Once a year, typically around this time, an issue of the Heterodox Economics Newsletter is compiled under unusual circumstances and, effectively, sent out from a campsite somewhere in Southern Europe. And I repeatedly find that compiling Newsletters during vacation provides the material for an interesting economic case-study.

First, following Thorstein Veblen’s classic piece on the subject, working during vacation constantly brings up the tension between the “instinct of workmanship” and the corresponding “irksomeness of labor” and thereby reminds me steadily of the dubious “double nature” of work: it is something that we often want to do and, still, doing it is occasionally burdensome.

Second, as my ”instinct of workmanship” is strong (or so I believe), my family constantly, but patiently, has to remind me of the associated irksomeness, which points us to the fact that productive and reproductive actions are more closely tied together than typically assumed in conventional analysis.

Finally, being an academic coming from the Alps, compiling Newsletters in a tropical surrounding I found that even our profession has some requirements in terms of physical capacities :-(

Having said all that, let me emphasize that all this case-study is, of course, based on introspection. Although such a methodology once had a significant standing in the mainstream part’s of our discipline - one man even once claimed that only the ”ignorant and perverse” would challenge its basic assumptions ( see here, p. 1 ) - I would strongly advice, to take any conclusions drawn from this editorial with a grain of salt.

All the best,

Jakob
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Call for Papers

3rd Network for the History of Contemporaneous Economics (nHice) Workshop on "Microfoundations for Macroeconomics": retrospect and prospect" (Sophia Antipolis, Aug. 2018)

15-17 November 2018 — GREDEG - Sophia Antipolis, France

It is well known that, though with a longer history, since Lucas's seminal 1972 contribution and his subsequent work, the term microfoundations has assumed a specific mean-
ing which wipes out any distinction between micro and macroeconomic analyses. Even though microfoundations of DSGE (Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium) models can vary, they are limited by a methodological reductionism that makes macroeconomic models blind to many pertinent issues. Available alternatives are simply overlooked. This is particularly surprising since a large body of the microeconomic literature addresses difficulties related to the aggregation of individuals’ decisions and the nature of rationality, developing behavioral approaches that could have been fed into the reflections of macroeconomists.

In the current post-crisis context, as the dominant DSGE approach is facing strong criticism about its incapacity to understand what happened (Colander et al. 2008), it is time to revisit various episodes and periods of intensive economic debate(s) on the aggregation problem, and more generally, to examine how our understanding of micro- and macroeconomic relationships or interactions affects our treatment of economic issues.

This workshop proposes to engage in a reflection on the history and prospective evolution of microeconomic foundations for macroeconomic models. We believe that interaction between historians of economic thought and economists who contribute directly to the field will be fruitful. In addition to David Colander who will deliver a lecture on “Microfoundations, Complexity and the Evolution of Macroeconomic Thought”, we are inviting Alan Kirman and Domenico Delli Gatti to participate.

We welcome papers in the History of Economic Thought covering various debates - theoretical, methodological, empirical, or specific episodes that provide insights into the various ways economists proposed to deal with this specific issue. Submissions can cover a range of literatures from the earliest macroeconomic contributions to the most recent Complexity approaches.

**Scientific committee**

Richard Arena (Université Côte d’Azur, CNRS, GREDEG), Muriel Dal Pont Legrand (Université Côte d’Azur, CNRS, GREDEG), Pedro Garcia Duarte (Universidad de Sao Paulo), Sandye Gloria (Université Côte d’Azur, CNRS, GREDEG), Jean-Sébastien Lenfant (Université Lille 1, CNRS, CLERSE), Hans Michael Trautwein (Universität Oldenburg).

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The original Call for Paper can be found [here](http://unice.fr/laboratoires/gredeg/contenus-riches/documents-telechargeables/dossier-stock/third-nhice-workshop).

**Submission Deadline:** 1 August, 2018.
Environmental concerns emerged in economics during the 1950s. Some economists had focused on these issues before, but it is not until then that the environment really became an autonomous subject of economic study. During this period of strong demographic and economic growth in industrialized countries, this progressive recognition of environmental issues by economists was caused by natural resources depletion, ecosystems degradation, and pollution or harmful effects such as the first smog in London and Los Angeles or the chemical contamination of the Minamata Bay.

This workshop is devoted to the contemporary history of environmental issues in economics, and thus to this transition from a marginal specialization of a few pioneers to a recognized academic field. This new field has however been split into separate theoretical approaches: the development of environmental economics, which partly came from the new welfare economics and separated itself from the economics of natural resources; and the development of ecological economics which has been inspired by ecology and has tried to build up new analytical tools. This history has raised issues in theory (analytical concepts and framework), philosophy (the status given to nature, the weight given to future generations) and policy (the way new environmental policies finally prevail).

