Editors' Note

We live in interesting times...

Last week a group of Harvard students walked out of Greg Mankiw's economics course in protest against a perceived conservative bias and lack of alternative explanations. What strikes me [TS] about this incident is the fact that first-year students are aware there are alternatives to the mainstream. Also, last week, Paul Krugman penned an editorial about how the “Blogosphere” has created an atmosphere where anyone and everyone can engage in economic thought, whereas previously one had to have a particular pedigree from a prestigious academic department as entrée into the club. By the way, Krugman does say this is a good thing.

These events stimulate me to reiterate a point I made in this space about a year and a half ago, the need for heterodox economists to become more engaged in the electronic public arena. Certainly leading heterodox economists are gaining more access to mainstream media (see the group that Sen. Bernie Sanders brought together to help reform the Fed), and they are engaging in debates with leading mainstream economists (like Krugman) in the blogosphere, but there is another level of discussion that needs to take place—we need to go deeper.

I haunt a few political web sites where I find myself constantly engaged in debates with conservative posters. One thing I’ve noticed over the past several years is the growing popularity of Libertarian/Austrian views. Even the mainstream media talk of a renewal of the Keynes-Hayek debate. Somehow the Austrians have been aggressive at getting their message out to the public, and not at the top of the media chain either; rather, they seem to have a bottom up internet strategy—the internet IS a powerful media tool. While we need to continue to get our message out via mainstream media outlets, we also need to engage the public in these same public internet spaces. We all don’t have to blog, but we all should connect and debate online.

People are searching for alternatives; the students at Harvard want alternatives; OWS is looking for alternatives (btw, please see URPE’s request about participation at OWS). Heterodox economics IS the economics of the 99%; it’s as simple as that.

In solidarity,

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CALL FOR PAPERS

AFIT Seventh Annual Student Scholars Award Competition

The Association for Institutional Thought (AFIT) proudly announces the Seventh Annual AFIT Student Scholars Award Competition. The aim of AFIT is to encourage undergraduate and graduate students in Economics and Political Economy to pursue research in topics within the Institutional Economics framework.

Awards will be made to the three best papers. Winners are expected to present their research during a special session at the Annual Meetings of AFIT, held during the Western Social Science Association’s 54th Annual Conference at the Hyatt Regency, Houston, April 11-14, 2012.

Winners will each receive:
- $300 prize
- One year student membership in AFIT
- Paid WSSA Conference Registration
- Paid admission to the AFIT Presidential Address Dinner

Winning papers must be presented at the special AFIT session in order to be eligible for the prize. Prizes will be presented during the AFIT Presidential Address Dinner.

Application Procedures and Deadlines:
- Papers must be between 15-25 pages in length, including references and appendices. They should be submitted electronically (preferably in Word format) by December 15, 2011 to:
  
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  Professor, Economics & Environmental Science  
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  USA  
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Winners will be notified by 1/15/12. For more information about AFIT, visit our website.

Comparison, Analysis, Critique: Perspectives on the Diversity of Contemporary Capitalism(s)

10-11 February 2012 | Goethe University Frankfurt

The observation that there is significant diversity within capitalism is an old one, but recently it has been mostly associated with the so-called comparative capitalisms, notably the Varieties of Capitalism literatures. These institutionalist perspectives on capitalist diversity have acquired a hegemonic status within comparative political economy research in and after the 2000s. In contrast, the critical political economy literature helped contribute to its own marginalisation in this field by neglecting the rich history of scholarship on historically and geographically specific forms of capitalism. It is against this background that this project seeks to engage with comparative capitalisms research from a series of alternative perspectives rooted in the broad and pluralistic field of critical political economy. Through
this we also hope to strengthen and improve the dialogue between critical political economy scholars from different disciplinary, philosophical and geographical traditions.

With the support of the Assoziation für kritische Gesellschaftsforschung and the International Political Economy working group of the British International Studies Association we will hold a conference at Goethe University Frankfurt from 10-11 February 2012. The proceedings of the event will feed into two publications: a German-language volume to be published in autumn 2012 with Verlag Westfäliches Dampfboot; and a special issue of a peer-reviewed English-language journal in 2013. The two publications will be oriented to tackling most effectively the gaps and omissions in German- and English-language scholarship on the topic, respectively.

Perspectives from which interventions could be framed include critical institutionalism, regulation theory, materialist state theory, structural Marxism, feminist political economy, transnational historical materialism, dependency and world systems approaches, postcolonial studies, critical geography, uneven and combined development. This list is not exhaustive, however, and we seek contributions from scholars with an interest in critical political economy research, whatever their paradigmatic background and disciplinary affiliation (sociology, political science, economics, geography, anthropology, ethnology, development studies, area studies, history, etc.). Moreover, we invite both junior and senior researchers to contribute. Given the nature of the intervention that we seek to make, we expect participants to be committed to completing a full paper shortly after the conference.

Proposals of about 400 words, outlining the central theoretical-conceptual arguments and empirical support, should be sent to the organisers of the Frankfurt event under ian.bruff@manchester.ac.uk, m.ebenau@qmul.ac.uk, and a.noekle@soz.uni-frankfurt.de, by Friday 11 November 2011 at the latest. A decision on the proposals will be made by Wednesday 23 November. Papers presented can be in English or German and will be translated if necessary for their inclusion in either or both of the publications.

Best wishes,

Ian Bruff (University of Manchester),
Matthias Ebenau (Queen Mary, University of London), and
Andreas Nölke (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt)

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**Critical Labour Studies: 8th Symposium 2012**

18th-19th February 2012 | The University of Salford, Greater Manchester, UK
The Fire Station, £30 to attend, includes parking, lunch and coffee

Call for papers and sessions still open.

