschool19@unice.fr³⁸ .

Applications not including all of the required documents – abstract or full paper in English, application form, CV, and a letter of recommendation – will not be taken into consideration. Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements and pay their travel costs. The registration fee is 150€. Registration fees include accommodation (6 nights, check-in September 4th, check-out September 10th), materials, daily breakfast and lunch and participation to the leisure program.

By the end of-June 2016, the Scientific Committee will inform all the applicants about the outcome of the selection process.

Deadline for abstract submissions: June 12th, 2016.

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Abstracts must be sent to Richard Arena and Muriel Dal Pont at: summerschool19@unice.fr³⁹

Further information and application form is available [here \(PDF\)](#)⁴⁰ .

Aberdeen Political Economy Group Annual Workshop on "The Political Economy of Nations, States, and Power in Europe and beyond" (Aberdeen, 2016)

25-26 June, 2016 — Fraser Noble Building, University of Aberdeen

Aberdeen Political Economy Group is holding its second annual workshop on 25 – 26 June 2016 on the theme of **The Political Economy of Nations, States, and Power in Europe and beyond**. Details of the preliminary programme and speakers are attached [here \(PDF\)](#)⁴¹ . A final programme will be issued nearer the time.

The workshop will be of particular interest to political activists, final and post graduate students and academic staff from a wide range of disciplines

The referendum debate has thrown up key issues of state, nation and the economy. Few discussions on the critical issues facing the people of Scotland and the UK far less Europe, and other developed and developing countries in the world economy can proceed far before the issues of power and the state emerge. But what is the state and what is its relationship to other centres of power, regional blocs such as the EU and to the issues of money, finance and capital accumulation? How did the state and the system of nation states emerge, and how are we to understand the role of the state in contemporary capitalism?

For further information see [facebook.com/AberdeenPEG](https://www.facebook.com/AberdeenPEG)⁴²

To book an early place and for information contact: Keith Paterson on 07793655410 or **email:** keithpaterson@abdn.ac.uk⁴³ .

There will a small participant fee to cover costs.

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⁴⁰<http://www.eshet.net/public/file/call%20Cargese%202016%20and%20application%20form.pdf>

⁴¹<http://www.heterodoxnews.com/HEN/attach/hen197/APEGProg2016.pdf>

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Capital and Justice - WEA online conference is now open

Conference Title: "Capital Accumulation, production and employment: *Can We Bend the Arc of Global Capital Toward Justice?*"

The conference **Discussion Forum**⁴⁴ is now open. Click on links below to read abstracts and then download papers

SESSION I Finance, investment, production and employment

1. Global business models and labor challenges⁴⁵
Maria Alejandra Caporale Madi
2. The tendency of effective demand to lag behind the supply of full employment⁴⁶
Arturo Hermann
3. Late Marx and the Conception of 'Accumulation of Capital'⁴⁷
Paul Zarembka
4. Money: a social contract or an "invisible hand" of inverted totalitarianism?⁴⁸
Raymond Aitken

SESSION II Global trends: economic dynamics and sovereignty

1. Global Dynamic Efficiency (Towards a Long-Term Strategy)⁴⁹
Stephen I. Ternyik
2. Monopoly Capital and Growth⁵⁰
Kieran Crilly

⁴⁴<http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fc8acbfd9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=1391f97c68&e=59e5f91d8f>

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⁴⁹<http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=fc8acbfd9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=114b9769f2&e=59e5f91d8f>

⁵⁰<http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fc8acbfd9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=5a8779bc42&e=59e5f91d8f>

3. Capital, Nationality, and State Sovereignty: New Links for the 21st Century⁵¹
Marc Morgan-Milá
4. The Other Half of Macroeconomics and Three Stages of Economic Development⁵²
Richard C. Koo
5. Identifying the determinants of secular stagnation after the Great Recession: Learning from Hansens historical approaches and Harrods model along 1938-1952.⁵³
Adrián de León-Arias

SESSION III. Working conditions and social problems: challenges and perspectives

1. Employment in a Just Economy⁵⁴
John Komlos
2. Economic Solutions for the Social Problems of Mass Migration, Persistent Alienation and Wanton Terrorism⁵⁵
Steven H. Kim
3. Can We Bend the Arc of Global Capital toward Justice by Investment in Human Capital?⁵⁶
Arnold Packer
4. The Role of Human Capital Resource in the East African Economic Growth⁵⁷
Worku R. Urgaia
5. Evolving Wealth Inequality in Kerala: Mapping the Winners and Losers⁵⁸
R. Yadu and Satheesha

SESSION IV Economics and democracy

⁵¹<http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fc8acb9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=9687e1750d&e=59e5f91d8f>

⁵²<http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fc8acb9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=40703b1934&e=59e5f91d8f>

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⁵⁴<http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fc8acb9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=684778fadf&e=59e5f91d8f>

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⁵⁷<http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=fc8acb9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=3201ed0aee&e=59e5f91d8f>

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1. Real World Non-Equilibrating Supply and Demand Theory⁵⁹
Gerson P. Lima
2. Economic power, employment and economic theory⁶⁰
Rubens R. Sawaya
3. Elite appropriation of economics – the case for (r)evolutionary political economy⁶¹
Deniz Kellecioglu
4. The British Labour Party and the ‘New Economics’⁶²
Lyn Eynon

Global Debt Dynamics Initiative (GDDI): Inaugural Workshop (Brighton, 2016)

26 May, 2016 — The Old Courtroom, Brighton, UK

The Global Debt Dynamics Initiative (GDDI) inaugural workshop is organised by the Sussex Centre for Global Political Economy (CGPE)⁶³ in co-operation with the IDS Centre for Rising Powers and Global Development (CRPD)⁶⁴ and brings together experts from different academic disciplines, professional sectors and international organisations.