**Contributions to the workshop could e.g. focus on the following issues**

- How has environmental economics emerged since the 1950s as a field different from natural resources economics? What has the role of American economists been, whether they were specialized in this field (Ayres, Kneese, D’Arge) or not (Galbraith, Mishan)? How has ecological economics been driven by both ecologists (Commoner, Odum) and economists (Fisher, Dasgupta, Mäler, Boulding, Georgescu-Roegen, Daly)? How have Marxist, post-Keynesian and institutional schools of economics addressed these issues?

- From a methodological point of view, how have these new issues been managed by existing theoretical frameworks? Environmental economics has adapted the neoclassical framework and concepts, notably those from the new welfare economics (market failure, externality, collective good, cost-benefit analysis, natural capital) to new environmental issues, while ecological economics has tried to find new analytical approaches and has at the same time been affected by the same epistemological controversies that one can observe outside this field.
• From a policy point of view, how have these methodological propositions and the different policy recommendations been institutionalized? When it was decided to apply environmental policies, what were the policy demands addressed to economists? Inversely, by what means have recommendations by economists been treated by those responsible for policy? What has been for example the influence of institutions like Resources for the Future in the USA and the OECD or different agencies whose role has been to manage environmental issues at a national level?

• What have been the philosophical issues raised by these environmental issues, in terms of intra- or intergenerational justice (for example concerning discount rates), or in terms of the commodification of nature and more widely its monetization (through the valuation of damages or more recently of ecosystem services, or through allowance or permit markets)?

Proposals, in French or English, that focus on these issues from a historical perspective, from the 1950s onwards, will be welcome.

The workshop is organized by the French journal *Cahiers d’économie politique / Papers in Political Economy* and the University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne and will take place in March 2019.

Some of the contributions could be published, in French or English, in a special issue of the journal in 2020.

Proposals need to be sent to wscep2019@gmail.com, with your name, your institution, an abstract (maximum 700 words) and three keywords.

Further Questions may be directed to Nathalie Berta, Franck-Dominique Vivien.

Please find the original Call for Papers here.

**Deadline for submission: 12 October, 2018.**

**Special Issue of the Journal of Labor and Society on ”Feminism and Labor Struggles”**

The editors of *Journal of Labor and Society* (LANDS) invite submissions for a Special issue on Feminism and Labor Struggles.
The oppression of women is a burning issue everywhere today. Campaigns aimed at challenging endemic violence and structural discrimination against women in society are gaining popularity in the world’s most affluent countries as well as in the world’s poorest countries. At the same time, women are often at the forefront of movements which challenge not only gender-based oppression, but also forms of oppression based on class and nation. In this special issue, we aim to clarify the distinct problems facing women in male-dominated society and the divergent effects of patriarchy on women belonging to distinct classes and nations within the imperialist world economy. We seek to highlight the ways in which these strands of oppression intersect and produce distinctive gender relations. In particular, we value contributions that explore how access to leisure time (that is, time spent in a capitalist society not engaged in wage-labour or domestic labour), patterns of consumption, sexual norms, family relations, employment opportunities, and other issues facing women are shaped by modes of capital accumulation at the global level.

The articulation of feminist, pseudo-feminist and anti-feminist ideologies is very much bound up with struggles either to maintain or to eradicate forms of social privilege and advantage and, therefore, with the interests of those classes and nations engaged in the same. This special issue of *Journal of Labor and Society* aims to promote new ways of looking at gender oppression that advance the cause of global equality and social justice from a feminist anti-imperialist and labor internationalist perspective.

To that end, LANDS invites research and essays examining:

- Gender and capitalism;
- Feminism and Marxism;
- Women, imperialism and underdevelopment;
- Female labour in the global economy;
- Violence against women and its solutions;
- Patriarchal ideology in the mass media and academia;
- Gender, Class and ‘Race’;
- Female participation in labour and revolutionary struggles;
- Feminism and Imperialist War;
- Gender (in)equality and socialist construction;
- Gender Privilege and Women in the Global North;
• International Comparison of Gender Issues;
• Sex work, class and female oppression;
• Gender and Migration

The *Journal of Labor and Society* is committed to publishing rigorous scientific research into the social, political, economic, and cultural conditions faced by workers worldwide in the context of the imperialist global economy.

Submission to *Journal of Labor and Society* now takes place exclusively online through ScholarOne Manuscripts. Authors can click through the "Submit a Manuscript" link in the menu on left side of this page, or enter [http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/lands](http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/lands) into their address bar. See the Author Guidelines for detailed instructions on how to submit a manuscript.

All submissions are peer reviewed. If you would like to submit a manuscript for publication in *Journal of Labor and Society*, we invite you to do so through the ScholarOne online manuscript submission portal. If you have any questions, please email Immanuel Ness[^15], co-editor or Zak Cope[^16], co-editor.

Please find the website of the journal [here](https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/lands).

Notes for Contributors may be viewed [here](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/24714607/homepage/forauthors.html).

**Deadline for Abstracts: 1 December, 2018**


6-7 December, 2018 — Braga, Portugal

Hated, worshipped, insulted, applauded, Marx produced one of the most inspiring critical theories. As a philosopher, economist, sociologist, political scientist, historian, political activist, Marx remains, 200 years after his birth, an inevitable reference to understand capitalism and to scrutinize human societies’ future paths.