It is clear to researchers and activists, both in the trade union movement and universities, that global capitalism is increasingly shaping the worlds of work and employment. The imposition of this neo-liberal orthodoxy has many profound implications, not least that states seek to both de-legitimise workers’ opposition and marginalise their organisations. However, just as capitalism has embraced neo-liberal strategies, there has emerged a new politics of resistance that is varied and diverse, embracing: trade union and socialist organisations, green and ecological protest movements, anti-war activists, feminists, human rights campaigners and NGOs. It is against this background that the Critical Labour Studies (CLS) symposium has aimed to bring together researchers and activists to discuss key features of work and employment from a radical and labour-focused perspective. We recognise that while left academic researchers participate in the usual round of mainstream conferences, the scope for focused radical debate around these themes is actually quite limited. Through CLS we have developed an open working group and discussion forum that engages with many of the challenges facing researchers and trade unionists within the current environment of work and employment. By 'labour', we anticipate, in the traditions of radical researchers over the ages, a
broad understanding of social, economic and political agendas. To date, themes have included: race, identity and organising migrant workers, global unionism and organising internationally, the new politics of production, privatisation, outsourcing and offshoring, restructuring and alternative/inclusive research methodologies. The list of themes and questions that concern us continues to develop over time, and the intention will be to reflect this evolving agenda at this year's symposium. An ancillary objective is to engage in genuinely critical debate, rescuing this term from its co-option by mainstream agendas.

Building on the successes of the past six years, the forthcoming symposium will be structured as a series of plenary sessions. Each will be organised around a particular theme with speakers and discussants, followed by a broad discussion. It has been an important principle of CLS that the conference is not based on the convention of academic conferences with specific papers being presented in separate streams. Rather our intention has been to deepen discussion and debate, and to bring together researchers and labour/union movement activists (where possible) in joint sessions. All sessions are genuinely open and inclusive and involve a broad range of participants, from established academics to early-career researchers, and from established trade union officials to shop-floor representatives and grass-roots activists. The distinctive organising principles of CLS are, therefore, to assist unions and workers in dealing with the challenges faced in the neo-liberal world of work and employment. Ultimately, discussion of strategies and tactics are related to the broader aim of creating a socialist society.

Send proposals for presentations/sessions/papers to Dr Phoebe V Moore p.moore@salford.ac.uk

Join the Critical Labour Studies Email List: If you would like to be added to the CLS email list, please contact Jane Holgate at j.holgate@londonmet.ac.uk

Check out our website: http://criticallabourstudies.org.uk/site/ This event is supported by Historical Materialism, Capital and Class, and the BUIRA Marxist Study Group

**History of Economics Society 2012 Annual Conference**

**June 22-25, 2012 | Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada**

Please join us, and take part in the historical contemplation of economic thought and action.

To propose a paper: Please send a title, a paper abstract (not longer than 200 words), and the name of at least one other scholar whom you have contacted to propose as a discussant, to <HES2012@brocku.ca> by February 17, 2012.

To propose a session: For each paper, send a title, an abstract, and the names of at least two other scholars you have contacted to put together a focused session (either as presenters or discussants), to <HES2012@brocku.ca> by February 17, 2012.

Papers chosen for the conference should be submitted by May 25 to be made available on the conference website.

The HES provides special support for a limited number of **Samuels Young Scholars** [YS] to present papers at the conference, by providing free registration, banquet ticket, a year's membership in the Society, and a subsidy for travel and accommodation costs. If you wish to have your paper considered for the Young Scholar program, please provide details about the date of your last degree along with your abstract, and indicate that you wish to be considered for the YS Program. A Young Scholar must currently be a PhD candidate, or have been awarded the PhD in the 2 years preceding
the conference. The deadline for application is February 17, 2012.

**Historical Materialism Conference 2012**

**May 11-13, 2012 | York University, Toronto**  
“SPACES OF CAPITAL, SPACES OF RESISTANCE”

Following on the successes of the two previous North American Historical Materialism Conferences at York University (2008 and 2010), we are pleased to issue a call for papers for our third conference. In light of the continuing instability of global capitalism and the mounting resistances from Egypt to the Occupy Movement, our over-riding theme will be “Spaces of Capital, Spaces of Resistance.” But we welcome all contributions that contribute to critical knowledge on the activist and scholarly Left and the development of historical materialism as a living research program. We specifically welcome papers dealing with:

- The Spaces of Power;
- Critical Theory and the Politics of Liberation;
- Capital and its Discontents;
- Modes and Movements of Resistance.

We welcome individual submissions as well as panel proposals. For individual papers, please send an abstract of no more than 250 words. Panel organizers should submit a 100-word panel abstract along with individual paper abstracts of no more than 250-words for each paper to be presented as part of the panel. We will formulate the conference itinerary based upon the broad themes generated through the submission process. Proposals will be accepted until January 15, 2012 by email to historicalmaterialism12@gmail.com

We apologize, but cannot accommodate requests to present on specific days, so please be prepared to attend the full three days of the conference.

**In the Same Boat? Shipbuilding and ship repair workers: a global labour history (1950-2010)**

This project intends to study shipbuilding labour around the world from World War II until the present from a global history perspective. We will track the relocation of production and analyse its consequences to workforces in Europe, North and South America, and in East Asia from the 1980s onwards.

See [the project description](#) for more information.

The project is coordinated by Elise van Nederveen Meerkerken, Marcel van der Linden, and Raquel Varela.

