As economics is becoming successively more empirical (e.g., here\(^4\)), critics and proponents of conventional economics are more than ever challenged to develop capabilities to critically assess the merits of published empirical research. While some defective routines in empirical work, like the issue of "specification search"\(^5\), are rather well-known, some other defects are much more difficult to locate and identify.

A good example for this challenge is provided by a study on the impact of digital piracy\(^6\) on sales in the music, film and gaming industries, which had been commissioned and completed by the European Commission in 2015, but was never released to the public until some weeks ago, when this parliamentarian \(^7\) forced the Commission to finally unpack the study. The study's empirical findings\(^8\), however solid or fragile they were, stated that piracy has no measurable effect on sales in most sectors, with the exceptions of gaming (where piracy increases sales!) and major blockbusters (where piracy decreases sales).

So far this is only a story about a buried study that showed unexpected results from a standard economic viewpoint. However, it is most interesting to note that a small fraction of the data underlying the Commission's study was actually used to publish an economics research paper\(^9\). This paper comes under the heading "Movie Piracy and Displaced Sales in Europe: Evidence from Six Countries", has been co-authored by a leading economist of the European Commission and focuses solely on the case of blockbusters; the one case, which is in line with theoretical prejudice ("there is no free lunch"), statistical convention (\(p < 0.05\)) and industrial interests ("piracy is killing art!"). It seems superfluous to add that the paper hastens to mention it found "important implications for copyright policy."

While we do not know, which of these factors - theoretical monism, statistical routine or institutional corruption - contributed most to the observed "publication bias", the

\(^4\)http://www.heterodoxnews.com/n/htn219.html
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\(^3\)http://heterodoxnews.com/hed
\(^4\)https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/aer.p20171117
\(^5\)https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/p-hacking/
\(^7\)https://juliareda.eu/2017/09/secret-copyright-infringement-study/
\(^8\)https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20170920/08463638245/eu-buried-own-400000-study-showing-unauthorized-downloads-have-almost-no-effect-sales.shtml
\(^10\)https://www.aeaweb.org/articles?id=10.1257/app.20150044
case illustrates how theoretical priors\textsuperscript{11} and exogenous interests\textsuperscript{12} may invade even seemingly innocent empirical studies.

After these usual warnings about the daily pitfalls in engaging with economic research, I hope you will also enjoy the remainder of this issue of the Heterodox Economics Newsletter.

All the best,
Jakob

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20th Anniversary Conference of the Association of Heterodox Economics (Leicester, July 2018)

5–7 July, 2018 — De Montfort University, Leicester, UK

The 20th Anniversary Conference of the AHE (Association of Heterodox Economics) is being held at De Montfort University, Leicester, UK. The AHE has established a reputation as a major forum for the discussion and development of interdisciplinary and pluralistic alternatives to mainstream economics. It is committed to strengthening the community of heterodox economists, and to the development of heterodox economic theories. Recognition of failures within mainstream economics and popular discontent about economic problems are widespread. We particularly encourage submissions for streams and papers on the history of economics; finance, banking and financialisation; austerity, inequality and diversity; sustainable economics and climate change; methodology; teaching and learning; heterodox microeconomics; and other standpoints which critically examine the mainstream, such as critical management studies.

Academic Committee

Proposals for streams, papers and bursaries will be reviewed by an academic committee comprising Lynne Chester (University of Sydney), Thoralf Dassler (University of Westminster), Ioana Negru (SOAS, University of London), and Bruce Philp (Birmingham
City Business School). We aim to notify successful participants and bursary winners within two weeks of the closing date. The decision of the academic committee will be final.

Please complete this form with your proposal(s) here.13

The conference language is English. Normal sessions will be 90 minutes long and will usually consist of two or three papers with at least one discussant. You do not need to submit a paper to register. Participants should be prepared to serve as discussants and/or session chairs.

Deadlines

- Proposals for complete sessions by 1st February 2018:
- Abstracts for single papers (not more than 250 words) by 1st March 2018.
- Draft papers for refereeing by 1st May 2018.
- Normal registration by 1st May 2018.
- Late registration by 1st June 2018.
- Final submission of papers, for inclusion in the online programme, by 8th June 2018.

Registration, Fees and Bursaries

Normal registration is expected to open on 1st February 2018 and close on 30th April 2018. Normal registration will be around £200 including VAT (£120 for concessions). Late registration will be available until 1st June 2018, at around £250 including VAT (£200 for concessions). Fees are expected to include a 20th Anniversary drinks reception, a Richard III Tour, all refreshments and lunches, and a two course meal with wine on Friday 6th July. University accommodation will be available at £36 per night including VAT. If you wish to be considered for a bursary, please indicate on the application form.

For further details visit the conference website.14

4th International Conference Economic Philosophy: "Norms and Normativity" (Lyon, June 2018)

27–29 June, 2018 — Lyon, France

13 https://goo.gl/forms/gBeHpOUAGtkj6TvY2
14 http://hetecon.net/?page=ahe_conferences&side=20th_call_for_papers
The conference is organized in partnership with TRIANGLE\textsuperscript{15} (UMR 5206), GATE Lyon Saint-Etienne\textsuperscript{16} (UMR 5824) and IRPHIL\textsuperscript{17} (EA 4187).

The main theme of the conference is ”\textbf{Norms and Normativity}”, however papers in philosophy of economics dealing with other topics are also welcome.

Please find the call for papers as PDF here\textsuperscript{18}.

**Keynote speakers:**

- Marc Fleurbaey\textsuperscript{19} (University of Princeton),
- Uskali Mäki\textsuperscript{20} (University of Helsinki),
- Hilary Greaves\textsuperscript{21} (University of Oxford)

**Important Dates**

- **Abstract submission deadline**: November 15th, 2017
- **Notification of acceptance**: February 9th, 2018
- **Full paper submission deadline**: June 15th, 2018

For more information about the conference, please visit our websites:

- http://triangle.ens-lyon.fr/spip.php?article6992\textsuperscript{22}
- https://www.gate.cnrs.fr/spip.php?article1102&lang=en\textsuperscript{23}
- http://irphil.univ-lyon3.fr/appel-a-communications-4eme-colloque-international-de-philosophie\textsuperscript{24}
- https://philoeco2018.sciencesconf.org\textsuperscript{25}

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\textsuperscript{25}https://philoeco2018.sciencesconf.org/
2–3 June, 2018 — University of Tokyo, Hongo-Campus, Japan

The Conference Organizing Committee invites proposals for individual papers (in English or in Japanese) on all aspects of the history of economic thought.

Applications should be uploaded here. Each applicant is invited to send an abstract of about 600 words in English (or 2,000 letters in Japanese) for a paper, containing the title of the paper, his/her name, affiliation, email address, and key words (up to five).

Important Dates

- **The deadline for application is 2 November 2017.**
- The result of your application will be notified from the Conference Organizing Committee by 1 December 2017.
- A complete list of accepted presentations and a provisional program will be available by the end of December 2017.
- An outline (up to 2,000 words in English or 8,000 letters in Japanese) of the paper should be submitted by 4 March 2018.

Failing to submit it by that deadline, your application will be automatically cancelled. The compiled outlines will be printed and mailed to all JSHET members one month before the conference.

You can also ask the committee that your full paper should be downloaded from its website. Otherwise, you can distribute your paper or handouts to the conference on the day of your presentation.

The fee for non-members of JSHET to present a paper at the conference is 6,000 JPY.

Further information of JSHET and of the conference may be found on the JSHET website. For additional information, please send your queries to the following email address (see below).

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27 [http://jshet.net/modules/english/](http://jshet.net/modules/english/)
We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in Japan next year.

Local Committee

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Conference Organizing Committee

- Tsutomu HASHIMOTO (Hokkaido University): hasimoto@econ.hokudai.ac.jp


Organized by the Council for European Studies


Conference Information:

The intensification of migrant flows and capital mobility in Europe in an era marked by economic instability and security crises has generated widespread political backlash that poses fundamental threats to Europe’s core institutions. Understanding these developments necessitates the careful study of the wide-ranging and powerful processes of mobility, both from within and outside of Europe, that are reconfiguring identities and citizenship regimes across European nation-states.