Programme overview

- **Roundtable A: Global Liquidity, Capital Flows and Debt**
- **Roundtable B: Political economy of ‘Debt and Development’**
- **Roundtable C: Global Debt Waves. Continuities, Changes, Governance**

Download the detailed programme as a pdf file here: [GDD programme](#)⁶⁵

Call for Interest

⁵⁹<http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=fc8acb9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=0bef2f21a1&e=59e5f91d8f>

⁶⁰<http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fc8acb9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=5cf6b61ff7&e=59e5f91d8f>

⁶¹<http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fc8acb9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=fb3d146dbf&e=59e5f91d8f>

⁶²<http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=fc8acb9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=085a351bcd&e=59e5f91d8f>

⁶³<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cgpe/>

⁶⁴<http://www.ids.ac.uk/idsresearch/centre-for-rising-powers-and-global-development>

⁶⁵https://globaldebtdynamicsdotnet.files.wordpress.com/2016/04/gdd-programme_.pdf

The 2008/09 global economic crisis exposed and exacerbated a wide number of debt-related pathologies associated with the growth model of advanced economies. Nine years after the crisis, the majority of advanced economies remain into uncharted economic waters defined by high levels of leverage and debt. Now, debt concerns return to emerging economies too, while the global economy faces a series of new debt-related challenges (e.g. falling commodity prices, the economic slowdown in China and Emerging Markets, monetary normalisation in the US, quantitative easing in Europe and Japan, geopolitical uncertainties). Most importantly, these trends take place in a global economic environment defined by a considerable shift of global economic weight from advanced to emerging and developing economies, especially in terms of contribution to global GDP. Accounting for the ways in which this shift impacts on global growth patterns and traditional economic dependencies and vulnerabilities remain a major challenge.

Main Themes

The aim of the Global Debt Dynamics Initiative (GDDI) is to piece together the different debt-dynamics currently underway in the global economy, and examine their potential implications for the involved countries and the global economic system. Key questions include, but are not limited to: Has the vulnerability/resilience nexus that defined the interaction between emerging and advanced economies in the post-WWII era changed? If yes, how, and how does it matter for the involved economies, and the post-1990s economic globalisation order. How has the economic crisis affected global debt dynamics, and what has been the impact of these changes on the relationship between advanced economies and emerging powers? What is the impact of the rise and fall of quantitative easing on emerging and advanced economies? How monetary tightening in the US will affect the other advanced economies and the emerging powers? How do the increasing use of renminbi and existing currency swap arrangements impact on traditional debt vulnerabilities in emerging economies? Is de-dollarisation possible and desirable for emerging economies? How do growth dynamics in the advanced economies relate to growth dynamics in emerging powers, and how does this relationship affect their debt policies and strategies? How can we sharpen our methodologies and methods in capturing and analysing global debt dynamics and their multiple implications?

If you are interested in participating in the GDDI, please contact Dr Andreas Antoniadou at A.A.Antoniades@sussex.ac.uk⁶⁶.

Greenwich Political Economy Research Centre: PhD Conference and Workshop (Greenwich, 2016)

8-10 June, 2016 — University of Greenwich, UK

⁶⁶<mailto:A.A.Antoniades@sussex.ac.uk>

Please find below information about the forthcoming events organised by the Greenwich Political Economy Research Centre.

On the **10th of June** the University of Greenwich will host the **26th Annual Post-Keynesian Study Group Workshop** at Queen Anne Court room QA080 from 09:30 to 18:00. Please find here the presentation programme [here](#)⁶⁷ .

This will be preceded on the **9th of June** by the **8th Annual Post-Keynesian Study Group PhD Student Conference**, hosted this year by the University of Greenwich. The venue is Queen Anne Court room QA080 from 09:00- 19:00. Please find the presentation programme [here](#)⁶⁸ .

Finally, the GPERC PhD lecture series continues with Dr. Maria Nikolaidi from the University of Greenwich and Dr. Yannis Dafermos from the University of the West of England, on the 8th of June on stock-flow consistent modelling. This lecture will include a lab session for participants to familiarise with the technique, using R. Please see details below.

8th June: Workshop on [Stock-Flow consistency modelling](#)⁶⁹

10:00 - 11:45 QA038. Dr Maria Nikolaidi, University of Greenwich: Post-Keynesian stock-flow consistent modelling: theory and methodology.

12:00 - 13:45 IT Lab_KW015. Dr Yannis Dafermos, University of West of England: Building a stock-flow consistent model in practice (lab session using R).

For more information about our events, please visit our [news and events page](#)⁷⁰ .