Global capitalism’s present-day is part of a social and environmental crisis that threatens humankind and our planet. In this context Marx’s ideas meet a reinvigorated interest,

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even among non-Marxists. A non-dogmatic Marx reader will acknowledge capitalism is a bearer of progress as well as regression. Furthermore, if we decline mechanistic and deterministic notions, then capitalism may not disappear by itself. We need consequently to explore various alternatives and the possibilities of collective action within the framework of numerous social movements.

The Symposium will bring together scholars discussing Marx’s legacy and applicability for the present. It welcomes proposals from different disciplines, approaches, methodologies and countries.

The Thematic Areas include

1. Marx’s dialectical and historical materialism: unity, contradiction, change and progress;
2. Work and technology: industrial revolution, digital revolution and changes driven by ”industry 4.0”;
3. Capital and social struggles: economy, politics, society and the State;
4. Capitalism, globalisation and imperialism: unequal development, inequalities and social exclusion;
5. Nature and society: the social and environmental crisis of capitalism;
6. Socialism, models and real-world experiences: successes, failures, and lessons for the future;
7. Alienation, ideology and utopia: thinking ways out of capitalism;
8. Philosophy, social and political sciences in the Marxist tradition: knowledge production, (neo) Marxist authors, praxis and activism;
9. Citizenship, education and culture(s): Marxist and neo-Marxist perspectives;
10. New research objects from the Marxist legacy.

We invite authors to submit their abstracts using the linked file and send it by email to marx2018@ics.uminho.pt. Please fill-in Title, Thematic Area, Name, institutional affiliation and email address of the author (if there is more than one author, please give the Names, institutional affiliations and email addresses in order), Abstract (maximum 300 words) as well as 5 Keywords.

Proposals in Portuguese, Spanish and English are welcome.

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Submission Deadline: 31 July, 2018

Call for Participants

Call for book proposals: Mapping Social Reproduction Theory

Pluto Press are launching a new book series called ’Mapping Social Reproduction Theory’.

The series editors are Tithi Bhattacharya and Sue Ferguson.

Abstract

Capitalism is a system of exploitation and oppression. This series uses the insights of Social Reproduction Theory to deepen our understanding of the intimacy of that relationship, and the contradictions within it, past and present. The books include empirical investigations of the ways in which social oppressions of race, sexuality, ability, gender and more inhabit, shape and are shaped by the processes of creating labour power for capital. As well, the books in this series engage a critical exploration of Social Reproduction, enjoining debates about the theoretical and political tools required to challenge capitalism today.

You can read more on this website.22

Series editors: Tithi Bhattacharya, Professor of South Asian History and the Director of Global Studies at Purdue University; and Sue Ferguson, Associate Professor, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Wilfrid Laurier University.

To submit a proposal or for more information please contact David Shulman23. Pluto’s proposal guidelines can be downloaded here.24

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Third annual conference of the Association for socioeconomic education and research (ASEER) (Duisburg-Essen, Feb 2019)

21-22 February, 2019 — Duisburg-Essen

What is the relationship between pluralist economics and interdisciplinary socio-economics? How does pluralist academic teaching need to be structured in economics or business administration in order to be successful? What should interdisciplinary socioeconomic study programs look like, and how should teacher training in the field be designed? What kinds of new study materials, textbooks and teaching methods are required?

On 21 and 22 February 2019, the third annual conference of the Association for socioeconomic education and research (ASEER) will be tackling these and other questions at the newly founded Institute for Socio-Economics (ifso) at the University of Duisburg-Essen. The conference is kindly supported by the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET).

This annual ASEER conference comes at a good time: The ifso is committed to analyzing economic issues from an interdisciplinary and pluralist perspective at the intersection of economics and other social sciences. The institute’s new master’s program will likely start in the fall term 2019/20. The ASEER conference therefore is a suitable occasion for meeting in Duisburg to discuss new ways of teaching socio-economics and economic pluralism.

There will be an organized program (in English) on 21 February as well as an open conference (in German and English) on 22 February (see the following page). On the first day, Ha-Joon Chang (University of Cambridge) will open the program with a keynote speech in the early afternoon. This will be followed by plenary sessions with Lucio Baccaro (Director of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne), Lisa Herzog (Professor for Political Philosophy and Theory, Munich), Jakob Kapeller (Chair of the Institute for Comprehensive Analysis of the Economy, Linz) and other speakers will follow.

Throughout the two days, initiatives and organizations from different countries that work in the field of pluralist economics, socio-economics and associated disciplines will be invited to present their work and their approach to teaching in a supporting program. Through this, the conference aims to provide opportunities for net-working, developing new ideas and initiating new projects.

For young researchers and students, there will most likely be special grants. Further information on the conference will follow soon. Therefore: Save the date, and we hope to see you in Duisburg on the 21 and 22 February 2019!