The aim of the conference is to discuss the dimensions and dynamics of the nexus between existing and emergent (im)mobilities, values, and citizenship. While proposals on all topics related to Europe will be considered, special attention will be given to research that emphasizes the cultural, social, and political challenges related to Europe’s experience with internal and external migration.

Practical Information:

28 mailto:nhara@e.u-tokyo.ac.jp
29 mailto:hasimoto@econ.hokudai.ac.jp
Proposals may be submitted from August 8-October 2, 2017. Priority will be given to panel submissions. Participants will be notified of the Program Committee’s decision by December 15, 2017. Information on how to submit proposals is posted on the CES website.

For more details:

- General Conference FAQs: [http://ow.ly/ZGZm3028dlH](http://ow.ly/ZGZm3028dlH)
- Contact us via email: [events@ces-europe.org](mailto:events@ces-europe.org)

Founded in 1970, the Council for European Studies (CES) produces, supports, and recognizes outstanding, multi-disciplinary research on Europe through a wide range of programs and initiatives.

**Historical Materialism 2018: ”The Great Transition: Setting the Stage for a Post-Capitalist Society” (Montreal, May 2018)**

17–20 May, 2018 — Université du Québec à Montréal, Québec, Canada

Organized in collaboration with the Nouveaux cahiers du socialisme, Critical Social Theory at McGill and the Institut de recherche sur l’émanicipation.

**Deadline: November 15, 2017**

To submit a proposal: [TheGreatTransition.net](http://lagrandetransition.net/)

After years of revolt and mobilization following the economic crisis of 2008, from Occupy Wall Street to Bernie Sanders, from the Maple Spring through Nuit Debout (and without forgetting the tragic backlash aimed at Syriza) to the complex evolution of the Pink Tide in Latin America and the democratic socialism of Rojava, the domination of the capitalist economy has been questioned on numerous occasions. In order to pass from multiple resistances to a convergent offensive, it seems imperative to elaborate a real project of...

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33 [mailto:events@ces-europe.org](mailto:events@ces-europe.org)
34 [http://lagrandetransition.net/](http://lagrandetransition.net/)
transition out of capitalism, building on the critical knowledge produced both at the university and in social movements.

For the conference /The Great Transition: Setting the Stage for a Post-Capitalist Society/ we invite everyone to reflect on this question along one of our three general lines of inquiry: critiques of capitalism, anti-capitalist transition strategies and post-capitalist models.

You will find more details in the call for papers35. Submissions must be sent through this form36 before November 15, 2017.

Contact: info@thegreattransition.net37

International Conference on ”Debt: 5000 Years and Counting” (Birmingham, June 2018)

8–9 June, 2018 — Birmingham Research Institute for History and Cultures, University of Birmingham

David Graeber’s book Debt: The First 5000 Years (2011) challenges historians, anthropologists and other social scientists to analyse the relationship between debt, money and human society on the broadest historical and geographical scales. Where the study of debt and money has often been confined to ‘economic history’ or technical specialisations such as numismatics, Graeber demands that we move beyond a narrow economism to ‘ask fundamental questions about what human beings and human society are or could be like’.

The goal of our conference is to pick up this challenge. We will consider what is at stake in the current moment as well as general tendencies, dynamics and lived experiences of previous cycles of credit and physical money. A public conversation that seemed to be opening up at the start of the global financial crisis but ‘never ended up taking place’ is still desperately needed. How could we help to stimulate this conversation through our own work on debt across time and space?

We invite paper proposals from scholars working on ‘debt’ within (and beyond) the disciplines of history, anthropology and other social sciences. Questions to be tackled include, but are not restricted to:

- ‘How did we come to see all morality as debt?’ Which people and what ranges of experience have been made to disappear from accounts of ‘the economy’ in

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mainstream economics, history and social science? How does this distort our view of the past and present and limit our imaginations about future possibilities?

- How do social and religious movements emerge and transform in response to issues of debt, exploitation and monetary circulation? What are the historical successes of such movements in addressing ‘the social dislocations introduced by debt’?

- Are the logics of the market and the state mirror-images of each other? What is the relationship between free markets and capitalism, historically and in the current period?

- How should we define capitalism? Can it be analytically separated from its history of colonial violence?

- How should we understand the period inaugurated by the floating of the dollar in 1971? How far can it be compared to previous ‘cycles of history’? What is distinctively new about the times we are living in?

- Why is gendered violence so central to the history of debt? Did, as Graeber argues, ‘patriarchy’ emerge as a revolt against city-based empires? How have states incorporated and provoked new forms of gendered resistance?

- How helpful is the model of the ‘military-slavery-coinage complex’ for analysing Eurasian societies of the ‘Axial Age’, ca. 600 BCE – ca. 600 CE? How far can similar dynamics be discerned in other periods or regions?

- What can be established about the role of debt in the Americas, and whether the cycles or mechanisms described in Eurasia were paralleled in pre-Columbian societies as well?

- The financial apparatus of capitalism, while unique to capitalism, nonetheless emerged before wage-labour was in any way widespread, and certainly before the industrial revolution. What does this tell us about the relation of ‘infrastructure’ and ‘superstructure’ or indeed the relevance of those very terms?

- How successful are Graeber’s cycles of debt as historical periodization? What do the outliers tell us? How do Graeber’s cycles compare with other schemas, such as Marx’s ‘epochs of production’? Do Marxist accounts of the relationships between production, consumption, distribution and exchange in different historical epochs need to be revised?

For this conference, we have adopted a format inspired by the set-up of the symposium ‘Dislocating Masculinities Revisited’, organised by the anthropologists Andrea Cornwall, Frank Karioris and Nancy Lindisfarne in 2014. The main idea is to make the conference simultaneously less hierarchical, more productive and, well, more fun.
We will ask our delegates to submit papers (max. 3000 words) that can be circulated in advance. At the conference itself, we will forego the standard 20-minute presentations. Instead, our discussions will be structured through non-hierarchical groups. Each participant will be a member of two groups: one organised on the basis of chronological expertise to encourage specialist discussions on particular periods and conjunctures, the other bringing together colleagues at different stages of their careers and representing different disciplines to stimulate general comparative exchanges. Discussions in the groups will be structured around conceptual and thematic questions arising from the pre-circulated papers, not the papers themselves.

In addition to these discussions, we will have several plenary sessions in the format of the pre-arranged debates on a set of key problems for the history and theory of debt. These debates will aim at both synthesising the group-based discussions and formulating new questions. There will also be a keynote lecture by David Graeber (LSE).

To submit a paper proposal, please, send it to debt5000conference@gmail.com.

The deadline for proposal submissions is 1 November, 2017. Paper proposals should include a title, an abstract of max. 500 words, and a brief biography. The deadline for selected papers will be 1 May 2018.

We will ask our delegates to contribute a moderate fee (£30) towards the organisational costs of the conference.

Organised by Ilya Afanasyev, Nicholas Evans and Nicholas Matheou.

International Conference on "The Return of Economic Planning" (Auckland, Feb 218)

21–23 February, 2018 — Auckland, New Zealand

The left think tank Economic and Social Research Aotearoa, with kind support from the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions, invites contributions to a three day international conference on the question of economic planning.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Elham Balmanteymouri, Lecturer in Architecture and Planning at the University of Auckland.

mailto:debt5000conference@gmail.com
• Endnotes, a collective based in Germany, the UK and the USA (endnotes.org.uk).39

• George Ciccariello-Maher, author of Building the Commune and Decolonizing Dialectics.

• Stefano Harney, co-author of The Undercommons: Fugitive Study and Black Planning.