We are still missing overviews for Japan, the Netherlands, France, USA, and Norway. Please read [the project description](#) carefully, and also take note of the framework document, according to which all national overviews will be written. We welcome one more overview from South Korea and also one from China. However, the call for papers is open to researchers from all around the world.

Please send a short proposal for a national overview (500 words max.) until 31 December 2011, with a CV, by email to: raquel_cardeira_varela@yahoo.co.uk.
Mark Blaug Prize in Philosophy and Economics

The Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics invites submissions for the 2011 Mark Blaug Prize from Young Scholars on the methodology, history, and ethics of economics. The prize includes a cash sum of 500 Euros. For more information visit http://ejpe.org/mark-blaug-prize/

International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education

A forthcoming special issue on the theme:
"Implementing a New Financial and Economics Education Curriculum After the Crisis: A Call for Action"

- Deadline for full papers: May 1, 2012
- Decisions announced: July 1, 2012
- Final version of full papers due by: August 30, 2012
- Publication date: September 2012 in Vol. III, No. 3 of the IJPEE

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Rationale for the Special Issue:

Our profession has much to learn from the financial crisis. What we learn and how we learn it will determine how we move forward in making the world more humane and equitable. Economics education must change in order to make economics useful once again in solving the world’s economic problems. What will a new curriculum look like?

The International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education invites papers (approximate length 6000 words) on implementing a new financial and economics education curriculum. The objective of this IJPEE special issue is to provide educators and policy makers with specific suggestions on implementing curriculum reform. While the preponderant focus is at the university level, we also invite papers that discuss economics education at the secondary level. More specifically, but not exclusively, we invite papers along the following themes:

- Specific suggestions to implement a new financial and economics education curriculum including revisions to existing courses and/or new courses, along with relevant readings and syllabus.
- Specific suggestions for new pedagogical techniques.
- What lessons can the past teach us in developing a new curriculum?
- How can history of economic thought suggest reforms for the curriculum?
- What is the role of pluralism in the new economics curriculum?
- Will curriculum reform vary by culture and geographical region?
- Can dialoguing between the social sciences improve the economics curriculum?
- Have other social sciences improved their curriculum as a result of the crisis?
- Specific discussion of the failure of the current curriculum.
- What elements of the current curriculum are worth saving?
- Suggestions for reforming the secondary economics education curriculum.

Interested authors are most welcome to direct queries to the Guest Editors. Early submissions are most welcome. Authors should submit their manuscripts to the Guest Editors in Word format and according to the style guidelines available at http://www.inderscience.com/mapper.php?id=31.
Call for Event Proposals: International Political Economy Group

Dear Political Economy/International Political Economy scholars,

I will be submitting the annual request for BISA funding for the International Political Economy Group (IPEG) of British International Studies Association (BISA) http://www.bisa-ipeg.org/ by the 5th December, in my role as the IPEG Convener.

I am writing now to invite proposals for workshops/conferences/events that fall within the following themes, for consideration for inclusion in my funding proposal to BISA.

I am particularly interested in proposals that encourage PhD and early career research, and/or events proposed around the following themes as led by PhD researchers, and early career researchers.

Themes: (please ensure these are explicitly put into an IPE/GPE context)

- Gender issues
- Methods/research
- Health
- Technology
- (other themes, with justification for inclusion i.e. perceived gap in IPE/political economy literature)

Please send me proposals that include:

- Organiser name(s) and affiliation(s)
- Likely date(s)
- Potential contributors
- Location
- Conference/workshop/event title and theme (an abstract/summary)

I will circulate proposals to anonymous readers if I receive more than a handful.

Looking forward to these. The deadline is Tuesday 28th November. Any incomplete versions sent to me may not be considered, and any incomplete versions sent after that date will definitely not be considered.

Many thanks, Phoebe.

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BISA IPEG Convener http://www.bisa-ipeg.org/
One Hundred Years of Theory of Economic Development, Joseph Alois Schumpeter

November 24, 2011 | UNAM, Mexico

Mexico National University Faculty of Economics invites the community of scholars and students from different higher education institutions and all stakeholders to participate in the conference that will take place on November 24, 2011 at the premises of the Faculty of Economics at UNAM. This event aims to celebrate the centenary of the publication of the book Unfolding Theory by Joseph Alois Schumpeter Económicoescrita and disseminate the various developments and insights that have arisen around his work. Stakeholders are invited to submit papers to the main theme of the title of this event.

The deadline for receiving documents is the day November 17, 2011. We would appreciate to send their proposals with regard to:

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Panel/Stream Proposal for AHE/FAPE/IIPPE Conference 2012

Economics: Unfit for Purpose
July 5-8th, 2012 | Paris

The current crisis and recession have cruelly exposed the inadequacies of mainstream economics in all of its versions to a wide and, at times, incredulous audience. Yet, there is very little sign that significant changes are underway within the mainstream to acknowledge let alone to take account of its continuing inadequacies. Indeed, it is such a lack of critical introspection and capacity to confront external realities that have marked the discipline over the period of neoliberalism and beyond. Whilst such inadequacies have long been recognised, criticised and, to a large extent, addressed by heterodox economists, the latter continue to be marginalised within the discipline. Nonetheless, the current circumstances offer a timely occasion on which to revisit the nature of the mainstream and to argue for alternatives, not least for the new generations of students and scholars who will be informed by the huge gap between the concerns of the discipline and the nature of its object of enquiry, the economy.

