



Mini-Conference:

**“Socio-Economics Revisited:**

**Economic Sociology Meets Heterodox Economics”,**

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### **Call for Papers (Deadline January 14, 2019)**

The foundation of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics 30 years ago was stimulated by Amitai Etzioni’s suggestion that socio-economics should combine the specific variables studied by economists with those typically studied by other social sciences such as sociology. Over the years, this transdisciplinary conversation between economics and sociology has been submerged by academic differentiation. Sociology has provided the breeding ground for a new kind of economic sociology that addresses the social fabric of capitalist market economies. Yet its conversation with economics has been hindered by the fact that the mainstream of neoclassical economics resembles a kind of economic physics that tends to eschew the dialogue with sociology.

Revisiting the intellectual project of socio-economics therefore requires a revitalization of the conversation between economic sociology and those non-neoclassical strands of economics that are usually labelled as heterodox, reaching across the theoretical as well as normative and political spectrum from Marxian and Postkeynesian via institutional and evolutionary to Austrian economics. Adding to the rejection of neoclassical equilibrium analyses, their common ground lies in a shared vision of capitalist market economies as shaped by uncertainty, instability,

novelty, conflict, and persistent change. Crucially, this vision of economic affairs also characterises the major strands of economic sociology.

The SASE mini-conference “Socio-Economics Revisited: Economic Sociology Meets Heterodox Economics” is meant to promote the conversation between economic sociology and heterodox economics. Key questions to be explored are as follows:

- What are the theoretical commonalities as well as specificities of economic sociology compared with major strands of heterodox economics, in particular involving Marxian, Postkeynesian, institutional, evolutionary and Austrian economics?
- How do economic sociology and these major strands of heterodox economics theorize commonly shared topics such as uncertainty, instability, novelty, conflict and change in capitalist market economies, among others?
- What are the prospects for a theoretical and methodological recombination of economic sociology and the major strands of heterodox economics in a commonly shared analytical framework of socio-economics?

To explore these and related questions, papers that present original and unpublished content are invited for submission. Particularly welcome are papers which take on a comparative theoretical perspective that is rooted in contemporary theorising or in the history of ideas. In addition to that, also contributions concerned with comparative methodological discussions are invited for submission. Furthermore, papers which shed light on the above questions by utilising empirical material or historical reasoning are also welcome. Crucially, the SASE mini-conference “Socio-Economics Revisited: Economic Sociology Meets Heterodox Economics” is conceived as an open and inclusive forum for debating the relationship between economic sociology and heterodox economics – with a view on the actual prospects of socio-economics.

Submissions are now open. Once logged into the SASE website [sase.org](https://sase.org), simply click on the green "Submit A Paper" button in the top right-hand corner to begin the submission process. If you need to create an online profile for the first time, click the Join SASE Now button. Abstracts up to 500 words must be submitted by **14 January 2019**. Accepted abstracts must submit a completed paper by 6 May 2019.

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