The conference will bring together scholars and activists to deepen strategic thinking and articulate a vision for radical economic and social transformation. The purpose of the conference will be to put economic planning back on the agenda, to build connections and develop collective projects, and to assemble possible further directions for research and political interventions in economic planning. Among the concrete results of the conference will be the publication of an edited book collecting contributions from leading international thinkers that will stake out the relationship between economic planning and political strategy moving forward. This call for papers sketches the importance of economic planning for interventions against and beyond capitalism and invites contributions to the conference.

Background

In most contemporary radical political theory and practice, economic planning has largely been off the agenda. Instead we have seen a focus on forms of radical politics which tend to be oriented around localism, recoiling from planning because of the experiences of the past, and failing to imagine real international challenges to the hegemony of capitalism. A key ideological and strategic limit which encourages this localism is the tendency to accept the ideological assumption, so ingeniously conceived in liberalism from Locke through Hayek, that large scale planning of economic life is not viable because of supposed limits on the human capacity to purposefully plan and organise the economy, production and distribution.

Despite the hegemony these ideological assumptions have achieved, the past two decades have seen a remarkable expansion of economic planning across the global capitalist economy. The official bastions of free capitalist markets have given themselves over to the rescue and planning of the economy, with trillions of dollars of rescue packages and then further trillions of quantitative easing across Europe and the United States. State planned protection of intellectual and other private property rights continues to be expanded through multilateral international investment agreements. The practical world of business has likewise exhibited a remarkable rise in its deployment of planning, as can be seen in corporate strategy, the proliferation of risk management techniques, information systems, and the fields of shipping and logistics. All of this bears witness to detailed planning to a degree never before seen. In short, the capitalist economy has

39http://endnotes.org.uk/
never before been subjected to such extensive and intensive planning.

The supposed limits on planning are also radically called into question by contemporary scientific and technological developments. Contemporary climate science presents an important example of the rise of complex forms of modelling and computation which have led climate scientists to put forward global plans for the radical decarbonisation of economic production, exposing the environmental necessity for global forms of economic planning. Indeed, the deployment of contemporary computing power has radically extended capacities for compilation of information and anticipation of futures. While such scientific and technological developments remain profoundly limited under present economic logics, they at the same time present a remarkable challenge in terms of the reality of renewed capacities for comprehension and planning of production and distribution.

The return of economic planning sits waiting on the horizon of contemporary radical theory and strategy, and requires a turn from the question of how movements and organisations can and should be planned internally, to how they can strategically orient themselves around the future of economic planning. Such a turn is closely connected to recent calls to move from localism and ‘folk politics’ to rethinking and revitalising more ambitious forms, strategies, and imaginaries. The conference will articulate new responses to twentieth century objections to economic planning, given that these objections do not hold in light of scientific and technological developments and the degree of planning seen in the contemporary global capitalist economy. When economic planning has become the norm in contemporary capitalism and when the contradictions of ideological and practical opposition to planning are irreparable, the question is no longer whether to plan the economy or not, but how to plan and to what ends.

Themes

We invite contributions on any aspect of economic planning. This might involve, but would not be restricted to:

- Theoretical considerations of the nature of planning
- Historical studies of the vicissitudes of planning
- Empirical studies of local or national economic planning
- Concrete proposals
- Analyses of planning as used in contemporary enterprise
- Economic planning and the planning of space
- Contemporary developments in the sciences relevant to economic planning
- Consequences of the anthropocene for economic planning
• Contemporary and future technologies and economic planning
• Logistics and counterlogistics
• Experiments in collective planning
• Planning in indigenous struggle
• Economic planning and political organisation
• Workers, class, and economic planning

Outputs

The conference will result in the publication of an edited book, The Return of Economic Planning, which will lay out the conceptual and political grounds at stake in the contemporary return of economic planning. Following the conference ESRA will locally publish a series of contributions that offer concrete proposals for economic planning in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Submissions

Contributors wishing to speak at the conference are invited to submit an abstract outline of their talk. This abstract should clearly indicate the content and focus of the talk and be clear about the contribution of the paper that would be presented at the conference. Speakers will be in one plenary session, rather than in streams. Contributors should expect to speak for 20 minutes. Submissions will therefore be scrutinised for quality and contribution to the spirit of the conference.

Submissions are due **30 September 2017** and should be submitted as a Word file attachment. Notification of acceptance will be made by mid October 2017 and all presenters are expected to prepare a full written paper in advance of presenting their work at the conference.

Correspondence

The conference will be hosted by the Economic Planning Inquiry Group at ESRA. Please direct any inquiries to Campbell Jones and Jonathan King at planning@esra.nz

International Seminar on ”Economic Theory and Policy - Emerging Economies” (México City, Nov 2017)

16 November, 2017 — Institute of Economic Research, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, México

The International Seminar on Theory and Economic Policy ”Emerging” is an academic event that encourages practices and trends in the world economy.

The Institute for Economic Research$^{43}$ and the Faculty of Economy$^{44}$ of UNAM$^{45}$ seek to link theory and economic policy researchers, teachers, managers, entrepreneurs and public administrators.

The International Seminar on Theory and Economic Policy, ”emerging economies”, will take place on Thursday November 16, 2017 in the IIEc, Ciudad Universitari

• Knowing the trends and practices in economic theory and policy in the world.
• Connect with renowned experts.
• Identify resources for better decision-making of economic policy.

Collaborate with researchers, professors and related institutions with the following topics:

• advanced economies and emerging economies
• Methodologies of economic theory
• Technology and production
• Aggregate demand
• Inequality and poverty
• Prices
• Public finances
• Industrial policy
• Monetary politics

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Fiscal policy
• trade policy
• Public politics
• alternative topical

Contributions

The exhibitor by submitting your proposal paper must sign the letter of authorization to use information to the Institute for Economic Research in order to be able to publish the content of the paper, discussions or written or oral shares arising from the same on this page Web.

You must print, sign, scan and send one of the following formats as appropriate:

• Academic format for UNAM
• Format external authors

Please note that by submitting your paper registration and delivery of letter of authorization are required to ensure the inclusion of your paper in the program.

Structure of content:

• Presentation title
• author’s full name, institution, country and e-mail (including information for each of the authors, maximum 3)
• Abstract (500 words maximum)
• (Maximum four) Keywords
• Introduction (500 words maximum)
• Development (maximum 5000 words including theoretical framework, contrast method, results and discussion)
• Conclusions (500 words maximum)
• References in APA format. French bloodletting. List only references cited alphabetically

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Presenters must register their work by filling the following format:

**Features Archive**

- The document must be recorded in .docx format.
- The file must be named with the paternal last name of the first author (without spaces, lines, accents, ñ, points or special characters)
- The text must be written to a single column and a space and a half, using the Arial font with size 11 points; except the title should be 12 points.

**Duration of the presentation**

The exhibition will be planned with an extension of 15 minutes max (considering 5 minutes for questions and answers from the public).

**Important Dates**

- **Registration papers and sending executive summary (500 words)**: until Friday, September 29, 2017
- **Approval of presentations**: Wednesday, October 13 2017.
- **Submission of full papers**: Friday, November 3 2017.
- **Seminar**: November 16, 2017.

More details are available at the conference website[^48].