In this vein, we call for submissions under the general theme of "Unfit for Purpose", especially seeking contributions that deal with the main fields or methods of economics but without wishing to exclude more specialised topics. Ideally, contributions should explain how and why the discipline became the way it is, what is wrong with it, and what are the alternatives. Abstracts should be submitted to Ben Fine (bf@soas.ac.uk) and Dimitris Milonakis (milonakis@econ.soc.uoc.gr) by end of January, 2012, but preferably earlier. For conference details visit here.

URPE at Left Forum

Those of you who made it to last year's Left Forum know it was an exciting and motivating event. Those who didn’t (and also those who did) should think about if they might come to 2012's Left Forum. You can see more information about the Left Forum at their Website, www.leftforum.org.

This is a first call for people to propose or begin to think about forming panels for URPE at the Left Forum. The only information out now is that it will be on March 16 - 18, 2012, and again as it has been
in recent years, at Pace. The final deadline for panels is listed as January 6, but it helps the organizers if we can submit panels by December or even late November. So please start to think about this if you might be interested, and contact any of the 4 of us from URPE working on this if you have any questions, or if there is anything we can assist you with in organizing and building some panel you would like to see happen and take part in.

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4th Latin American and European Meeting on Organization Studies

March 27-30, 2012 | Axixic, Mexico
Interweaving Organizations and Institutions: Challenges of Participation, Cooperation and Governance

The 4th LAEMOS meeting invites you to submit proposals to discuss different topics on organization studies related to the general theme of ‘Interweaving Organizations and Institutions’ and other topics of the long-term EGOS and LAEMOS research agendas.

Organizations are central actors in the design, application and defense of social rule systems in terms of their internal arrangements and also in terms of the interactions with the environment, taking stances that can promote or hinder necessary institutional change. At the same time organizations are institutions as rule systems that are adapted continuously to the changes in their environment. In that sense, we talk about ‘Interweaving Organizations and Institutions’.

Nowadays many organizations encounter a growing need to relate themselves simultaneously to different environments that are changing rapidly. Multiple efforts to connect and integrate different organizational spaces distributed in diverse institutional environments emerge from new forms of participation, cooperation and governance. These dynamics evolve along existing and changing institutional frameworks and arrangements that guide the individual and collective actors with sets of internal and external rules often only partially compatible.

Depending on the specific institutional textures, the process of organizational integration is usually complex in terms of definition, membership and co-ordination. New patterns of engagement, activism and mobilization are leading to new forms of participation and governance in organizations and new forms of relationship with their environment. Although in many cases we can also observe how power asymmetries and the lack of clear conditions for participation lead to the growth of fragile varieties of organization that contribute to the persistence of rigid, dysfunctional and hostile institutional settings.

The analysis of these processes can be put forward taking into account many different lines and streams of research, as expressed in the following list of sub-themes with its corresponding convenors:

- National institutions and cross-border organisations (Ludger Pries, Alejandro Mercado, Martina Maletzky, Martin Seeliger)
- The politicised multinational company: the role of actors and institutions (Mike Geppert, Karen Williams, Cathrine Filstad, Otavio Rezende)
- Reinventing the university: challenges beyond the neoliberal reforms (Eduardo Ibarra-Colado, Luis Porter, Angélica Buendia)
- International organizations within the framework of organization studies (David Arellano, Laura Zamudio)
Communities and entrepreneurship: local processes of innovation and contest (Ignasi Martí, Saulo Dubard Barbosa, Bernard Leca)

Regulation and public sector reform. Organizational implications. (Jorge Culebro, Per Lagraeid)

Institutional arrangements for collective public action (Claudia Santizo, Lourdes Amaya)

Knowledge management in public research organizations (José Luis Sampedro, Claudia Díaz, Marco Jaso, Federico Steziano)

Social Appropriation of knowledge and technology transfer (Adriana Martínez)

Humanism in institutions and organizations (Oliver Kozlarek)

Institution(s) and organization(s). A complicated coexistence. (Gerardo Romo, Rigoberto Soria)

Institutionalizing participation: stakeholders and beyond

Informality in organizations, markets and society

The impact of violence on governance and organizational development

The general purpose of this Meeting is to strengthen the LAEMOS philosophy of open discussion of diverse problems of organization with a specific reference to the interconnectedness of Latin American and European societies. The general theme of the Meeting pretends to focus on some aspects of this general objective through a wide variety of theoretical and empirical contributions to the analysis of the shared problems of local, regional, national, international, global and transnational developments.

We invite you to submit your abstract for LAEMOS 2012 electronically to www.laemos2012.org until October 31st. Each submission should specify one of the outlined sub-themes. We will also accept abstracts without a specification of sub-themes that will be selected and regrouped in additional sub-themes.

**Deadlines**
- Abstract submission (max 1,000 words): October 31st, 2011
- Notification of acceptance: November 30th, 2011
- Submission of full paper (max 6,000 words): February 28th, 2012
- Registration: from December 1st, 2011

**Fees**
- General registration fee
  - Students 60 euros / 1080 pesos
  - Professors Researchers 120 euros / 2160 pesos
  - Public 180 euros / 3240 pesos
- General registration fee (early registration before February 1st)
  - Students 50 euros / 900 pesos
  - Professors Researchers 100 euros / 1800 pesos
  - Public 150 euros / 2700 pesos

Registration fees include:
- Participation in all work sessions
- Program sheets
- Summary Book and CD-ROM with all the papers presented
- Participation and paper presentation certificates, when applicable

Additional fees: Conference dinner

Axixic means "The place where water splashes" in the Aztec language Nahuatl. It is a picturesque small town located in a beautiful landscape just outside the metropolitan area of Guadalajara on the Lake of Chapala, which is with an extension of almost 100 km one of the biggest lakes in Mexico. Axixic combines rural tranquility with the proximity of Guadalajara as one of the vibrating urban centers of contemporary Mexico, and its prehispanic history with the presence of a large community of immigrants with diverse backgrounds that have participated actively to create new forms of social
organization. Besides its natural and cultural treasures, it is the sense of coexistence of local and global worlds that makes Axixic a very special place for LAEMOS 2012.