Workshop on "Labour and Development: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue" (Leicester, 2016)

1 June, 2016 — De Montfort University, Leicester, UK

- **Date and Venue:** Wednesday 1 June, 10-5pm, Hugh Aston building 3.96, De Montfort University, Leicester, UK
- **Conveners:** Dr Anita Hammer and Dr Adam Fishwick

⁶⁷http://www.gre.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/1183151/program-AWS-2016.pdf

⁶⁸http://www.gre.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1191276/ProgrammePKSG_2016.pdf

⁶⁹http://www.gre.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/1188904/PhD-SFC-lecture-8-June.pdf

⁷⁰<http://www.gre.ac.uk/business/research/centres/gperc/news>

Crisis of contemporary capitalism has put labour, development, class struggles and the state at the centre of analysis both in the Global North and the South. This research workshop brings together scholars across a wide range of academic disciplines, including Anthropology, International Political Economy, Industrial Relations, Labour/Economic Geography and Development Studies, and geographical interests including Latin America to South and South-East Asia to Africa.

Our aim is to explore the question: how can we engage across academic disciplines on existing methodological and theoretical limitations in understanding the role of labour in development?

The four interrelated themes around which the sessions and roundtable are organised include:

- Conceptualising forms of resistance
- Situating labour and the state
- Social reproduction and the household
- Informal economies and precarity

This workshop is a starting point for the establishment of a wider academic network for understanding labour and development with a plan to host a second workshop at the University of Sussex in January 2017.

Speakers:

- Matteo Rizzo (SOAS)
- Geert de Neve (Sussex)
- Ben Selwyn (Sussex)
- Nik Hammer (Leicester)
- Alessandra Mezzadri (SOAS)
- Tom Chambers (Sussex)
- Kevin Gray (Sussex)
- Peter Ackers (DMU)
- Adam Fishwick (DMU)
- Anita Hammer (DMU)

Job Postings

City University London, UK

Job Title: Lectureship/Senior Lectureship/ Readership in International Political Economy

- Reference Number: KT60022055
- Location: Northampton Square [Map & Directions](#)⁷¹
- School / Service: School of Arts and Social Sciences
- Department: Department of International Politics
- Contract Duration: Permanent
- Hours: Full-time
- Salary Range (£): 35.609 - 58.754

City University London is a global university committed to academic excellence with a focus on business and the professions and an enviable central London location.

The University is in the top five per cent of universities in the world according to the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings* and attracts around 19,500 students (35% at postgraduate level) from 150 countries. It is well above the sector average for graduate prospects in most of its subjects and in the top ten in the UK for starting salaries.

In the recent Research Excellence Framework, City made a greater improvement in research quality, per Funding Council research pound, than any other UK university. 40% of its total academic staff are producing research that is world-leading or internationally excellent. City will join the University of London federation in September.

The Department of International Politics is a leading centre for research and undergraduate and postgraduate education and has strong expertise in International Political Economy. It hosts the City Political Economy Research Centre and offers the BSc in International Political Economy and the MA in Global Political Economy.

The Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 rated 57% of its research as world-leading or internationally excellent; its research environment and the impact of its re-

⁷¹<https://www.city.ac.uk/visit>

search in policymaking and the media are improving rapidly.

The Department is seeking to appoint an outstanding academic with a record of world-leading or internationally excellent research to a Lectureship, Senior Lectureship or Readership in International Political Economy. It will welcome applications from the full range of theoretical traditions and methodological approaches associated with political economy, heterodox economics and international political economy. Applications from scholars with innovative area or issue specialisms that would complement its research strengths are particularly welcome.

The successful candidate will be expected to take up the position on 1st September 2016 or as soon as possible thereafter.

City offers a sector-leading salary, pension scheme and benefits including a comprehensive package of staff training and development.

Closing date for applications: 7th June 2016

Please use this link to view further details for this job: [IPE 2016 JD \(002\).doc](#)⁷²

[Apply for this job here](#) ⁷³

Global Development and Environment Institute, US

Job Title: Researcher - Summer 2016

The Global Development and Environment Institute (GDAE), affiliated with Tufts University and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, is an interdisciplinary research institute dedicated to promoting a better understanding of how societies can achieve their economic and community goals in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner. GDAE pursues its mission through original research and publications, curriculum development, conferences, and other activities.

Position Description

The Global Development And Environment Institute (GDAE) is seeking an advanced PhD candidate or equivalently qualified individual to work during the summer of 2016 on data research and analysis, and essay writing, in close (though possibly remote) collaboration with GDAE co-director, Dr. Neva Goodwin.

⁷²https://www2.i-grasp.com/fe/wrapaa_SendFile.asp?key=123585929&c=87233412655946&pagestamp=dblgobkzokeiwuecsd&index=1

⁷³https://www2.i-grasp.com/fe/tpl_cityuniversity01.asp?s=5057594D6F4A5A4B555C5E50575E434D514B4D1A&key=123585929&c=87233412655946&pagestamp=dblgobkzokeiwuecsd

One part of the job will be to provide good estimates for the size of two portions of the national economy that are not well (often not at all) represented in national accounts. These are:

- The “Core Economy”: There have been a number of good efforts to assess the value of production in homes and informal community activities. These should be reviewed and the leading results summarized. The RA will be asked to evaluate the adequacy of the leading evaluations of the size of the core economy, and possibly to propose a preferred estimate.
- The Public Purpose Economy: This includes government production as well as the activities of organizations formally registered as non-profit. In area of assessing the size of government production we will be working closely with June Sekera, a public policy practitioner and researcher and GDAE Research Fellow who is located in California.