**Moral Philosophy & Politics: Special Issue on ”Normative Aspects of International Trade Agreements”**

**Guest editor**: Valentin Beck (FU Berlin)

*Moral Philosophy & Politics* invites contributions to a special issue focusing on the normative aspects of international trade agreements. Mega-regional trade deals such as TPP, TTIP, CETA and TISA have become the focus of intense public debate as well as a central theme in populist politics. The US 2016 elections have created further uncertainty about the fate of some of the proposed deals. There is however an undiminished necessity to address enduring normative questions concerning the current infrastructure of world trade. Many advocacy groups’ criticisms of trade deals such as TTIP are not

[^48]: http://sitepe.iiec.unam.mx/
founded on fundamental opposition to free trade. They support free trade but insist that trade agreements must be made consistent with democratic regulation, the reduction of economic inequalities, and effective consumer, labour and environmental standards. This special issue will bring together empirically informed normative perspectives to determine whether and how such goals could be achieved through international trade institutions. Contributors are invited to approach this topic from different angles. Theories of democracy and justice within and beyond the state, as well as normative philosophy of economics, might be used to concretely tackle questions such as the following:

- Which procedural standards should be met in the negotiations on international trade agreements before their implementation?
- How should the influence of different stakeholder groups, such as consumer protection and environmental groups, worker representations, and businesses, be balanced and made transparent in the negotiation stages?
- How can corporate expertise be taken into account in this process without giving corporate interests too much weight?
- How could EU institutions make trade deal negotiations with other trading partners more democratic?
- Would bilateral and multilateral trade deals necessarily undermine democracy after their implementation, or could this be avoided by removing certain controversial elements such as investor-state-dispute-settlements?
- Would the reduction of trading restrictions necessarily undermine normative standards (concerning e.g. health, data protection, labour standards, financial regulation, the environment)? How could this be avoided?
- How might mega-regional trade agreements outside of the WTO either undermine or promote social justice within and across nations? Which role can the WTO play?
- Is there a trade-off between economic integration and national sovereignty, and where should the balance lie?
- Which measures could be used to evaluate the effects of trade agreements on the least-advantaged individuals in states excluded from the agreements?
- Which responsibilities do different agents (states, companies, NGOs, consumers and citizens) have concerning international trade deals?

Papers should be submitted before October 31, 2017 and should not exceed 8000 words; shorter articles will also be accepted for review.
All submissions will undergo double-blind refereeing.

The journal’s manuscript submission site can be found [here](http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/mopp).

**Second Biannual Conference of the Political Ecology Network (Oslo, June 2018)**

20–22 June, 2018 — Oslo and Akershus University College, Oslo, Norway

**Conference Title:** POLLEN18: Political Ecology, the Green Economy, and Alternative Sustainabilities

**Organised by:** The Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) Secretariat; Oslo and Akershus University College; Centre for Environment and Development (SUM), University of Oslo; Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences

Over the past two decades, political ecologists have provided extensive critiques of the privatization, commodification, and marketization of nature, including of the new forms of accumulation and appropriation that these might facilitate under the more recent guise of the so-called green economy. These critiques have often demonstrated that such approaches can retain deleterious implications for certain vulnerable populations across the developing world and beyond, including in urban centres and within the interstices of the ‘Global North’. With few exceptions, however, political ecologists have paid decidedly less attention to exploring, critically engaging, and ‘planting the seed’ of alternative initiatives for pursuing both sustainability and socio-environmental justice. Surely, many scholars have begun to both support and study movements pursuing alternative socio-ecological relations rooted in critical traditions such as degrowth, postcolonialism, feminism, anarchism, and eco-Marxism. Yet much more could be done to understand and illuminate the prospects for these movements, as well as potential sources of tension and synergy between and amongst them.

Accordingly, this second biannual conference of the Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) aims to engage the emergence of the green economy or green growth in their various iterations explicitly as a terrain of struggle. In doing so, we invite empirical, conceptual, political, and methodological contributions appraising the ways in which there are many potential ‘alternative sustainabilities’ for pursuing human and non-human well-being in the context of global economic and ecological crises. Each of these reflects often quite variable constellations of social, political, and economic relations. However, there are also diverse efforts underway to pre-empt or to foreclose upon these alternatives – as well as tensions, contradictions, and fissions within movements aiming to actualize or enact
them – highlighting an implicit politics of precisely whose conception of sustainability is deemed to be possible or desirable in any given time and place.

**Paper/Panel Submission Deadline:** 15 December 2017

In pursuit of this objective, proposals for papers and panels are invited that address one or more of the following themes and issues:

**Concrete forms and effects of green economy practices** including the translation of global discourses into place-based projects and programmes for – *inter alia* – carbon pricing and forestry schemes or other payments for ecosystem services (PES) initiatives; diverse urban socio-ecological metabolisms in the form of ‘green’ gentrification, resilience, or ‘sustainable cities’ planning arrangements; mobilities related to ecotourism, refuge-seeking, and/or environmental displacement; biofuels and renewable energy; ‘climate smart agriculture’ and landscape conservation approaches; ‘neoliberal’ conservation or environmental governance strategies.

**Drivers and consequences of the emergence of green capitalism**, such as effects on socioeconomic inequality; conflict, contestations, and ‘green violence’; environmental securitization or militarization; altered patterns of resource access, including along class and gender lines; shifting relations between capital, civil society, and the state; financial crises under conditions of global environmental change; dynamics of land, ‘green’ and water ‘grabbing’ or acquisition; intersections between past and present varieties of green capitalism and ‘environmental’ colonialism.

**Challenges for and pathways to alternative sustainabilities**, such as those rooted in degrowth, postcolonialism or decolonial thought, eco-Marxism, feminism, anarchism, and environmental justice; synergies and tensions between movements of workers, peasants and indigenous peoples; support and opposition to various alternatives from both ‘above’ and ‘below’; prospects for resistances and contestations operating locally as well as across places, spaces, and scales; emerging or mutating forms of rural and urban populism on the political ‘right’ as well as the left; new racisms and identity-based antagonisms in both the Global North and South.

**Conceptual, political and methodological reflections about the role of twenty-first century political ecologies vis-à-vis alternative sustainabilities**, including those examining promises and complications of ‘engaged’ political ecologies; methodological implications of combined scholarship and activism, as well as other methodological and study design challenges in political ecology; the prefiguration of ‘alternative political ecologies’ and scholarly practices to synergize with ‘alternative sustainabilities’.

We invite paper and full panel proposals (with a maximum of 4 paper presentations for 1 panel) for this conference. Please send these to politicalecology18@gmail.com before

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15 December 2017.

Keynote speakers:

1. Paige West (Barnard College and Columbia University, USA)

2. Tania Murray Li (University of Toronto, Canada)

3. To be confirmed.

Organizing committee

- Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences: Tor A. Benjaminsen, Connor Joseph Cavanagh, Mikael Bergius, Jill T. Buseth, Shai Divon

- Oslo and Akershus University College: Hanne Svarstad, Roy Krøvel, Thorgeir Kolshus, Andreas Ytterstad, Berit Aasen

- Centre for Environment and Development (SUM), University of Oslo: Mariel Aguilar Støen, Susanne Normann, Jostein Jakobsen

More details are available at the conference website[51].

About POLLEN: The Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) is an umbrella organisation of political ecology researchers, groups, projects, networks and nodes across the globe. As the name suggests, POLLEN seeks to provide a platform for the ‘cross fertilization’ of ideas where the world’s many rich and diverse intellectual traditions of environmental thought can come together, discuss, and debate the latest developments in the field. For more information or to sign up for (free!) membership in the network, please visit https://politicalecologynetwork.com[52]

Symposia @ ISA World Congress of Sociology (Toronto, July 2018)

15-21 July, 2018 — Toronto, Canada

General Topic: "Power, Violence and Justice: Reflections, Responses and Responsibilities"


[52]https://politicalecologynetwork.com/
This XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology will focus on how scholars, public intellectuals, policy makers, journalists and activists from diverse fields can and do contribute to our understanding of power, violence and justice.

Since the inception of the discipline, sociologists have been concerned with power, violence and justice. Current social, economic and political challenges enhance their relevance. As capitalist globalization expands and deepens, corporate power increases along with global, national and local inequalities. New geo-political power configurations and confrontations are emerging, with violence being used as a tool to oppress and also to resist oppression. Colonial histories and contemporary land appropriations reflect the structures and cultural processes that perpetuate violence against indigenous and minority communities. States’ failures to meet their responsibility to provide basic resources are often deflect by blaming the most vulnerable. Both global economic and geopolitical processes create crises and massive displacements of people and, at the same time, fuel racism, nationalism and xenophobia. We have also seen an increasing buildup of a culture of fear as a powerful tool used by states, corporations and other institutions to generate popular support for curtailing freedom in the name of security. Efforts to curtail the flow of desperate refugees, attest to the reinforcement of national and racialized borders. Despite visible progress on equality issues, violence against women and intersectional violence point to the entrenchment of the gender border around the world. Equally significant is the need to consider the role of state and institutional power relations to ongoing everyday violence. In response to disempowerment, violence, and injustice we have also witnessed nonviolent movements, humanitarian interventions, and peace processes that have empowered communities, reduced violence, and promoted justice. These diverse communities have built solidarities outside the neo-liberal frames of state-global capital nexus.