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Call for Papers

The committee is looking forward to receiving abstracts no longer than 250 words that should be sent to kontakt@soziooekonomie-bildung.eu. Abstracts should include the name(s) of the author(s), email address, institutional orientation of the author(s), working title, as well as topics, issues and questions tackled, and the goal, theoretical concept, methodological design and the expected results.

Please find the full Call for Papers (in German) here.

Submission Deadline: 7 September 2018

Young Economists Conference 2018 on ”Welfare state under attack” (Vienna, Oct. 2018)

8-9 October, 2018 — Vienna, Austria

The financial crisis after 2009 caused a massive economic downturn. After initial expansive fiscal effects of the government support for banks, the fiscal stance soon turned to austerity and cutting back of public expenditures. Stagnation, which lasted a decade in the Eurozone, led to massive unemployment, especially in the periphery. Moreover, taxation continues to race to the bottom and financialization of the economy advanced further. The economic turmoil has precipitated the rise of right-wing populism, which in some European countries might be endangering the democratic system.

These and other factors put the welfare state under enormous pressure and the legitimate role of the welfare state today is in question. Who is dependent on a strong welfare state? What are the functions of the welfare state and do they have to be extended or cut back? Are we in need of a modernization of the welfare system? Who is benefiting from a weakened welfare state? Can the welfare state reduce threats to the democratic order? These and other related questions are highly relevant for the near future.

For this reason, the Chamber of Labour Vienna and the Society for Pluralism in Economics Vienna host a conference on October 8th and 9th 2018, for which researchers at the beginning of their career (Master, pre- or post-doc) are invited to attend. This year’s invited keynote speakers are:

- **Silke van Dyk** is Professor of Political Sociology at the Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena specializing in political sociology, sociology of the welfare state and social pol-

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icy, and sociology of demographics.

- **Arne Heise**, Professor of Economics at the University of Hamburg, is an expert on macroeconomics, economic policy, public governance and European integration.

Further information as well as the registration form can be found [here](#). For any further questions please contact Daniela Paraskevaidis.30

### Job Postings

**Tufts University, USA**

**Job-title:** Economist developing teaching materials

**Job description**

Global Development And Environment Institute seeks to hire several economists interested in developing teaching materials. The positions will initially be focused on research – updating some of our existing teaching modules and on writing new ones. Future work will include the possibility of contributing to new editions of our textbooks, as well as the possible development of materials for upper level courses.

The start date (sometime in Fall 2018) and hours (full or part-time) are flexible. Pay is competitive. Working from a distance is possible, but preference will be given to applicants who can be physically present at Tufts fairly often. Teaching experience is desirable.

Please find the original job posting [here](#).

Applications are considered on a rolling basis.

**University of Siena, IT**

**Job-title:** Lecturer in Macroeconomics

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The University of Siena is currently looking for a Lecturer in Macroeconomics at the Department of political economy and statistics. The contract lasts three years, after which the position automatically becomes of Associated Professor if the candidate owns (or obtains) the Italian national abilitation as associated professor (or an analogous foreign abilitation). Applications from PK economists are welcome. More information can be found here (in Italian).

Applications should be send to rettore@pec.unisipec.it or concorsi@unisi.it

Application deadline: 16 August, 2018

Utrecht University, Netherlands

Job-title: Postdoc position on The Origins of Break-through Inventions

Job description

This postdoc position is part of the NWO-VICI project “The Genealogy of Novelty: An evolutionary explanation of breakthrough inventions in science, technology, and the arts” and aims to analyze the personal, institutional and geographical conditions supportive of breakthrough inventions. The project will investigate breakthroughs in science, technology and the arts. Currently, four PhD students are employed on the grant.

One of the key questions in the project is whether people with a variety of knowledge and experiences, are also the most creative and successful. A second question is what geographical and personal conditions favor breakthrough innovation and the institutional change processes prompted by it. These questions will be addressed using databases (on documents, inventors, artefacts), agent-based modelling and/or detailed case studies. The candidate is also encouraged to support the PhD students currently working on sub-projects and collaborate with them.

Requirements

We seek highly motivated candidates with a PhD degree in Innovation Studies, Economics, Management, Geography, History, Sociology, Political Science, Science & Technologies studies or a related discipline. We are looking for candidates who:

- have knowledge about theories of innovation;

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• have affinity with, or willingness to learn about theories from evolutionary economics, complexity theory and/or institutional sociology;

• have a strong background in quantitative and/or qualitative methodologies;

• are proficient in English;

• have excellent scientific writing and planning skills.

The postdoc can spend the vast majority of their time on the research project, only 10% of their time will be spent on teaching and supervision of (under)graduate research projects.

Conditions of employment

The successful candidate will be offered a temporary position (1.0 FTE) for the duration of two years. The preferred starting date is between 1 September 2018 and 1 January 2019. The gross monthly salary - depending on previous qualifications and experience - ranges between € 2,588 and € 4,084 (scale 10 Collective Labour Agreement Dutch Universities) for a full-time employment. Salaries are supplemented with a holiday bonus of 8 % and a year-end bonus of 8.3 % per year. We offer a pension scheme, (partly paid) parental leave, collective insurance schemes and flexible employment conditions\textsuperscript{35} (multiple choice model). More information is available at: working at Utrecht University\textsuperscript{36}.