These data will be used in two of three papers that the RA will co-author with Dr. Goodwin; it will also feed into work by Ms. Sekera. In addition to papers on the core and public purpose economies, Goodwin has written a draft of a paper on The New Economy based on her work with the New economy Coalition <http://neweconomy.net/>⁷⁴ ; she seeks a co-author on this as well.

Job Qualifications

The successful candidate for this position must possess good research and writing skills, and be prepared to creatively find ways to answer difficult and complex questions. It will be very helpful if s/he already has familiarity with what is being called “the New Economy” (related to “The Next System” of Gus Speth and Gar Alperovitz).

Hours are flexible, with a commitment of 20-35 hours/week over the summer. Pay is competitive.

To Apply

Send a resume and short cover letter to gdae@tufts.edu⁷⁵ . Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

Apply by May 20 for priority consideration. This posting will be removed from the GDAE website⁷⁶ when the position is filled.

⁷⁴<http://neweconomy.net/>

⁷⁵<mailto:gdae@tufts.edu>

⁷⁶<http://www.ase.tufts.edu/gdae/resources/index.html>

Queen's University, Canada

Job Title: SSHRC TIER II CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR: ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

- School of Environmental Studies and Department of Global Development Studies
- Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

The School of Environmental Studies and the Department of Global Development Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Science at Queen's University invite applications from outstanding individuals for a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Tier II **Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Economy and Environment**. This faculty appointment will be a Tenure-track or Tenured position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor, held jointly in The School of Environmental Studies and the Department of Global Development Studies, with a preferred starting date of January 1, 2018. The successful candidate will be expected to develop a dynamic research program in the field of economy and environment with strengths in sustainability, governance and justice issues. Topical foci may include the economic drivers of environmental change, sustainable production/trade, degrowth or steady state economies, corporate environmental responsibility, neoliberal constructions of nature and/or ecosystem services. The successful candidate will have a keen focus on the connections and disparities between different peoples and/or regions within such topics. Applicants that examine indigenous issues, racialized minorities, and marginalized communities are especially welcome. Applicants must hold a PhD, obtained no earlier than 2007 to meet conditions of the Tier II CRC program, and may possess relevant post-doctoral experience in the field of economy and environment.

Further details are available [here⁷⁷](#) .

Job Title: Tenure Track Assistant Professor: The Political Economy of Extraction and Development

- Department of Global Development Studies
- Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

The Department of Global Development Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Science at Queen's University invites applications for a Tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the field of **The Political Economy of Extraction and Development**.

⁷⁷<http://queensu.ca/devs/sshrc-tier-ii-canada-research-chair-economy-and-environment-competition-deadline-31aug2016>

opment, with a preferred starting date of July 1, 2017. The successful applicant would examine extractivism and emerging technologies in areas such as mining, agriculture, energy, forestry or fisheries with a key focus on the differential impacts upon community, ecology, health and sustainable livelihoods. We seek an innovative researcher and educator interested in exploring global/local levels of scholarly and experiential engagement. The geographic focus of research is open, but applicants with an interest in Latin American and/or indigenous peoples are preferred. DEVS is enriched intellectually, socially and culturally by the presence and participation of people from diverse educational backgrounds, including from the Global South.

Further details are available [here](#)⁷⁸ .

Simmons College, US

Job Title: Simmons College Economics Adjunct Professor Announcement

Job Summary:

The Department of Economics at Simmons College seeks an adjunct professor to teach one section of Principles of Microeconomics and one section of Intermediate Microeconomics in the fall 2016 semester (September 8, 2016 through December 12, 2016), and one section of either Principles of Microeconomics or an intermediate-level elective in the spring 2017 semester (January 18, 2017 through May 15, 2017). Responsibilities include holding regular office hours. The department will offer teaching observations and comments on teaching. The pay rate is \$5,000 per course.

Qualifications:

Candidates should have a Ph.D. (or be an advanced PhD candidate) in Economics and a commitment to excellence in teaching.

Instructions for Applicants:

Please submit a cover letter, CV (including references), and evidence of teaching excellence with your application for consideration at jobs.simmons.edu⁷⁹ . The Department will interview selected candidates. Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled, and.

Contact:

⁷⁸<http://queensu.ca/devs/assistant-professor-tenure-track-political-economy-extraction-and-development-deadline-1nov2016>

⁷⁹<https://simmons.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/Simmons-Careers/jobs>

Professor Masato Aoki, Department Chair, masato.aoki@simmons.edu⁸⁰

University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland

Job Title: Assistant Professor in Applied Macroeconomics

Job description

The successful candidate will teach in the Bachelor of Science in Economics programme and in the Master of Science in Economics, major in Economic Policy programme. He/she will show an interest in the analysis of contemporary macroeconomic policies and their implications. Fields of application will be diverse, with a preference for fiscal policy and debt issues. He/she will also supervise Master's and PhD theses.

Requirements

Candidates must hold a PhD in Economics or a related field, have strong teaching abilities and a record of publications in leading academic journals or ongoing research with strong potential. An in-depth knowledge of Swiss macroeconomic problems will be considered an advantage. Courses will be taught in French and English. A grace period of two years may be granted to non-French speakers before requiring teaching in French.

Starting date: February 1st, 2017 or upon agreement.

Application deadline: June 30th, 2016.