Following symposia might be of interest (click on the links to see the session topics):

- **RC02** Economy and Society\textsuperscript{53}
- **RC24** Environment and Society\textsuperscript{54}
- **RC28** Social Stratification\textsuperscript{55}
- **RC30** Sociology of Work\textsuperscript{56}
- **RC44** Labor Movements\textsuperscript{57}

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Session Title: Free Trade, Labour Movements and the Search for Alternatives

Session Description:

Expanded free trade agreements including free trade in services, procurement and investor-state dispute settlement mechanisms seemed to go ahead despite widespread criticism. And yet, first the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership was stalled in Europe by a broad coalition of trade unions and social movements and then US President Trump ripped up the Transpacific Partnership agreement as one of his first actions in office.

Historically, the global labour movement has been divided over free trade. While trade unions in the Global North and here especially Europe were in support, as free trade seemed to secure export markets for companies in which they organised workers, labour movements in the Global South were frequently opposed. They too often had experienced deindustrialisation as a result of free trade and the inability of their infant industries to compete with higher productivity goods from the North.

The purpose of this panel is twofold. First, the focus is on papers analysing the alliances between trade unions and social movements against free trade agreements. Have these different types of actors been able to co-operate successfully at the national, but also international level? Are there signs that the divisions between North and South are being overcome within the global labour movement? Second, the emphasis is on papers, which attempt to develop proposals for an alternative trade regime, which is driven by a labour perspective beyond both neoliberal free trade and mercantilist protectionism.

Session Organizer: Andreas BIELER, School of Politics and IR, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, andreas.bieler@nottingham.ac.uk

Œconomia, Special Issue on "Economics and Public Reason"

Œconomia - History/Methodology/Philosophy is launching a new call for papers: "Economics and Public Reason"
Editors of special issue: Marco Guidi (University of Pisa), Harro Maas (University of Lausanne), Steve Medema (University of Colorado Denver)

It is a commonplace to say that contemporary public discourse is immersed in economic terminology and reasoning. Over time, political economy and economics have been analyzed as the physiology or anatomy of civil society, as the language of the bourgeois public sphere, as governmentality based on impersonal economic mechanisms, as economic imperialism, as the trickling down of pure economics into the applied, and as the rise (or re-emergence) of economists as public intellectuals. A cursory glance at the history of economics shows, however, that economics in its many different guises has always been a part of public discourse: Merchant tracts addressed to princes, novels from Defoe and Swift, parliamentary reports, the OECD’s World Economic Outlook, journalistic writing, popularizing tracts by Harriet Martineau, Millicent Fawcett, and Steven Levitt, and schoolbooks all work to bring economic ideas into the public conversation.

Œconomia – History, Methodology, Philosophy invites papers for a theme issue which looks at how economics can be analyzed as a public science—that is, a science which developed its forms of argument and evidence in relation to and in exchange with its publics. We are particularly interested in papers that take specific sites, textual genres, formal and informal networks, or profiles of specific categories of mediators in a comparative or diachronic way to frame their analysis. One can think, for example, of think tanks, international institutes for policy analysis, journals and periodicals, economic consulting firms, economists in their role as consultants or public commentators—to list just a handful of examples of the many directions pointed to by this line of analysis. Papers are welcome on any period in the history of economics.

Important Dates

• Expression of interest: October 25th 2017
• Notification by the editors: November 5th 2017
• Dedicated Workshop at the University of Lausanne: May 2018
• Deadline for submission of rewritten papers: August 2018
• Planned publication of the issue: 2019

Procedure and timeline:

Researchers who would like to be considered for participation in this special issue of Œconomia should submit, via email attachment, the paper title, an extended (1500-2000 words) abstract, and the affiliations of all authors.
This information should be sent to oeconomia@openedition.org and is due by October 25th, 2017.

Authors whose contributions are selected will be notified by November 5th, 2017. On May 4-5th, 2018, the Centre Walras-Pareto of the University of Lausanne will organize a workshop at which authors will present their completed papers. On-site costs will be covered, and we hope to arrange for limited travel-support for young scholars. Revised versions of the papers will be due by August 1st, 2018 and will go through the normal refereeing process of Œconomia. Publication of the special issue is planned for Spring 2019.

For further information, please contact one of the special editors at harro.maas@unil.ch, marco.guidi@unipi.it, or steven.medema@ucdenver.edu. Contact: oeconomia@openedition.org

Call for Participants

PhD Summer School and One Day Conference on ”Researching Post-Capitalist Possibilities” (Sydney, Jan 2018)

January 2018 — Sydney, Australia

Hosted by the Community Economies Strategic Initiative, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University

PhD Summer School

Taught by: Katherine Gibson, Stephen Healy and Members of the Community Economies Collective

- **When:** 18-20, 22-24 January, 2018 (6 days)
- **Where:** Parramatta Square City Campus of Western Sydney University, Sydney
- **Cost:** AU$1,200 (early bird price AU$1,000)
The first three days of the summer school will explore the conceptual foundations of feminist post-capitalist thinking. The second three days will focus on how to imagine and enact post-capitalist possibilities through research practice. Prior reading preparation will be required. In addition to key works by J.K. Gibson-Graham and CEC scholars on the Diverse Economy and Community Economies, readings and lectures will engage with other contemporary approaches that are working at the frontiers of socio-political thought including: material semiotics, post-development, ecological humanities, resilience theory, psychoanalytic theory, assemblage politics and commoning.

- Applications open: 15 September 2017
- Applications close: 13 October 2017
- Applicants notified: 27th October 2017
- Early bird registration and payment due: 10 November 2017
- Final registration and payment due: 5th January 2018

All information and application details available [here](https://westernsydney.edu.au/ics/events/researching_post_capitalist_possibilities).

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**One Day Conference**

- **When**: 25 January, 2018
- **Where**: Parramatta South Campus of Western Sydney University, Sydney
- **Cost**: AU$30
- **Registration**: Registrations open on 2 October 2017 on website (TBA).

This conference will present recent research by members of the Community Economies Research Network. Conference papers will be posted on the conference website ahead of time. Conference sessions will take the form of short 10 minute presentations followed by in-depth discussion and appreciative inquiry. The conference is open to a wide audience. Only registered attendees will be given access to the papers on the Conference Website.

All information and application details available [here](https://westernsydney.edu.au/ics/events/researching_post_capitalist_possibilities).
WICK 2017 – 5th PhD-Workshop on ”Economics of Innovation, Complexity and Knowledge” (Turin, Dec 2017)

19–20 December, 2017 — Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy

We are pleased to announce the annual meeting for doctoral students and young researchers in Economics of Innovation, Complexity, and Knowledge, organized by the students of the Vilfredo Pareto PhD program, University of Turin, jointly with the Brick, Collegio Carlo Alberto.

The workshop will be held on December 19-20, 2017 at the new Collegio Carlo Alberto building in Turin, Italy.

The aim of the workshop is to bring together young researchers from different disciplines and provide them a circumstance of discussion of both full and early works. Participants will also have the opportunity to receive helpful feedbacks from faculty members and external experienced scholars.

The main topics the workshop will cover are Economics of Science, Firm and Regional Innovation Strategies, HR Analytics and Economic Philosophy. Sessions will be methodologically heterogeneous. Econometric contributions as well as computational methods such as agent-based models are welcome, although specific attention will be devoted to network analysis.

The meeting will be characterized also by the keynote speeches of two renowned scholars, Dr. Frank Neffke (Harvard University) and Dr. Torsten Heinrich (Oxford University).The application deadline will be on October, 23.

For any further information, please visit wick.carloalberto.org or write us to phd_workshop@carloalberto.org.