For additional information on LAEMOS 2012, also on pre-conference initiatives like the EGOS workshop for PhD students and early career scholars, please check the web page (www.laemos2012.org) or contact the organizers at info@laemos2012.org.

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4th Standing Group Biennial Conference New Perspectives on Regulation, Governance and Learning

27-29 June 2012 | University of Exeter, UK

Deadline for paper and panel proposals: 21 November 2011

We would like to invite proposals for panels or individual papers for the 2012 Conference of the Standing Group, to be held at the University of Exeter. The biennial conference is the main interdisciplinary academic conference on regulation. Conference highlights include the Giandomenico Majone Prize for the best conference paper by a junior member of the profession (http://regulation.upf.edu/index.php?id=giandomenico_majone_prize), as well as specialist panels, guest speakers and keynote lectures.

We are interested in receiving proposals relating to any aspect of the field of regulatory studies. Our main interest is to promote high-quality research, rigorous research regardless of methodological approach. We welcome proposals from accounting, anthropology, economics, law, organizational studies, political theory, public policy analysis, political science and sociology as well as interdisciplinary proposals. We are seeking both theoretical-conceptual-critical papers on regulation
(as mode of governance, type of policy, legal instrument, pattern of political conflict, and constitutional choice) and substantive contributions covering topics such as independent regulatory agencies, the regulation of risk, climate change and sustainability, regulatory innovations, and regulation in specific sectors of policy. Proposals on multi-level regulation and diffusion are also welcome. We are flagging up the topic of learning in the title of the conference both in relation to the progress made across social science disciplines on understanding and measuring learning and because there is an objective need to learn in an age of austerity. The costs and benefits of regulation are particularly important in years of budgetary contractions, but so are the wider effects of regulation on trust, behavior, human rights and distribution. Panel and Paper proposals pls use the online forms at http://www.exeter.ac.uk/reggov2012/

If you are proposing a paper, please submit an abstract of no more than 200 words using the online form. If you are proposing a full panel please note that all proposed panels should have a minimum of three papers and a maximum of five, plus an (optional) discussant. All panel proposals should be completed using the online form, including an abstract for each paper. The conference will be hosted by the Department of Politics and the Centre for European Governance (http://centres.exeter.ac.uk/ceg/) at the University of Exeter.

The deadline for paper and panel proposals is Monday, 21 November 2011.

Exeter Academic Conveners: Claudio Radaelli, Director, Centre for European Governance and Department of Politics; Claire Dunlop, Centre for European Governance and Department of Politics; John Dupré, Egenis ESRC CentreAlison Harcourt, Centre for European Governance and Department of Politics; Christos Kotsogiannis, Centre for European Governance and Business School; Leone Niglia, Centre for European Governance and School of Law

Contact: reg-gov@exeter.ac.uk

Further information on the ECPR Standing Group on Regulation & Governance and the Standing Group’ Steering Committee can be obtained at http://regulation.upf.edu/.

**15th SCEME Seminar in Economic Methodology**

**12 -13 September, 2012 | Tilton House, Sussex, UK**
**A Europe starving and disintegrating before their eyes: Reappraising Keynes’s Economic Consequences of the Peace**

The Scottish Centre for Economic Methodology (SCEME) in association with the Post Keynesian Economics Study Group (PKSG) and Brighton Business School would like to invite proposals for contributions to the fifteenth seminar in the methodology of economics series.

**Topic**
Almost a century ago, the Treaty of Versailles marked a new departure in international relations by instituting the League of Nations as the first intergovernmental body explicitly dedicated to peace and stability. At the same time, the Treaty has remained one of the most controversial intergovernmental agreements in history. Keynes, as the principal representative of the British Treasury at the negotiations, famously resigned from the delegation, retiring to Cambridge to write arguably the most eloquent contemporary critique of the Treaty. The Economic Consequences of the Peace became a best-seller virtually overnight and remains a lynch pin.
in the secondary literature on the significance of Versailles in the build up to the Second World War. Equally, Keynes's Consequences have remained a powerful testament to his idiosyncratic prose and its influence. Seminar contributions are welcome from any perspective shedding light on The Economic Consequences of the Peace and its reception and impact, both from a historical and methodological perspective.

**Organisation**
The two-day seminar (Wednesday afternoon to Thursday evening) will take place in Tilton House, Keynes's former country home, and Charleston Farmhouse, country residence of the Bloomsbury circle where Keynes wrote the Consequences. The attendance fee (which includes accommodation and catering) will be in the order of £300.00.

**Submit a proposal:**
Proposals should take the form of a one-page outline of the intended contribution, and should be sent, preferably by e-mail, by 1st of May 2011, to Christopher Matthews c.r.matthews@brighton.ac.uk

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**21st IAFFE Annual Conference**

**27-29 June, 2012 | Facultat de Geografia i Història Universitat de Barcelona, Spain**

**Human Well-being for the 21st Century: Weaving Alliances from Feminist Economics**

The 2012 IAFFE conference theme, "Human Well-Being for the 21st Century: Weaving Alliances from Feminist Economics", will be conducive to discussions on the effects of the global crisis as well as policy, action and alliances from a feminist economics perspective. In addition to regular presentations, we invite everyone to organize sessions and present papers analyzing the multiple aspects of the crisis and to shape feminist responses to the challenging questions facing the world today.