Applications should be uploaded onto www.unine.ch/candis⁸¹ (ref. FSE-MacroEcAppl) in the form of a single pdf file including a motivation letter, a CV documenting full teaching and research experience, a list of publications, teaching evaluations and copies of diplomas. The applicant is requested to ask three experts in the field to send letters of recommendation directly by electronic mail to the Head of the Hiring Committee, Prof. Jean-Marie Grether (jean-marie.grether@unine.ch⁸²).

Information: For further information, please visit the Faculty website at <http://www.unine.ch/seco>⁸³, or contact the Head of the Hiring Committee (e-mail address above) or the Dean of the Faculty (doyen.seco@unine.ch⁸⁴).

⁸⁰<mailto:masato.aoki@simmons.edu?subject=Economics%20Position>

⁸¹<http://www.unine.ch/candis>

⁸²<mailto:jean-marie.grether@unine.ch>

⁸³<http://www.unine.ch/seco>

⁸⁴<mailto:doyen.seco@unine.ch>

Awards

Ecology & Society Award

ECOLOGY AND SOCIETY⁸⁵ : A journal of integrative science for resilience and sustainability

- Editors-in-Chief: Lance Gunderson, Carl Folke
- Managing Editors: Adele Mullie, Jennifer Mullie

This is an annual award given to the individual or organization that is the most effective in bringing transdisciplinary science of the interactions of ecology and society into practice.

The award consists of 1000 Euro and an article in Ecology and Society devoted to this person or organization. This article will be written by those who send in the nomination.

Where to submit nominations?

The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2016.

Nomination letters can be sent, electronically, to Dr. Marco Janssen, Email: Marco.Janssen@asu.edu⁸⁶

For more details on this competition please visit: <http://scientific-symbiosis.org/practiceaward.html>⁸⁷

Pierangelo Garegnani Research Prize 2016

The Centro di Ricerche e Documentazione “*Piero Sraffa*”, in accordance with the wishes of the family and with their financial support, establishes for the third year a Prize in memory of Pierangelo Garegnani of the amount of € 3,000 (before tax), aimed at young scholars who are engaged or plan to engage in research in economic analysis along the lines of the work of Pierangelo Garegnani.

The Prize is awarded to researchers in the field of Economics who are attending a PhD course, or have defended since 2012 their PhD thesis, in Italian or foreign Universities.

⁸⁵<http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/>

⁸⁶<mailto:Marco.Janssen@asu.edu>

⁸⁷<http://scientific-symbiosis.org/practiceaward.html>

The applications must be submitted no later than **May 31, 2016**, either in electronic version (centro.sraffa@uniroma3.it⁸⁸) or in paper, to Centro Sraffa.

Please find all details on the [Centro Sraffa website](#)⁸⁹ .

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⁸⁸<mailto:centro.sraffa@uniroma3.it>

⁸⁹<http://www.centrosraffa.org/prizeandscholarshipdetails.aspx?id=6>

⁹⁰<http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/ajes.12148>

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⁹⁹http://www.rep.org.br/ARTICLES_VIEWS.ASP?COD=1469

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¹⁰¹http://www.rep.org.br/ARTICLES_VIEWS.ASP?COD=1471

¹⁰²http://www.rep.org.br/ARTICLES_VIEWS.ASP?COD=1472

¹⁰³http://www.rep.org.br/ARTICLES_VIEWS.ASP?COD=1473

¹⁰⁴http://www.rep.org.br/ARTICLES_VIEWS.ASP?COD=1474

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¹¹⁰http://www.rep.org.br/ARTICLES_VIEWS.ASP?COD=1480

¹¹¹<http://cje.oxfordjournals.org/content/40/3/701.abstract?etoc>

¹¹²<http://cje.oxfordjournals.org/content/40/3/727.abstract?etoc>

¹¹³<http://cje.oxfordjournals.org/content/40/3/755.abstract?etoc>

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¹¹⁷<http://cje.oxfordjournals.org/content/40/3/843.abstract?etoc>

¹¹⁸<http://cje.oxfordjournals.org/content/40/3/871.abstract?etoc>

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By Richard Smith — 2016, WEA Books

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²⁷⁶<http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/distributed/A/bo20503745.html>

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Some of the effects of consumer credit dependence include the potential for illiquidity in markets for debt-collateralized securities, sub-prime contagion, or the possibility of a Minsky-type debt deflation episode. The author also argues that a sharp increase in borrowing by US households over the past 20 years, aided by financial innovations such as the securitization of consumer loans and sub-prime lending, have lessened the harmful consequences of income inequality, and that the collapse of personal saving after 1993 is actually a gradual trend of consumer habits conforming to the imperatives of corporatism.

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Contributors include: David Bacon, Dean Baker, Jeremy Brecher, Nancy Folbre, Immanuel Ness, Frances Fox Piven, Katherine Sciacchitano, Juliet Schor, Jeannette Wicks-Lim, and many more.

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Welfare is commonly conceptualized in socio-economic terms of equity, highlighting distributive issues within growing economies. While GDP, income growth and rising material standards of living are normally not questioned as priorities in welfare theories and policy making, there is growing evidence that Western welfare standards are not generalizable to the rest of the planet if environmental concerns, such as resource depletion or climate change, are considered.