For more information please consult this website\textsuperscript{37}.

Please find the application form here\textsuperscript{38}.

Application Deadline: 26 July, 2018

Vacancy at Goldsmiths in International Political Economy, UK

Job-title: Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in International Political Economy

Job description

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The Department of Politics and International Relations at Goldsmiths is seeking to appoint a Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in International Political Economy with a research profile in critical approaches to the discipline. The successful candidate will teach modules in International Political Economy and Political Economy at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels and will have a strong research profile in one or more of the following areas:

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- Global labour studies and migration with special reference to the Global South
- Inequality in national and global contexts
- Climate change, the ‘anthropocene’ and political economy

At Goldsmiths, we seek to expand and redefine disciplinary boundaries by pushing politics beyond its traditional parameters and comfort zones, thereby critically engaging with and challenging its conventional presuppositions. We approach political economy from a variety of critical and interdisciplinary perspectives drawing on theories and disciplinary insights from a wide range of social sciences, including politics, economics, sociology, anthropology and cultural studies.

**Salary**

Grade 8 Lecturer Level B or Grade 9 Senior Lecture - dependent on experience.

- Lecturer B: £44,084 - £50,594 pa incl LW
- Senior Lecturer: £53,491 - £59,822 pa incl LW

To see full job description and apply click [here](https://jobs.gold.ac.uk/vacancy/lecturer-or-senior-lecturer-in-international-political-economy-356396.html).

**Application deadline: 10 August 2018**

**Awards**

**2018 Spengler Prize: Winner Announcement**

The Joseph J. Spengler Prize is awarded by the History of Economics Society for the best book or to the two best books published in history of economic thought during the past
three years. It recalls the memory of Joseph J. Spengler, his work in demography and history of economic thought, his contributions to the development of graduate studies at Duke University, his service to the United States as an executive in the Office of Price Administration during WWII, and his work as an adviser to the American Government and the United Nations, among many other accomplishments.

The Committee that selected this year’s winners of the prize received 22 books. I wish to thank committee members Cléo Chassonery-Zaigouche and Guy Numa for their work in selecting this year’s winners. I also want to thank the President of HES, Evelynn Forget, and the Secretary of HES, Marianne Johnson, for coordinating the committee’s efforts. Members of the committee exchanged many emails, spoke on the telephone, and met on Skype as we worked to make a choice from among many excellent books. We converged on two books.

The winners of the 2018 Joseph J. Spengler Prize are:


2018 URPE Dissertation Fellowship: Winner Announcement

The Steering Committee of the Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE) is pleased to announce that the 2018 URPE Dissertation Fellow is Samantha E. Sterba, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst. Ms. Sterba is awarded this Fellowship and $5,000 (USD) in support of her dissertation “Neoliberal Capitalism and the Evolution of the U.S. Healthcare Sector.” Her dissertation is being supervised by Dr. David M. Kotz (Committee Chair, University of Massachusetts Amherst) and Dr. Peter Spiegler (University of Massachusetts Amherst).

Ms. Sterba’s dissertation uses social structure of accumulation (SSA) theory to analyze the ways in which neoliberal restructuring of US capitalism has affected the evolution of key parts of the US health care system, including the pharmaceutical industry, the health insurance industry, hospitals, and medical care provider institutions. The dissertation also undertakes case studies of three reform efforts: the passage of Medicare/Medicaid in 1965, the failed Clinton Health Security Act of 1993-94, and the passage of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) in 2010. Ms. Sterba’s dissertation systematically connects developments in U.S. health care to the evolution of the institutional structures of U.S. capitalism, and promises to contribute significantly to our understanding of the political economy of health care.
The URPE Steering Committee is pleased to award the 2018 URPE Dissertation Fellowship to Samantha E. Sterba. We also continue to be encouraged by the significant response the fellowship receives from doctoral students. We received many excellent dissertation proposals and regret that we lack the resources to support additional students. We are committed to our fundraising efforts in order to increase our support for doctoral students working in radical political economics. There is significant unmet need, and we ask that members and supporters of URPE assist us in meeting this need through donations, which can be directed specifically to support the dissertation fellowship initiative.

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Global Capitalism, Global War, Global Crisis

by Andreas Bieler and Adam D. Morton — 2018, Cambridge University Press

This book assesses the forces of social struggle shaping the past and present of the global political economy from the perspective of historical materialism. Based on the philosophy of internal relations, the character of capital is understood in such a way that the ties between the relations of production, state-civil society, and conditions of class struggle can be realised. By conceiving the internal relationship of global capitalism, global war, global crisis as a struggle-driven process, the book provides a novel intervention on debates within theories of ‘the international’.