Job Postings

Bucknell University, US

Job Title: tenure-track position in Heterodox Economics

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Bucknell University’s Department of Economics invites interested candidates to apply for a tenure-track position in Heterodox Economics beginning in the fall semester of 2018. We expect to hire at the Assistant level but are open to considering outstanding candidates at other ranks. The successful candidate will be prepared to teach sections of intermediate political economy of the type grounded in the traditions of Marx and Veblen, and courses in the candidate’s field of specialization with preference for economic development. The Department of economics has a distinguished record in hiring diverse faculty, whose courses expose students to a variety of intellectual, racial, ethnic, and cultural perspectives, and we are especially interested in candidates whose teaching and research will contribute to the department’s commitment to pluralism, diversity, and academic excellence. By the start date of the position, candidates are expected to have a Ph.D. or be ABD in Economics.

The application should include a cover letter, a curriculum vita, a teaching portfolio (a statement of teaching philosophy, course evaluations and syllabi if available), a research statement, a research sample, a diversity statement, and official graduate course transcripts. Three letters of recommendation are required and can be submitted separately.

Materials received by November 22, 2017 will receive full attention. Questions about the position should be addressed by email to: Prof. Thomas Kinnaman.75

Job Title: Tenure-track position in Behavioral Economics

Bucknell University’s Department of Economics invites interested candidates to apply for a tenure-track position in Behavioral Economics beginning in the fall semester of 2018. We expect to hire at the Assistant level but are open to considering outstanding candidates at other ranks. The successful candidate will be prepared to teach sections of Behavioral Economics, courses in economic principles, and courses in the applicant’s field of specialization. The Department of economics has a distinguished record in hiring diverse faculty, whose courses expose students to a variety of intellectual, racial, ethnic, and cultural perspectives, and we are especially interested in candidates whose teaching and research will contribute to the department’s commitment to pluralism, diversity, and academic excellence. By the start date of the position, candidates are expected to have a Ph.D. or be ABD in Economics.

The application should include a cover letter, a curriculum vita, a teaching portfolio (a statement of teaching philosophy, course evaluations and syllabi if available), a research...
statement, a research sample, a diversity statement, and official graduate course transcripts. Three letters of recommendation are required and can be submitted separately.

Materials received by **November 22, 2017** will receive full attention. Questions about the position should be addressed by email to: Prof. Thomas Kinnaman.!

**Additional Contact:** Geoff.Schneider@bucknell.edu

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**Stockton University, US**

**Job Title: Assistant Professor of Economics**

The Economics Program of Stockton University invites applications for a tenure-track position beginning September 1, 2018.

Candidates will be expected to regularly teach both macroeconomics and microeconomics at the introductory level, in addition to an upper-level course in one of the following areas: Money and Financial Institutions, Public Finance, or Law and Economics. Applicants will be expected to have a research program, perhaps tied to this upper-level field. An ideal candidate would also be prepared to rotate through at least one of the following required courses for majors: Econometrics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, or Intermediate Microeconomics. The program is dedicated to pluralism and diversity in economics, thus heterodox applicants are encouraged to apply. All Stockton faculty are expected to teach 1-to-2 interdisciplinary general studies courses annually as part of one’s regular teaching load. (The teaching load is three 4-credit courses per semester.) Faculty also serve as academic advisors for undergraduate students.

Screening of applications begins immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Selected candidates will be scheduled to interview at the AEA/ASSA meetings in Philadelphia in early January.

Link to the job advert is available [here].

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**Universidad de los Andes, Colombia**

**Job Title: Assistant Professor in Economics**

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The Department of Economics at Universidad de los Andes invites applications for tenure-track positions at the rank of Assistant Professor in Economics with emphasis on economic history beginning in the fall term of 2018.

The Department is searching for economists with solid quantitative skills and a clear research agenda related to Economic History, open to pursuing interdisciplinary approaches and with the ability to engage in related topics, including: long-term economic growth, political economy, applied microeconomics, finance, or macroeconomic policy. We shall also consider outstanding candidates in any other field. The position will start by July 2018.

New professors will find a work environment with a generous yearly research stipend for the first three years, additional seed funding for research afterwards, course-load reduction in their first year, and monetary bonuses for publications in well ranked journals. Los Andes has the best Economics department in Colombia and ranks among the best in Latin America. Proficiency in Spanish is not required but nonetheless advisable.

Please submit via JOE: a cover letter specifically explaining your interest in the position at Universidad de los Andes, a CV, at least one research paper, and three letters of recommendation. The submission deadline is November 25th, 2017.

We will interview at the ASSA meetings in Philadelphia.

More information: econrecruiting@uniandes.edu.co and https://economia.uniandes.edu.co

Link to the job advert is available here.

University of Leicester, UK

Job Titles: Lecturer (Research and Teaching) and a Lecturer (Teaching Focused)

- College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities
- University of Leicester School of Business

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• Salary Grade 8 (Lecturer) – £38,833 to £47,722 per annum

• Permanent contract

Together our staff and students are discovering innovative ways to change the world for the better and there has never been a more exciting time for you to join us. We are ranked in the top 1% of universities worldwide and have an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research. We are led by discovery and innovation, with the synergy between research and learning at the core of our activity.

The School of Business was formed on August 1 2016, which brought together the University’s School of Management and Department of Economics. We have initiated major innovations across all areas supported by our new vision and strategy. We are aiming to become a top 20 UK Business School within five years. To achieve this we are investing in and developing external engagement, employability and internationalisation, as well as expanding the research and teaching portfolio. Through the creation of the School we are seeking to enhance our learning, teaching and research profile.

We are seeking to recruit a Lecturer to the Work and Employment Division. Among other qualities, you will have an innate understanding of the School’s vision and be able to demonstrate your commitment to teaching excellence. You will have excellent communication and presentation skills and be able to inspire both staff and students alike.

In addition to being engaged in innovative learning and teaching you will have an established reputation for research, with a strong record of publications (appropriate to your level of experience) in peer reviewed journals of substantial standing. You will have excellent networking skills which you use to seek out opportunities for collaboration and citizenship both internally and externally. The roles will also require skill in generating external funding through research grants, contracts or other sources.

Finally, you will have a track record of engaging with a range of communities related to your research, teaching interests as well as external organisations.

Informal enquiries are welcome. In the first instance, please email Kerry Whatmore on kw248@le.ac.uk, with details of a convenient time and telephone number. The relevant Head of Division will then contact you for a confidential discussion about the role.

The closing date for this post is midnight on 03 October 2017. The interview date for this role is 31 October 2017.

Click here for further information regarding the role and the School of Business.

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Click here\textsuperscript{86} to view a job summary form for a Lecturer.

Link to the job advert is available here\textsuperscript{87}.

\section*{Awards}

\subsection*{ESHET 2018: Academic Awards}

The ESHET Council is inviting nominations for the Awards that will be announced at the next annual Conference in Madrid, Spain, 7-9 June 2018 (http://www.eshet.net/index.php?a=10\textsuperscript{88}).

1/ \textbf{The BEST MONOGRAPH AWARD} is for the best book (not necessarily written in English) in the history of economic thought published during 2016 or 2017. The author can be from any part of the world. The winner will be invited to attend the Society Conference that follows the announcement of the prize to deliver the Jérôme-Adolphe Blanqui Lecture. Note that, in supplement, the Council can also give a BEST SCHOLARLY EDITION AWARD.

2/ \textbf{The HISTORY OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AWARD} is for the best article (not necessarily written in English) in the history of economic thought, published in a scientific journal during 2016 or 2017. Candidates can be from any part of the world. The winner will be invited to attend the Society Conference that follows the announcement of the prize, and will receive 500 euro.

3/ \textbf{The ESHET YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD}. This prize recognizes scholarly achievements of historians of economic thought at an early stage of their career. The prize is awarded to scholars below the age of 40 at the time of the annual conference in recognition of outstanding publications in the history of economic thought. It consists of 1,000 euro and a waiving of the conference fee when the prize is awarded.