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Year 1: £14,296 Year 2: In line with RCUK rate Year 3: In line with RCUK rate

In addition, the successful candidate will receive a contribution to tuition fees equivalent to the university’s Home/EU rate, currently £4,121, for the duration of their scholarship. International applicants will need to pay the remainder tuition fee, currently £8,029, for the duration of their scholarship. This fee is subject to an annual increase. Scholarships are available for three years from the date scholars first register as an MPhil/PhD student with the university. Scholarships are available for full-time study only. Applicants must hold a Master’s degree (UK or UK equivalent) or a First Class or Upper Second Class Honours Bachelor’s in a relevant discipline.

²⁸³<http://www2.gre.ac.uk/about/faculty/business/research/centres/gperc/our-experts>

²⁸⁴<mailto:M.Nikolaidi@greenwich.ac.uk>

For additional information about the scholarship and links to the application form please go to: <http://www2.gre.ac.uk/research/study/studentships>²⁸⁵

Please read this information before making an application. Applications need to be made online via http://www2.gre.ac.uk/research/study/apply/application_process²⁸⁶ No other form of application will be considered.

All applications **must include** the following information. **Applications not containing these documents will not be considered.**

- **Scholarship Reference Number (Ref VCS-BUS-03-16)** – included in the personal statement section together with your personal statement as to why you are applying
- **a research proposal ***
- **a CV including 2 referees ***
- **academic qualification certificates/transcripts and IELTSs/English Language certificate if you are an international applicant or if English is not your first language or you are from a country where English is not the majority spoken language as defined by the UK Border Agency**

*upload to the supporting information section of the application form. Attachments need to be in PDF format.

The closing date for applications is midnight (UTC) on 6 June 2016.

The scholarship must commence between 15 August 2016 and 30 September 2016.

URPE Dissertation Fellowship

The Union for Radical Political Economics invites doctoral candidates in any discipline with an approved dissertation proposal in the area of radical political economics to apply for the URPE Dissertation Fellowship. The URPE dissertation fellow will receive \$5,000 to support their dissertation writing during the 2016-17 academic year. Applicants are asked to submit:

1. A cover letter describing their background in radical political economics and explaining how the fellowship would contribute to the completion of their dissertation;

²⁸⁵<http://www2.gre.ac.uk/research/study/studentships>

²⁸⁶http://www2.gre.ac.uk/research/study/apply/application_process

2. Curriculum Vitae;
3. Their approved dissertation proposal;
4. Two letters of reference (one of which should be from the dissertation committee chair).

Questions and application material should be submitted by email to urpe@urpe.org²⁸⁷. Letters of reference should be submitted directly by the letter writer.

Deadline for submissions is May 31, 2016. The recipient will be announced by July 1, 2016

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- [WEA online conference: Capital Accumulation, Production and Employment](#)²⁹¹ , *Gerson Lima, Jack Reardon and Maria Alejandra Madi*
- [A comment on Stilwell, Heterodox Economics or Political Economy](#)²⁹² , *Susan K Schroeder and Lynne Chester*

²⁸⁷ <mailto:urpe@urpe.org>

²⁸⁸ <http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fc8acbfd9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=2690bc5ef1&e=de278ce9bd>

²⁸⁹ <http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fc8acbfd9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=25d20487eb&e=de278ce9bd>

²⁹⁰ <http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=fc8acbfd9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=c7725fc482&e=de278ce9bd>

²⁹¹ <http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fc8acbfd9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=35e1492196&e=de278ce9bd>

²⁹² <http://worldeconomicsassociation.us3.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=fc8acbfd9af76573d1ecc3b8a&id=68ba07b9a8&e=de278ce9bd>

Calls for Support

Sign on letter to Congress on Investor State Dispute Settlement in the context of TPP/TTIP

Dear colleague,

You may remember that you joined me on a letter a few years ago that raised concerns about provisions in U.S. trade and investment agreements that strictly limit the ability of our trading partners to regulate capital flows to prevent and mitigate financial crises, and that also provided private foreign investors with the power to effectively sue governments in international tribunals over alleged violations of these provisions. Partly in response to that letter the US has made improvements over the ability to regulate capital flows but has thus far not refrained from elevating investor rights over public rights under our treaties. I write to ask you to sign a similar letter urging the United States Congress not to adopt trade treaties that have provisions whereby the rights of private investors to sue governments for a whole host of public welfare provisions.

I recently signed a letter originating from Columbia University Law School colleagues, from law and economics academics to members of Congress about the finalized investment text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) that was made public late last year. The TPP includes investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS), which would expand the threat of these international tribunals. The letter (text below), being circulated by Lise Johnson from Columbia University Law School, urges Congress to reject this TPP as long as ISDS is included. The letter also urges Congress, while there is still time, to pressure USTR to change course in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations and in negotiations of other prospective agreements, such as the bilateral investment treaty between the United States and China, to ensure that ISDS is not included in any of those pacts.

I encourage you to join me in signing this important letter. Lise has asked Jessa Boehner from Public Citizen to assist her in collecting signatures for the letter. You can sign the letter by clicking on this link [<http://bit.ly/ISDSLegalScholarLetter>²⁹³] or by sending Jessa an email at jboehner@citizen.org²⁹⁴ . After signing, please consider sending to other colleagues in the legal and economics academic community as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Letter text**

Dear Member of Congress:

Last March 2015, members of the legal community wrote to congressional leaders and Administration officials to oppose the inclusion of Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) provisions in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). We write now to express our extreme disappointment that the final text of the TPP that was finally made public in November 2015 did not heed those warnings about this controversial provision's negative consequences for our legal system. Those concerns expressed in the 2015 letter were based on past agreements and leaked texts from the TPP negotiations. Unfortunately the final TPP text simply replicates nearly word for word many of the problematic provisions from past agreements, and indeed would vastly expand the U.S. government's potential liability under the ISDS system.