**Submissions:** Proposals must be submitted on-line via the IAFFE website. Submissions can be made for panels or individual papers. Participants are limited to one formal paper presentation and one panel discussion. Additional co-authored papers are allowed so long as they are presented by the other co-author. Please see the IAFFE website for detailed submission guidelines, as well as the limits for individual participation in panels and paper presentations.

**Deadline for Submission:** The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2012. Acceptances announced by early March.

**Conference Site:** The conference will be held at the Facultat de Geografia i Història, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.

**Travel Grants:** Travel grants may be available; please see the IAFFE website for updated information.

For more information visit us at www.iaffe.org If you do not have internet access, please contact IAFFE's conference coordinator, Brent Martin at 1.402.472.3372
25th HETSA Conference

July 5-8, 2012 | Melbourne, Australia | website
The Future of the History of Economic Thought

The History of Economic Thought Society of Australia will celebrate its 25th jubilee conference in Melbourne in July, 2012. Please note the conference will take place from Thursday, 5 July till Saturday, 8 July in the historic Royal Society of Victoria Building, 1-9 Victoria Street, Melbourne. (It’s just a stone throw from where this year conference, hosted by RMIT University, took place). For those interested the 41ST Australian Conference of Economists starts on the 9TH July at Victoria University.

There are currently two Keynote speakers for our conference. Susan Howson from the University of Toronto, and a member of the editorial board of the History of Economics Review, will give a keynote address on the writing of her magnificent biography on Lionel Robbins which has just been published. Deirdre McCloskey, Distinguished professor of economics at the University of Illinois in Chicago, will speak on ‘How ideology changed 1600-1848 and why it mattered’.

Next year’s conference will have a session on the education of Australian economists and Max Corden, Joe Isaac and another honoured guest will feature here. The theme of this year’s conference will be ‘The Future of the History of Economic Thought’. Consequently we hope to have as many young Australian-based HET scholars to give papers on their research topics. In that regard please avail your research students of this opportunity and the concessional registration price.

The Royal Society of Victoria building is adjacent to Mantra on the Park, 333 Exhibition Street, Ph 03 96682500

They have rooms available to us at the following special rates for the following nights July 4-7:
  • One bedroom $179 per night
  • Two Bedroom $299 per night

Note that the Conference is in the Melbourne CBD on the edge of Carlton. Accommodation is plentiful and easy to get. Log onto www.wotif.com where you will find a quite good selection of hotels in every price range.

The conference dinner will take place on the Friday evening with a guest speaker. The welcoming cocktail reception will take place on Wednesday evening, 4 July at HETSA house, 84 St David Street, Fitzroy. This is my personal residence.

  • HETSA members: $300.00
  • Non-members: $360.00
  • HETSA members retired: $200.00
  • Students: $150

Please contact me if you have any concerns or inquiries, and, most particularly, regarding the submitting of abstracts for next year’s conference. Further details will be on the web page at HETSA.org.au

Alex Milmow, A.millmow@ballarat.edu.au

34th Annual North American Labor History Conference

October 18-20, 2012 | Wayne State University Detroit, Michigan
INSURGENCY AND RESISTANCE
The Program Committee of the North American Labor History Conference invites proposals for sessions, papers, and roundtables on “Insurgency and Resistance” for our thirty-fourth annual meeting. Throughout history, workers have engaged in insurgency and resistance from factories to fields, from plantations to plants, from mines to mills, and in cities and in the countryside. Power and authority have been contested on a variety of terrains, both inside and outside of traditional labor structures. More recently, conflicts have erupted in Latin America, the Arab world, southern Europe, China, and across North America.

The program committee encourages submissions from international, comparative, and interdisciplinary perspectives. We welcome the integration of public historians with community and labor activists, using a variety of formats (workshops, roundtable discussions, book talks, and multimedia presentations). We encourage thematic sessions that cross borders, both disciplinary and geographical, especially those dealing with race, gender, class, and empire.

Please submit papers and panel proposals (including a 1 paragraph abstract and a brief vita or biographical statement for all participants) by March 23, 2012, to:

Professor Francis Shor, Coordinator
North American Labor History Conference
Department of History
Wayne State University
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Phone: 313-577-2525; Fax: 313-577-6987
Email: nalhc@wayne.edu

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Business as usual? The global economic and environmental crisis: practical and educational responses

An Interconnections Panel Discussion

Thursday, 17 November, 17:30 to 19:30, Lord Ashcroft Building (LAB 307), Anglia Ruskin University, UK
Speakers: David Arkell, Dr Bronwen Rees, Ed Bentham, Dr Ioana Negru, Dr Jack Reardon

As our planet plunges into economic and environmental crisis, how can our business and educational institutions respond? It is clear that the usual solutions are at best no longer working, at worst contributing to the crisis.

This panel discussion introduces the work of those people who are seeking transformation in education and business throughout the globe. It provides and opportunity for public interdisciplinary and practitioner forum for those of us seeking to take responsibility for transforming ourselves and working towards the long-term sustainability of the planet.