Through a set of conceptual reflections, on agency, structure and the role of discourses embedded in the economy, class struggle is established as our point of departure. This involves analysing historical and contemporary themes on the expansion of capitalism through uneven and combined development, the role of the state and geopolitics, and conditions of exploitation and resistance. These conceptual reflections and thematic considerations are then extended in a series of empirical interventions, including a focus on the ‘rising powers’ of the BRICS, conditions of the ‘new imperialism’, and the ongoing financial crisis. The book delivers a radically open-ended dialectical consideration of ruptures of resistance within the global political economy.

Please find a link to the book here192.

Money, Currency and Crisis: In Search of Trust, 2000 BC to AD 2000

Edited by R.J. van der Spek and Bas van Leeuwen — 2018, Routledge

Money is a core feature in all discussions of economic crisis, as is clear from the debates about the responses of the European Central Bank and the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States to the 2008 economic crisis.

This volume explores the role of money in economic performance, and focuses on how monetary systems have affected economic crises for the last 4,000 years. Recent events have confirmed that money is only a useful tool in economic exchange if it is trusted, and this is a concept that this text explores in depth. The international panel of experts assembled here offers a long-range perspective, from ancient Assyria to modern societies in Europe, China and the US.

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This book will be of interest to students and researchers of economic history, and to anyone who seeks to understand the economic crises of recent decades, and place them in a wider historical context.

Please find a link to the book here\textsuperscript{193}.

**Class Matters - Inequality and Exploitation in 21st Century Britain**

by Charles Umney — 2018, Pluto Press

Social class remains a fundamental presence in British life in the twenty-first century. It is woven into the very fabric of social and political discourse, undiminished by the end of mass industry; unaugmented despite the ascendancy of ‘ordinary working people’ and other substitute phrases. Absent from this landscape, however, is any compelling Marxist expression or analysis of class.

In *Class Matters*, Charles Umney brings Marxist analysis out of the 19th century textiles mill, and into the call centres, office blocks and fast food chains of modern Britain. He shows how core Marxist concepts are vital to understanding increasing pay inequality, decreasing job security, increasing routinisation and managerial control of the labour process.

Providing a critical analysis of competing perspectives, Umney argues that class must be understood as a dynamic and exploitative process integral to capitalism - rather than a descriptive categorisation - in order for us to better understand the gains capital has made at the expense of labour over the last four decades.

Please find a link to the book here\textsuperscript{194}.

**Class and Property in Marx’s Economic Thought: Exploring the Basis for Capitalism**

by Jørgen Sandemose — 2018, Routledge

This book presents the capitalist system as a function of the interaction of the three basic classes in the capitalist social formation: industrial capitalists, wage labourers and landed proprietors. Through this, it shows how the corresponding conflicts and clashes


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of interests between those classes are unavoidable for understanding contemporary economic structures.

Analysing these economic structures in relation to the forms of property ownership, as well as the typical processes of production connected with them, the author points out how Karl Marx’s theory of the capitalist social formation is closely connected with the emergence and existence of a national money market. At the same time, the book places a special emphasis on Marx’s theory of ground rent and modern landed property, an aspect misinterpreted by many authors; and through an evaluation of the most important Marxian categories regarding the analysis of the world market and its development, further emphasis is placed on the concept of differences in labour intensity between nations. This evaluation illustrates how the main categories of capital, wage labour and landed property acquire a completely different internal relation in poor countries compared to Western capitalist societies.

*Class and Property in Marx’s Economic Thought* aims at exposing a method for analysing contemporary capitalism through focusing on the basic relations of population groups in the capitalist social formation. It will be of interest to students and researchers within the field of economics, as well as other social sciences.


**From Marxism to Post-Marxism**

by Göran Therborn — 2018, Versobooks

A comprehensive history of the development of Marxist theory and the parameters of 21st-century politics.

In this pithy and panoramic work—both stimulating for the specialist and accessible to the general reader—one of the world’s leading social theorists, Göran Therborn, traces the trajectory of Marxism in the twentieth century and anticipates its legacy for radical thought in the twenty-first.

Please find the link to the book [here](https://www.versobooks.com/books/2774-from-marxism-to-post-marxism).
Living in the End Times

by Slavoj Žižek — 2018, Versobooks

There should no longer be any doubt: global capitalism is fast approaching its terminal crisis. Slavoj Žižek has identified the four horsemen of this coming apocalypse: the worldwide ecological crisis; imbalances within the economic system; the biogenetic revolution; and exploding social divisions and ruptures. But, he asks, if the end of capitalism seems to many like the end of the world, how is it possible for Western society to face up to the end times?

In a major new analysis of our global situation, Žižek argues that our collective responses to economic Armageddon correspond to the stages of grief: ideological denial, explosions of anger and attempts at bargaining, followed by depression and withdrawal.

For this edition, Žižek has written a long afterword that leaves almost no subject untouched, from WikiLeaks to the nature of the Chinese Communist Party.

Please find a link to the book here197.