We therefore urge you to protect the rule of law and our nation's democratic institutions and sovereignty by rejecting this TPP as long as ISDS is included. While there is still time, we urge you to pressure USTR to change course in the TTIP negotiations and in negotiations of other prospective agreements, such as the bilateral investment treaty between the United States and China, to ensure that ISDS is not included in any of those pacts.

ISDS grants foreign corporations and investors a special legal privilege: the right to initiate dispute settlement proceedings against a government for actions that allegedly violate loosely defined investor rights to seek damages from taxpayers for the corporation's lost profits. Essentially, corporations and investors use ISDS to challenge government policies, actions, or decisions that they allege reduce the value of their investments.

The problem with ISDS is not that it allows private corporations to sue the government for conduct that harms the corporations' economic interests. Indeed, US domestic law already recognizes the importance of granting private citizens and entities (including foreign corporations) the power to take legal action against the government in order to help promote effective implementation of the law and adherence to the Constitution. Over the past two centuries, the United States – through citizens, elected representatives, and courts – has established a framework of rules that govern such lawsuits against the government and continually refines those rules through democratic processes. These include rules on court procedures and evidence, which are designed to ensure the fairness, legitimacy and reliability of proceedings; rules on who may bring lawsuits and under

which circumstances, which are designed to balance the right to sue with the need to ensure that government regulation in the public interest is not made impossible due to unlimited litigation; rules on the power of courts, which are designed to ensure that judges do not overly intrude on legitimate policy decisions made by elected legislatures or executive officials, and to ensure that federal judges do not unduly interfere with state law and policy; rules on appropriate remedies, which are crafted to achieve diverse policy aims such as deterrence, punishment, and compensation; and rules on the independence and accountability of judges who decide cases against the government.

Through ISDS, the federal government gives foreign investors – and foreign investors alone – the ability to bypass that robust, nuanced, and democratically responsive legal framework. Foreign investors are able to frame questions of domestic constitutional and administrative law as treaty claims, and take those claims to a panel of private international arbitrators, circumventing local, state or federal domestic administrative bodies and courts. Freed from fundamental rules of domestic procedural and substantive law that would have otherwise governed their lawsuits against the government, foreign corporations can succeed in lawsuits before ISDS tribunals even when domestic law would have clearly led to the rejection of those companies' claims. Corporations are even able to re-litigate cases they have already lost in domestic courts. It is ISDS arbitrators, not domestic courts, who are ultimately able to determine the bounds of proper administrative, legislative, and judicial conduct.

This system undermines the important roles of our domestic and democratic institutions, threatens domestic sovereignty, and weakens the rule of law.

In addition to these fundamental flaws that arise from a parallel and privileged set of legal rights and recourse for foreign economic actors, there are various flaws in the way ISDS proceedings are meant to be conducted in the TPP. In short, ISDS lacks many of the basic protections and procedures of the justice system normally available in a court of law. There are no mechanisms for domestic citizens or entities affected by ISDS cases to intervene in or meaningfully participate in the disputes; there is no appeals process and therefore no way of addressing errors of law or fact made in arbitral decisions; and there is no oversight or accountability of the private lawyers who serve as arbitrators, many of whom rotate between being arbitrators and bringing cases for corporations against governments. Codes of judicial conduct that bind the domestic judiciary do not apply to arbitrators in ISDS cases.

If the TPP text were approved by Congress, we would not only be entrenching this inherently flawed mechanism, but significantly expanding it. While the first investment treaty with ISDS was concluded in the late 1960s, investment treaties with ISDS were not widely negotiated until the 1990s, and ISDS claims only emerged in earnest in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Thus, we really only have roughly 15 years of experience with this mechanism. Additionally, the United States has only one investment treaty in force with a major capital exporting state, Canada, meaning that only a relatively small

share of foreign direct investment in the US – roughly 10% – is protected by a treaty with ISDS. The TPP would double the percentage of covered investment in the U.S., and if included in the TTIP as well, the amount of covered investment in the US would rise significantly to approximately 70%; that would be a seven-fold increase in the US's exposure to costly litigation and liability.

Before we further entrench and expand this relatively new area of law, the legal and policy communities must reflect on this experiment.

In recent years, corporations have challenged a wide range of environmental, health, and safety regulations, fiscal policies, bans on toxins, denials of permits including for toxic waste dumps, moratoria on extraction of natural resources, measures taken in response to financial crises, court decisions on issues ranging from the scope of intellectual property rights to the resolution of bankruptcy claims, policy decisions on privatizations of prisons and healthcare, and efforts to combat tax evasion, among others. Nearly 700 cases have been filed against approximately 100 governments over the past few years. There were 50 known ISDS cases launched in the regime's first three decades combined. But the number of cases has soared in recent years. According to UNCTAD, in 2015 alone, 70 ISDS cases were launched – more than in any previous year.

Fundamentally, the United States has typically only agreed to supranational adjudication in exceptional and justified cases and after resolving a range of complex legal and policy concerns about the scope and depth of supranational review and authority over domestic policies and decisions, the role of public, private and affected stakeholders in the legal process, and the available remedies to aggrieved parties. ISDS – and its expansion through the TPP and TTIP – brushes aside these complex concerns and threatens to dilute constitutional protections, weaken the judicial branch, and outsource our domestic legal system to a system of private arbitration that is isolated from essential checks and balances.