The panel discussion is open to all staff and students from all disciplines. There is no need to book in advance, but places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

For further information please get in touch with Dr Bronwen Rees.
Cambridge Realist Workshops

Date: Monday November 14,
Stuart Birks (Massey University, New Zealand): Economic Theory: Consistency and Rhetoric

Date: Monday November 28,
Speaker: Ha-Joon Chan (Cambridge): Institutions and Economic Development: Theory, History and Policy

For more information go to:
http://www.econ.cam.ac.uk/seminars/realist/workshop_programme.htm

or, for those who have access:
http://www.talks.cam.ac.uk/show/index/18031

Day in honor of Gilles Dostaler

Saturday, November 26, 2011

The laboratory PHARE (Pole History of Economic Analysis and Representations), University of Paris 1, and the Journal of Political Economy - Papers in Political Economy, organized with the LED (Dionysian Economics Laboratory), University of Paris 8 Saint Denis, the LEREPS (Laboratory for Studies and Research on Economics, Policy and Social Systems), University of Toulouse, University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM), the Association for the Development of Keynesian Studies (ADEK) Alternatives Economiques Editions Albin Michel and a day in honor of Professor Gilles Dostaler (UQAM Montreal) who passed away January 26.

This day will be held Saturday, November 26 at the Maison des Sciences Economiques (106-112 boulevard de l'Hôpital 75013, metro Campo Formio)

For organizational reasons that everyone will understand, we ask those attending to this day to RSVP as soon as possible (no later than November 10, and earlier if possible):
- First email catherine.martin@univ-paris1.fr
- the other by sending a check for 10 euros in the expenses of lunch and cocktails at the order of Catherine Martin at the following address: Catherine Martin, 72 rue Monge, 75005 Paris.

Program:

9h15-11h00
- Christian Tutin (Université Paris Est Créteil) : « La fascination Hayek ? »
- Carlo Benetti (Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense) : « Objectivité physique et théorie économique : Sraffa, Marx et Gilles Dostaler ».
- Jérôme de Boyer (Université Paris Dauphine) : « L’étalon-or dans la pensée néoclassique prékeynésienne.
- Cristina Marcuzzo (Université La Sapienza, Rome): « From speculation to regulation: Keynes and primary commodity markets. »
- Abel Brodeur (Ecole d’Economie de Paris) : « Malthus et Keynes. »

11 h00-11h30 : pause café
11h30-13h00
- Michel Beaud (Université Paris 7) : « Gilles Dostaler : une lecture. »
- Ramon Tortajada (Université Pierre Mendès France, Grenoble) : « Lecture de Keynes par Dostaler. »
- Edwin Le Héron (IEP Bordeaux) : « Le regard de Gilles Dostaler sur J.M. Keynes: une histoire de rouge. »
13 h00-14h30 : pause déjeuner (buffet sur place à la MSE)
14h30-16h30

- Ghislain Deleplace (Université Paris 8) : « L’enquête de Gilles Dostaler sur le Docteur Maynard et Mister Keynes. »
- Gilles Bourque (UQAM Montréal) : « Le politique dans l’oeuvre de Gilles Dostaler. »
- François Morin (Université de Toulouse 1) : « En ligne de mire : le néolibéralisme. »
- Daniel Diatkine (Université d’Evry) : « Gilles Dostaler et la pratique de l’histoire de la pensée économique. »
- Stéphane Pallage (UQAM Montréal) : « Gilles Dostaler, le collègue, l’homme, l’ami. »
- Christian Chavagneux (Alternatives Economiques) : « Gilles, un collaborateur d’Alternatives Economiques. »
- Louis Bernard Robitaille (Journaliste - Ecrivain) : « Gilles Dostaler, souvenirs des années de formation. »
- Catherine Martin (Université de Paris 1) : « Gilles Dostaler et Bloomsbury. »
- Témoignages de collègues et d’amis qui ne pourront être présents.

16h30-17h30 : Cocktail.

Demystifying the Economic Crisis: An evening with Paul Mattick

Tuesday November 8th - 6pm | The New School University, Lang Cafeteria - 65 West 11th Street (between 5th and 6th avenues), New York, NY 10011

Paul Mattick is author of Business as Usual: The Economic Crisis and the Failure of Capitalism (2011)

To what do we owe the misery and economic hardship currently sweeping the globe, giving birth to a number of social movements including that of Occupy Wall Street? Reckless banks? Human greed? Amoral politicians? Financial speculation? Partial answers at best, bourgeois obscurities at worst.

Come join in a discussion which seeks to expand the discourse circulating throughout the current US occupation movement.

Open to both New School students, faculty, and the general public.

Global Health, Political Economy and Beyond

7th December 2011 | Department of International Politics, City University, UK

Schedule:
13:30 – 13:45 Welcome
Sophie Harman and Anastasia Nesvetailova, City University

13:45 – 15:30: Global Health
- The Social Ineffectiveness of the Global Pharmaceutical System, Valbona Muzaka, University of Southampton
- Entropic Failure, Global Health and the Limits of Philanthropy, Linsey McGoey, University of Essex
  Discussant: Ronen Palan, University of Birmingham

15:45 – 17:30 Political Economy
Labour Market Evolution: The Challenges and Options for a 21st Century Economy

29 November | Whitlam Institute, Sydney, Australia

On 29 November the Institute, in partnership with the University of Western Sydney School of Economics and Finance, will be presenting the half day symposium, Labour Market Evolution, at the InterContinental Hotel, Sydney. The symposium offers the opportunity to take a step back and consider ideas and options for maintaining a strong labour market with a sustained commitment to full employment that better balances the imperatives for economic growth and equity, and address the notion of well-being as a goal of economic policy.