Managerial Capitalism: Ownership, Management and the Coming New Mode of Production

by Gérard Duménil and Dominique Lévy — 2018, Pluto Press

In this provocative update of the Marxian framework, Gérard Duménil and Dominique Lévy reassert the explanatory power of Marx’s theories of history and political economy while incorporating contemporary transformations of class patterns and relations of production. They show that a transition is now underway towards a new mode of production, managerialism, shaped by the class of managers who are gradually moving from an intermediate class position to that of a new ruling class. The transition towards managerialism is much more advanced than usually understood.

The authors provide an overview and interpretation of major economic and political trends in the current hybrid social formation of managerial capitalism, with a special emphasis on its current neoliberal features in the U.S. and Europe, and its financial imperial reach worldwide.

Their historical analysis harks back to earlier struggles for social progress: the bourgeois revolutions, utopian socialism and anarchism, the early communist undertakings, the

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construction of self-proclaimed socialism and its failure. They conclude with a reassessment of the prospects for human emancipation today.

Please find a link to the book here\textsuperscript{198}.

**Marx Worldwide - On the Development of the International Discourse on Marx since 1965**

Jan Hoff — 2017, Haymarket Books

Examining how Marxism has been received and developed beyond Europe, this work asserts the continuing global relevance of tradition.

Charting the unprecedented global boost that has been experienced by critical Marxism since the mid-1960s, *Marx Worldwide* provides an overview of Marx’s reception across the world, paying particular attention to the extra-European process of theory formation. In investigating the ‘globalisation’ of debates within Marxism, Hoff shows how the evolving tradition remains as relevant and as theoretically important as ever.

Please find a link to the book here.\textsuperscript{199}

**Marxist Monetary Theory**

by Costas Lapavitas — 2017, Haymarket Books

A pathway to Marxist monetary theory, through the papers of one of the field’s preeminent scholars.

This essential volume collects the papers of Costas Lapavistas, one of the first political economists to notice the ascendancy of money and finance as dominant features of contemporary capitalism. These ground breaking papers range far and wide, covering markets and money, finance and the enterprise, power and money, the financialisation of capitalism, finance and profit, and even the subject of money as art.

Remaining remarkably coherent despite the breadth, this collection is a pathway to Marxist monetary theory that offers a resolutely Marxist perspective on contemporary capitalism that remains conversant with the history of political economy, sensitive to mainstream economic theory, and fully aware of the empirical reality of financialisation.

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Marx’s Dream – From Capitalism to Communism

by Tom Rockmore — 2018, University of Chicago Press

Two centuries after his birth, Karl Marx is read almost solely through the lens of Marxism, his works examined for how they fit into the doctrine that was developed from them after his death.

With Marx’s Dream, Tom Rockmore offers a much-needed alternative view, distinguishing rigorously between Marx and Marxism. Rockmore breaks with the Marxist view of Marx in three key ways. First, he shows that the concern with the relation of theory to practice—reflected in Marx’s famous claim that philosophers only interpret the world, while the point is to change it—arose as early as Socrates, and has been central to philosophy in its best moments. Second, he seeks to free Marx from his unsolicited Marxist embrace in order to consider his theory on its own merits. And, crucially, Rockmore relies on the normal standards of philosophical debate, without the special pleading to which Marxist accounts too often resort. Marx’s failures as a thinker, Rockmore shows, lie less in his diagnosis of industrial capitalism’s problems than in the suggested remedies, which are often unsound.

Only a philosopher of Rockmore’s stature could tackle a project this substantial, and the results are remarkable: a fresh Marx, unencumbered by doctrine and full of insights that remain salient today.

Please find a link to the book here.201

The Origins of Capitalism as a Social System

by John Milios — 2018, Routledge

Economists, historians and social scientists have offered a variety of conflicting answers to the issue of the beginnings of capitalism and these deviating answers imply different conceptualizations of what capitalism actually is. This book provides a simultaneous inquiry into the origins of capitalism as well as provides a theoretical treatise on capitalism.

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The Origins of Capitalism as a Social System explores the line between what is and is not capitalism, (re)producing a theory of capitalism as a system of class domination and exploitation. Part I of the book focuses on the monetary theory of value and capital developed by Karl Marx, while at the same time critically reviews an array of economic and historical literature, both Marxist and non-Marxist. Following this, Part II expounds the first emergence of capitalism in Venice. It highlights the historical contingencies that made capitalism in the Venetian society possible, as well as the structural elements of the capitalist system and their interconnectedness. Finally, Part III discusses the capitalist character of the Venetian social formation from the end of the fourteenth century until the fall of the republic to Napoleon in 1797. As part of this, the author investigates the significance of forms of governmentality beyond national cohesion and territorialization.

Of great interest to economists, historians and both undergraduate and postgraduate students, this book gives special emphasis to a critical evaluation of the tensions and controversies between historians, economists and other social scientists with regard to the character and role that money and trade played in societies and economies.

Please find a link to the book here202.

The Theory of Need in Marx

by Agnes Heller — 2018, Versobooks

The first full presentation of a fundamental aspect of Marx, the concept of need.