4/ \textbf{The GILLES DOSTALER AWARD} is a new award created in 2012 in the memory of Gilles Dostaler, thanks to the generosity of his widow Marielle Cauchy. This prize recognizes scholarly achievements of young research fellows working on one of Gilles Dostaler’s many fields of interest — e.g., Marx and Classical political economy, Keynes, Hayek, critical approaches to free markets theories, relationships between economics, politics, philosophy and ethics, etc. It is awarded to scholars below the age of 35 at the time of the annual conference in recognition of an outstanding article not necessarily

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already published or published within the two previous years. It consists of 500 euro and a waiving of the conference fee when the prize is awarded.

Nominations should be sent as soon as possible, but not later than December 15, 2017 to the Chair of the relevant panel:

1. **Best Book Award & Scholarly Edition Award**: Michaël Assous, michael.assous@univ-paris1.fr

2. **Best Article Award**: Christian Gehrke, christian.gehrke@uni-graz.at

3. **Young Researcher Award**: Ivo Maes, ivo.maes@nbb.be

4. **Gilles Dostaler Award**: Catherine Martin, catherine.martin@univ-paris1.fr

Please note also the following points:

1. Self-nominations are not accepted for any of the prizes. Nominations for the book and article prizes should include:
   - Full bibliographic details of the book or article.
   - A short statement (in English) of why the book or article merits being considered for a prize.
   - An electronic copy of the book or article, if this is available.

2. Nominations for the Young Researcher Award should include:
   - A short resume stating the achievements of the candidate.
   - A CV with list of publications.

Subsequently each nominee will be asked to submit to the Council three publications on which s/he wishes to be judged.

The final decision on each of the prizes will be made by the Council of ESHET in Madrid.

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Warren Samuels Prize 2018

The Association for Social Economics (ASE), one of the founding member organizations of the Allied Social Science Associations, together with the Review of Social Economy, would like to invite submissions for the 2018 Warren Samuels Prize.

This prize is awarded to a paper, presented at the January ASSA meetings, that best exemplifies scholarly work that:

- Is of high quality,
- Is important to the project of social economics,
- Has broad appeal across disciplines.

It is preferable, but not required, that the paper is presented at one of the ASSA sessions sponsored by the Association for Social Economics. Papers will not normally exceed 6,500 words (inclusive of references, notes), and should follow the style guidelines for the Review of Social Economy.

The winner of the prize will be announced during the ASE presidential breakfast, to which the winner is invited. The winning paper may, subject to peer review, be published in a subsequent issue of the Review of Social Economy. The winner of the Warren Samuels Prize receives a $500 stipend.

The selection committee consists of:

The immediate Past-President of the ASE, a co-editor of the Review of Social Economy, and a member of the Editorial Board, Review of Social Economy.

This prize is awarded to a paper, being presented at the January 2018 ASSA meetings, in sessions not restricted to sessions in the ASE program.

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Professor Duncan K. Foley, Leo Model Professor of Economics at the New School for Social Research, has been selected as the recipient of the Guggenheim Prize in the History of Economic Thought for 2017 as a tribute for his major contribution to the field.

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**Marx, Capital and the Madness of Economic Reason**

By David Harvey — 2017, Profile Books

Karl Marx’s *Capital* is one of the most important texts written in the modern era. Since 1867, when the first of its three volumes was published, it has had a profound effect on politics and economics in theory and practice throughout the world. But Marx wrote in the context of capitalism in the second half of the nineteenth century: his assumptions and analysis need to be updated in order to address the technological, economic, and industrial change that has followed Capital’s initial publication.

In *Marx, Capital, and the Madness of Economic Reason*, David Harvey not only provides a concise distillation of his famous course on Capital, but also makes the text relevant to the twenty-first century’s continued processes of globalization. Harvey shows the work’s continuing analytical power, doing so in the clearest and simplest terms but never compromising its depth and complexity.

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Link to the book is available here\(^2\).

**Modernization and Urban Water Governance: Organizational Change and Sustainability in Europe**

By Thomas Bolognesi — 2017, Springer

This book describes the impact of modernization on the organization and sustainability of Urban Water Systems in Europe (UWSEs). Bolognesi explains that the modernization of UWSEs was a regulatory shock that began in the 1990s and was put into action with the EU Water Framework Directive in the year 2000. This process sought to reorganize water governance in order to achieve certain sustainability goals, but it fell short of expectations.


Modernization and Urban Water Governance provides an update on the organization and sustainability of UWSEs, while drawing from a comparative analysis of German, French, and English water models and an institutionalist explanation of the current situation. With a focus on transaction costs, property rights allocation and institutional environments, this book argues that the modernization of UWSEs tends to depoliticize these systems and make them more resilient but also limits their potential for sustainable management.

This book will be relevant to those wishing to understand the real impacts of water reform in Europe according to national contingencies.

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Neoliberalism: Behavioural Government in the 21st Century

By Mark Whitehead, Rhys Jones, Rachel Lilley, Jessica Pykett and Rachel Howell — 2017, Routledge

Neoliberalism presents the results of the first critical global study of the impacts of the behavioural sciences on public policy and government actions, including behavioural economics, behavioural psychology and neuroeconomics. Drawing on interviews with leading behaviour change experts, organizations and policy-makers, and discussed in alignment with a series of international case studies, this volume provides a critical analysis of the ethical, economic, political and constitutional implications of behaviourally oriented government.

More information can be found here\textsuperscript{238}.

Schumpeter’s Price Theory

By Harry Bloch — 2017, Routledge

Schumpeter has long been recognised as one of the great economists of the 20th Century, yet aspects of his theory remain neglected and poorly understood, especially his treatment of prices and price dynamics. This book provides a comprehensive and critical examination of Schumpeter’s price theory – which is as radical as his treatment of other topics – as well as providing suggestions for the further development of the theory.

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Shadow Banking: Scope, Origins and Theories

By Anastasia Nesvetailova — 2017, Routledge

Shadow banking – a system of credit creation outside traditional banks – lies at the very heart of the global economy. It accounts for over half of global banking assets, and represents a third of the global financial system. This book is the first study to bring together the insights from financial regulators, practitioners and academics from across the social sciences tracing the evolution and ongoing confusion about the meaning of ‘shadow banking’, drawing major lessons about shadow banking as posed by the financial crisis of 2007–09, and explaining why shadow banking is ‘here to stay’.

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The Color of Money: Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap

By Mehrsa Baradaran — 2017, Harvard University Press

When the Emancipation Proclamation was signed in 1863, the black community owned less than one percent of the United States’ total wealth. More than 150 years later, that number has barely budged. The Color of Money pursues the persistence of this racial wealth gap by focusing on the generators of wealth in the black community: black banks. Studying these institutions over time, Mehrsa Baradaran challenges the myth that black communities could ever accumulate wealth in a segregated economy. Instead, housing segregation, racism, and Jim Crow credit policies created an inescapable, but hard to detect, economic trap for black communities and their banks.

The catch-22 of black banking is that the very institutions needed to help communities escape the deep poverty caused by discrimination and segregation inevitably became victims of that same poverty. Not only could black banks not “control the black dollar” due to the dynamics of bank depositing and lending but they drained black capital into white banks, leaving the black economy with the scraps.

Baradaran challenges the long-standing notion that black banking and community self-help is the solution to the racial wealth gap. These initiatives have functioned as a potent political decoy to avoid more fundamental reforms and racial redress. Examining the

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fruits of past policies and the operation of banking in a segregated economy, she makes clear that only bolder, more realistic views of banking’s relation to black communities will end the cycle of poverty and promote black wealth.

Link to the book is available here241.

The Economics of Inequality, Discrimination, Poverty, and Mobility: 2nd edition

Edited by Robert Rycroft — 2017, Routledge

The second edition of this introductory-level text brings together the essential materials on what economists have to say about inequality, discrimination, poverty, and mobility, and brings students up to date with current thinking. It covers several ground-shattering events, such as: the election of Barack Obama followed by Donald Trump; the passage of the Affordable Care Act and attempts to repeal it; and the publication of Thomas Piketty’s Capital in the 21st Century, among many others.

