

Economic policy-making institutions at the state/market frontier

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Crises disrupt economic orders, but also the behaviour and orientation of the state as elites seek to resolve crisis dynamics. An apparent revival of industrial policy, across many countries, is an obvious example, but we have witnessed myriad new forms of statecraft since the financial crisis. Ten years on, it is becoming possible to assess the durability of these shifts, and what they tell us about the relationship between state and market, and public and private, in post-crisis capitalism. Specifically, we need to interrogate the notion of 'state capture' to consider how state forms and the 'machinery of government' at various scales are enmeshed with economic and distributional orders. Who are the winners and losers from post-crisis state transformation? What does it tell us about neoliberalism? Has the transformative process differed across varieties of capitalism or countries at different stages of capitalist development?

The broad field of political economy offers a productive means to consider the post-crisis evolution of economic statecraft in capitalist societies, but we welcome participants from any branch of social science, including public policy and economic geography. The workshop invites papers offering a comparative, international or historical perspective, as well as those focused in contemporary UK economic policy.

Possible themes:

- Industrial policy and the apparent revival of state interventionism
- The entrenchment of 'emergency' post-crisis policy measures
- The evolving spatiality of economic policy powers (post-devolution and post-Brexit)
- The economic functions of public services
- The state's role as a facilitator of financialisation

Funding to enable participation, inc. reasonable travel expenses and overnight accommodation, is available. Participants will be invited to attend the workshop dinner on the evening of Monday 18th March.

Please submit abstracts of around 250 words to T.Barker@mmu.ac.uk **by 14 December 2018.**



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