What are needs? While the edifices of economic theory are built upon various mechanisms designed to satisfy “human needs,” not many economists have addressed the idea of need itself. Heller’s highly original work identifies this lacuna, recognizing the concept of needs as playing a “hidden but principal role in Marx’s economic categories.” Her writing lucidly exposes radical needs as bearing the seeds of revolutionary agency in alienated capitalist society, and reasserts our existence as sentient beings beyond the realm of the material, productive spheres. Please find a link to the book here203.

Unproductive Labour in Political Economy - The History of an Idea

by Cosimo Perrotta — 2018, Routledge

Contemporary mainstream economists see social wealth as the sum of individual incomes, but for three centuries many economists saw wealth as consisting of the public and private resources of a nation. This led them to explore the idea of unproductive labour, which provides a nation with an individual income, but does not contribute to an increase in social wealth or help to foster development.

This book analyses the evolution of ideas surrounding unproductive labour, offering an unprecedented history that guides readers from the work of Petty through to the present economic crisis. This volume explores the work of several key scholars, including Smith, Petty, Marx, Ricardo, Mill, Say and Schumpeter.

This book is suitable for scholars and researchers with an interest in the history of economic thought, labour economics and economic philosophy.

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Rebuilding Macroeconomics\textsuperscript{207} (RM), funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and hosted by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR), is inviting calls for research proposals under its Globalisation Hub. Our long-term aim is to transform macroeconomics back into a policy relevant social science. Our intermediate step is to provide recommendations to the ESRC as to the future shape and direction of research in Macroeconomics. Project proposals should thus aim to identify promising areas for future research (on a “proof of principle” basis), rather than seeking to obtain definitive results from what will be limited project budgets. RM will consider proposals which are genuinely innovative; which are oriented towards policy-relevant problems; and which are rigorous but may be overlooked by traditional funding sources. We are particularly interested in interdisciplinary proposals and the introduction of new methods to macroeconomics

Process

The application procedure will consist of two stages.

- For Stage 1, applicants should submit an outline statement of up to 1,000 words, using the form provided. An indicative outline cost level should also be supplied, though a formal costing is not required at this stage. Stage 1 applications should be submitted to r.arnold@niesr.ac.uk\textsuperscript{208}.

- Successful applicants from Stage 1 will be invited by Hub Leaders to proceed to Stage 2. They will be required to submit a more detailed version of their proposals, including: a Case for Support; a Justification of Resources; a Timetable; an Impact and Communications Plan; and a formal Budget.

The budget limits for projects are £25,000 to £150,000, at 100\% fEC. Successful applications will be funded at 86\% fEC.

Please find further information as well as a link to the application form \textsuperscript{here}\textsuperscript{209}. The full call for research can be found \textsuperscript{here}\textsuperscript{210}.

Application Deadline: 1 August, 2018

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Permanent link to the Forum for Macroeconomics and Macroeconomic Policies (FMM) working paper series

The working paper series of the research network on macroeconomics and macroeconomic policies\(^{219}\) (“FMM working paper series”) publishes up to date research by FMM fellows and affiliates. Working papers are circulated widely among scholars in academia and policy and can be found here\(^{220}\).

For Your Information

JHET and EJHET editors appeal against Impact Factor suppression

On June 26, Clarivate Analytics, the publisher of the Journal Citation Reports (JCR) and producer of the Journal Impact Factor (JIF), released their 2018 report with the JIF data of 2017. In it, three history of economics journals were suppressed for one year (to be considered for re-inclusion in the next year) and got no impact factor for 2017 due to an alleged “citation stacking:” History of Economic Ideas (HEI), the European Journal of the History of Economic Thought (EJHET), and the Journal of the History of Economic Thought (JHET). In 2017, due to the inclusion of the second annual survey published in HEI in the JIF statistics (this didn’t happen with the first survey that they published in 2016), EJHET and JHET got more than 55% of their citations from HEI, most of this (circa 90%) coming only from that one survey. In a small field not used to many citations of current works and without substantial citations coming from outside, the survey produced an increase in citations that was flagged by the quantitative indicators of Clarivate Analytics.

The editors and the publisher of HEI have already appealed to Clarivate, as did Cambridge University Press. The editors of EJHET and JHET wrote a joint letter that was sent to Clarivate on July 2nd and now made publicly available here at the HES website.

We hope that this public statement not only clarifies the matter but also can be accessible to agencies and governmental bodies that do research evaluation in different countries and are going to use the 2017 JIF in their processes.

In conjunction with the editors of HEI and all the publishers, we are monitoring the situation closely and are ready to take further actions as needed.

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Joint Letter to Clarivate Analytics (sent on July 2nd, 2018)

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For further details on this, there are several links to consult:

Clarivate’s Suppression Note (June 26, 2018)

Clarivate’s JCR Suppression Report

Clarivate’s JCR 2018 Announcement

ScholarlyKitchen Blog Post (June 27, 2018)

RetractionWatch Blog Post (June 26, 2018)

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