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The Good Life Beyond Growth: New Perspectives

Edited by Hartmut Rosa & Christoph Henning — 2017, Routledge

Many countries have experienced a decline of economic growth for decades, an effect that was only aggravated by the recent global financial crisis. What if in the 21st century this is no longer an exception, but the general rule? Does an economy without growth necessarily bring hardship and crises, as is often assumed? Or could it be a chance for a better life? Authors have long argued that money added to an income that already secures basic needs no longer enhances well-being. Also, ecological constraints and a sinking global absorption capacity increasingly reduce the margin of profitability on investments. Efforts to restore growth politically, however, often lead to reduced levels of social protection, reduced ecological and health standards, unfair tax burdens and rising inequalities. Thus it is time to dissolve the link between economic growth and the good life.

This book argues that a good life beyond growth is not only possible, but highly desirable. It conceptualizes “the good life” as a fulfilled life that is embedded in social relations and

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at peace with nature, independent of a mounting availability of resources. In bringing together experts from different fields, this book opens an interdisciplinary discussion that has often been restricted to separate disciplines. Philosophers, sociologists, economists and activists come together to discuss the political and social conditions of a good life in societies which no longer rely on economic growth and no longer call for an ever expanding circle of extraction, consumption, pollution, waste, conflict, and psychological burnout.

Read together, these essays will have a major impact on the debates about economic growth, economic and ecological justice, and the good life in times of crisis.


**The Knowledge We Have Lost in Information: The History of Information in Modern Economics**

By Philip Mirowski & Edward Nik-Khah — 2017, Oxford University Press

Information is a central concept in economics, and *The Knowledge We Have Lost in Information* explores its treatment in modern economics. The study of information, far from offering enlightenment, resulted in all matter of confusion for economists and the public.

Philip Mirowski and Edward Nik-Khah argue that the conventional wisdom suggesting “economic rationality” was the core of modern economics is incomplete. In this trenchant investigation, they demonstrate that the history of modern microeconomics is better organized as a history of the treatment of information. The book begins with a brief primer on information, and then shows how economists have responded over time to successive developments on the concept of information in the natural sciences. Mirowski and Nik-Khah detail various intellectual battles that were fought to define, analyze, and employ information in economics. As these debates developed, economists progressively moved away from pure agent conscious self-awareness as a non-negotiable desideratum of economic models toward a focus on markets and their design as information processors. This has led to a number of policies, foremost among them: auction design of resources like the electromagnetic spectrum crucial to modern communications.

*The Knowledge We Have Lost in Information* provides insight into the interface between disputes within the economics discipline and the increasing role of information in contemporary society. Mirowski and Nik-Khah examine how this intersection contributed to the dominance of neoliberal approaches to economics, politics, and other realms.

The Struggle for Development

By Benjamin Selwyn — 2017, Polity Books

The world economy is expanding rapidly despite chronic economic crises. Yet the majority of the world’s population live in poverty. Why are wealth and poverty two sides of the coin of capitalist development? What can be done to overcome this destructive dynamic?

In this hard-hitting analysis Benjamin Selwyn shows how capitalism generates widespread poverty, gender discrimination and environmental destruction. He debunks the World Bank’s dollar-a-day methodology for calculating poverty, arguing that the proliferation of global supply chains is based on the labour of impoverished women workers and environmental ruin. Development theories – from neoliberal to statist and Marxist – are revealed as justifying and promoting labouring class exploitation despite their pro-poor rhetoric. Selwyn also offers an alternative in the form of labour-led development, which shows how collective actions by labouring classes – whether South African shack-dwellers and miners, East Asian and Indian Industrial workers, or Latin American landless labourers and unemployed workers – can and do generate new forms of human development. This labour-led struggle for development can empower even the poorest nations to overcome many of the obstacles that block their way to more prosperous and equitable lives.

Link to the book is available here.

Thomas Piketty’s Capital in the Twenty-First Century: An Introduction

By Stephan Kaufmann and Ingo Stütze; translated by Alexander Locascio — 2017, Verso Books

US Nobel Prize–winner Paul Krugman described Thomas Piketty’s Capital in the Twenty-First Century as “perhaps the most important book of the last decade.” It has sparked major international debates, dominated bestseller lists and generated a level of enthusiasm—as well as intense criticism—in a way no other economic or sociological work has in a long time. Piketty has been described as a new Karl Marx and placed in the same league as the economist John Maynard Keynes.

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The “rock star economist’s” underlying thesis is that inequality under capitalism has reached dramatic levels in the last few decades and continues to grow—and that this is not by chance. A small elite is making itself richer and richer and acquiring ever-increasing levels of power.

Given the sensational reception of Piketty’s not-so-easily digested 800-page study, the question as to where the hype around the book comes from deserves to be asked. What does it get right? And what should we make of it—both of the book itself and of the criticism it has received? This introduction lays out the argument of Piketty’s monumental work in a compact and understandable format, while also investigating the controversies Piketty has stirred up. In addition, the two authors demonstrate the limits, contradictions and errors of the so-called Piketty revolution.

Link to the book is available here.

Heterodox Graduate Programs, Scholarships and Grants

Rebuilding Macroeconomics Research Grants

Funding

Rebuilding Macroeconomics will distribute around £2.4mn of grant funding to support pilot research projects. This is over and above the funding available for Research Hubs. We will issue two types of calls for pilot project research proposals:

- General Research Calls each year
- Specific Research Hub Calls

Our first General Research Call is now open for submission. We invite research proposals of between £20,000 and £150,000. Please note that the Rebuilding Macroeconomics can only fund 80% full Economic Cost of a project, as per standard Research Council conditions. We have a two-stage application process. The deadline for submission of the first stage of the application process is Wednesday 1st November 2017.

We are looking for creative and ambitious research proposals which clearly address a ‘real world’ macroeconomic question. At this stage, the research may look to establish a ‘proof of principle’ project which, if successful, leads to a further funding application.

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We welcome applications for genuinely new and even risky projects that fall outside of the usual funding criteria. We especially welcome proposals which incorporate inter-disciplinary insights and apply new methodologies to macroeconomics. Applicants who submit projects that we consider to be better suited to one of the Research Hubs will be invited to re-submit once the Hub makes its research calls.

Two-stage application process

Our process will be rapid and, to ensure new ideas and methodologies are encouraged, more flexible than traditional procedures.

Applicants will submit:

- Preliminary outline ideas for projects, using a short form here. We aim to respond to submissions within 14 days of the end of the application deadline. This will be a rejection, suggestion to modify or invitation to second stage.

Applications deemed promising will be invited to submit a longer proposal using a longer form. Those applicants invited to do so will usually need to submit their longer proposal within two months.

More details are available here and here.

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Movie: "Class Action: The Fight Against Establishment Economics" by John Summa

Here is the teaser trailer for John Summa’s film, currently in production, *Class Action: The Fight Against Establishment Economics*

Link to the trailer on vimeo is available [here](https://vimeo.com/226003452).

For Your Information

ASE Statement against the rise of the white supremacists

The ASE Executive Council this week adopted a strong statement on the activities of white supremacist and other hate groups in the USA. We encourage ASE members to help publicize the Association’s position on this matter.

**ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL ECONOMICS STATEMENT CONDEMN-ING THE RISE OF WHITE SUPREMACISTS IN THE USA**

The Association for Social Economics (ASE) is a scholarly research association whose members study economic, social, political, and cultural issues to understand and promote human dignity, justice, and the full flourishing of all members of society. We are deeply concerned by the rise of anti-Semitic, anti-immigrant, anti-LGBTQ, nationalist, racist and all other organizations that promote white supremacy and other hateful doctrines. We strongly condemn all extremist activities and ideologies that spread division and intolerance and that deny the basic human values that are essential to democratic principles in a pluralist society comprising diverse communities.

Executive Council  
Association of Social Economics  
September 20, 2017

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