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Special Issue of the *Review of Political Economy* (ROPE)

Working Title:

Development Economics from a Non-Western Perspective: A Response to the Crises of Current Model

The *Review of Political Economy* is pleased to invite submissions to a special issue for which we particularly welcome submissions that involve the application of heterodox theories to specific countries or regions with the purpose of proposing alternatives to the traditional western model of development.

Notes for Prospective Authors

Deadline for complete papers is June 30th, 2019. All papers, including those presented at the EEA conference, need to go through the submission process and will be subject to double-blind peer review. All papers must be submitted online at the journal website at Taylor and Francis/Routledge. Please read the submission guidelines, and for more information, also please see the ROPE webpage:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/crpe20/current>

If you are interested in submitting an abstract and paper, or have any questions, please email Dr. Natalia Bracarense at nbracarense@noctrl.edu or Dr. Steve Pressman at pressman@monmouth.edu and confirm your interest. We would be happy to receive your suggestions and/or answer your queries regarding the suitability of your topic.

This *special issue* will address a set of research questions related to development economics in face to the current economic, political, ecological and sociological worldwide crises. Over the past two decades new institutional economics became the mainstream in development economics. This perspective prescribes the adaption of western institutions as a path to development. As point out by Ha-Joon Chang (2011) and William Waller (1988), new institutionalism falls short of offering a framework to understand development partially because it treats institutions as structures, neglecting the fact that they are also as process. In other words, observing institutional transformation and embeddedness (Polanyi 1944) is crucial for understanding and improving human and social wellbeing—especially in countries where market institutions

are not fully broached. Reinforcing this point is the western model clear signs of exhaustion, which poses the question of whether economists' prescription of its reproduction is responsible and ethical.

Alternatively, as normally happens in moments of systemic disruption in the global north, “underdeveloped” countries have created their own mechanisms to respond to the current crises (Prebisch 1949, Furtado 1959). These responses take different shape and form depending on each country's historical and social background. With that perspective in mind, this special issue of *ROPE* aims at displaying how different cultures offer alternative ways of thinking about economic development, which consider the importance of culture and social organizing in the evolution of institutions. While in some of these experiences culture and collective memory allowed for a possibility of social and political autonomy through the creation of an alternative to “development,” others have struggled to improve social wellbeing and resist the negative impact of markets on their livelihood. Despite of the specific unfolding of these experiences, the *special issue* intends to understand historical specificities of these countries and look at historical evolution as a non-teleological process.

Topical Areas for Subject Research:

- Evolution, current state, and perspectives of socio-economic or cultural institutions in the Global South.
- Impact of cultural embeddedness and social movements on institutional transformation in specific regions or countries.

Other areas related to the theme of this Special Issue are also welcome.