For the above reasons, we urge you to reject this TPP as long as it includes ISDS and ensure any future investment treaty such as the TTIP and the BIT with China excludes ISDS.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please note: Organizational affiliation for all signatories is included for identification purposes only; individuals represent only themselves, not the institutions where they are teaching or other organizations in which they are active.

For Your Information

Association for Social Economics seeks Treasurer

The Association for Social Economics (ASE) seeks a new Treasurer. The main responsibilities of this position include:

- preparing annual financial statements from bank and credit card statements
- monitoring income and expenditures of the Association
- participating with the President to negotiate contracts
- making recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding ASE investments and fees

Familiarity with a financial software package is helpful. Interested individuals should send a cv and a letter expressing interest to the committee Chair, Steven Pressman (pressman@monmouth.edu²⁹⁵). Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Compensation for the position will be hotel, registration and travel expenses for the ASSA conference. The Association for Social Economics is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

Revival of the History of Economic Thought Website

Dear friends,

I am pleased to announce that the History of Economic Thought Website is back. I am thankful for the assistance of the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), which has supported its revival and made it possible.

As many of you may know, the HET Website was constructed by myself (Gonçalo Fonseca) in a burst of youthful energy, oh lord, many years ago now. It was hosted for a long time on a faculty server at the New School for Social Research. It subsequently jumped around through other servers, and then went down for a while. Well, now it is back again, at a new URL address:

<http://www.hetwebsite.net/het/>²⁹⁶

The HET website will be here for a while, so you can update your bookmarks.

While it has been considerably revamped, its mission remains the same.

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The HET website is a repository of collected links and information on the history of economic thought, from the ancient times until the modern day. It is designed for students and the general public, who are interested in learning about economics from a historical perspective.

The HET website is not an online textbook nor a reference encyclopedia. I like to think of it as a "link tank", pointing students and researchers to online resources on economic theory. I have just organized these links in a manner which is both entertaining and educational.

The material is organized through three main navigation channels: (1) via an Alphabetical Index of individual economist profiles, (2) via Schools of Thought (loosely defined) and (3) via a series of Essays and Surveys on specific topics.

When I originally set it up, the available resources online for HET material were relatively scarce, with a few invaluable depositories, such as the McMaster Archive set up by Roderick Hay. Online materials have greatly expanded since, with Googlebooks, Archive.org, Gallica, etc. The new version of the HET Website incorporates materials from these new sources.

I am still in the process of reviewing and revising every page and checking that every link works, that deprecated links are updated or removed, and new links added. It is still an on-going process, and some stray old links have yet to be fixed, so I ask for patience.

As always, I have maintained a strict policy of linking only to online resources which are freely available to everyone, academic and non-academic. I do not link to works behind paywalls or institutional restrictions, nor to commercial sites, nor sites requiring complicated registrations, etc.

However, it has come to my attention (a little too late) that some online archives have different IP-restrictions depending on country. Notably Googlebooks seems to treat different parts of the world differently, so that books that are available to Americans may not be viewable to Europeans (it seems they have a 1872 memory barrier for European IPs, but a 1924 barrier for US IPs and a 1885 barrier for Canadian IPs). The HET Website was created in the US and is optimized for US IPs, and as a result some non-US viewers may experience some frustration. Nonetheless, rest assured that if the link is here, then the book or article is freely available to American IPs, and can be accessed by virtual network. Also keep in mind that most of Googlebooks is now mirrored by Archive.org, which doesn't seem to have country restrictions. We have begun (belatedly) to link to these. But in the meantime, if you end up in a dead end on Googlebooks, look up the same title on Archive.org, and it is almost certain to be available there.

Rather than give preference to a particular online source, and swamp you with seas of blue, I have decided to pile the links to all the online versions available via "codes" at the end of the title. e.g.

- - [bk] (or sometimes a page or volume number) refers to Googlebooks.
- - [av] - Archive.org
- - [bnf] - Gallica, at the Bibliotheque Nationale de France
- - [js] - Jstor (note: I only link to the pre-1920 articles that they make publicly available)
- - [McM] - Rod Hay's McMaster archive
- - [bris] - Tony Brewer's Bristol site
- - [taieb] - Paulette Taieb's website
- - [lib] - Library of Economics and Liberty at LibertyFund
- - [mia] - Marxists Internet Archive
- - [mis] - Mises Institute
- - [moa] - Making of America database at Cornell & Michigan
- - [eebo] - Early English books online at Michigan
- - [hth] - Hathi Trust
- - [cwls] - Cowles foundation papers
- - [nber] - NBER papers archive
- - [het] - a text we host ourselves

and so on. This way better maximizes sources for an article or book (in case you have a preference for one format or another).

For the sake of scholars, I have made the extra effort to track down the original facsimile version of an article or book. Where a book has multiple editions, I have tried to find links to every edition available.

Anyway, I hope you enjoy the new HET website. There are now over 1,000 economist profiles, 100 schools of thought and some 50+ surveys of topics with links to tens of thousands of online books and articles. There is much more to come which is in the process of being completed, so keep checking back.

Once again, I'd like to thank the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) for the support they have given to make this revival possible.

Best regards,

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