Tuesday 29 November 2011
8:30am registration for a 9:00am start
Lunch concludes at 2:00pm
InterContinental Sydney, 117 Macquarie St

While awaiting final confirmation of our keynote speakers, we do want to give you the opportunity to book your place. Those confirmed to speak include:

- Sandra Parker, Deputy Secretary Employment, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- Professor Phil Lewis, Director, Centre for Labour Market Research, University of Canberra
- Tim Lyons, Assistant Secretary, Australian Council of Trade Unions
- Professor Phillip O’Neill, Director, Urban Research Centre, University of Western Sydney
- Lisa Fowkes, Consultant working in workforce participation and NFP management

We only have 70 places available, so do make sure you register early. Individual tickets are $250.00 and Corporate tables of 8 are $3000.

Bookings can be made through our website or by returning the registration form included below. If you require any further information please just give me a call on 02 9685 9187 (DL 02 9685 9386). I do hope you will be able to accept the invitation.
A lecture series: The Moral and Social Order

A lecture series sponsored by the Templeton Project: God’s Order, Man’s Order and the Order of Nature. In collaboration with the LSE Choice Group

8 February 2012, CPNSS, 5.30pm
Professor Peyton Young, Department of Economics, Oxford: ‘The Dynamics of Social Innovation’

14 May 2012, 5.30pm
Professor Geoffrey Hodgson, Business School, University of Hertfordshire: ‘What are Institutions?’

21 May 2012
Professor Garry Runciman, Trinity College, Cambridge: ‘The Surprising Coherence of Human Institutions’

TBC
Professor Avishai Margalit, Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University

Registration: R.Robinson1@lse.ac.uk

London Seminar on Contemporary Marxist Theory

9th November, 6pm | King’s College London, Strand Campus, Room S-3.18

David McNally (York University, Toronto)
"Monsters of the Market. Zombies, Vampires and Global Capitalism"

The global economic and financial crisis has witnessed a deepening of interest in different forms of critical and radical thought and practice. Following a successful series in 2010/11, the London Seminar on Contemporary Marxist Theory in 2011/12 will continue to explore the new perspectives that have been opened up by Marxist interventions in this political and theoretical conjuncture. It involves collaboration among Marxist scholars based in several London universities, including Brunel University, King’s College London, and the School of Oriental and African Studies. Guest speakers - from both Britain and abroad -will include a wide range of thinkers engaging with many different elements of the various Marxist traditions, as well as with diverse problems and topics. The aim of the seminar is to promote fruitful debate and to contribute to the development of more robust Marxist analysis. It is open to all.

Marxism and Education: Renewing Dialogues XV

Saturday November 26th 2011 | Institute of Education, University of London
Education, Crisis and Society

Speakers to include: Alex Callinicos and Dave Hill
A Day Seminar 10.30 – 4.30, Saturday November 26th 2011
Institute of Education, University of London, 20 Bedford Way, WC1, Committee Room 1

The seminar is free but places are limited. To reserve a place contact Alpesh Maisuria at: amaisuria@ioe.ac.uk
Convenors: Tony Green, Alpesh Maisuria
New agendas in social movement studies

November 26th, 2011 | NUI Maynooth

This conference brings together 21 presenters from Ireland, Britain, Italy, Belgium and the US working on movements ranging from alternative food movements to the World Social Forum, from Shell to Sea to SlutWalks and from Irish Ship to Gaza to children’s rights advocacy. It showcases some of the best work in the field by new, established and independent scholars alike. The conference seeks to encourage real research which does not simply restate common assumptions but tries to make real contributions to wider debates about social movements, the thinking of movement practitioners, and public understanding of the nature of society and democracy.

The keynote speaker, Dr Cristina Flesher Fominaya (University of Aberdeen), has been researching and participating in European social movements since the early 1990s. She has carried out research on anti-globalisation networks, Spanish Green parties and the British anti-roads movement, and is also known for her work on the politics of memory around terrorist attacks such as 3/11 in Madrid and 9/11 in New York. A founding editor of the social movement journal Interface http://interfacejournal.net, she is co-chair of the Council for European Studies’ European Social Movements Research Network.

Practicalities

The conference is free and open to the public with no advance booking required. Tea and coffee will be provided but participants should bring their own lunch or buy it in Maynooth. We cannot organise accommodation directly but there are various possible hostels, hotels and B&Bs both in Maynooth and in Dublin. Registration is at the conference from 9.30 on in the Auxilia Building, North Campus (see the map at http://www.nuim.ie/location/maps/NUIM-Map-booklet-v3.pdf Auxilia is building #47 in the lower right corner).

For queries please contact Dr Theresa O’Keefe at theresa.okeefe@nuim.ie

Ralph Miliband and Parliamentary Socialism

Friday 25th November 2011 | LSE, UK | website

This conference marks the 50th anniversary of Ralph Miliband’s Parliamentary Socialism – a critique of the Labour Party that shaped a generation of scholars and activists. The book argues that Labour’s belief in the centrality of parliamentary politics often undermined the very movements that were needed to bring about real change. With protest on the rise, and Labour seeking a new way forward, the conference aims to reassess Miliband’s arguments and their contemporary relevance.

Conference Programme
Venue: Morishima Conference Room, 5th floor, Lionel Robbins Building, LSE

1.00pm onwards Arrival
1.30-2.30pm The Argument and Its Impact
   • Speaker: Tariq Ali (author and activist)
   • Chair: Robin Archer (LSE, Sociology)
2.45-4.00pm Parliamentary and Extra-parliamentary Politics
   • Speaker: Hilary Wainwright (Editor, Red Pepper)
   • Discussant: Martin McIvor (Editor, Renewal)
4.15-5.30pm Labour and Capitalism
   • Speaker: Robin Blackburn (Verso and Essex, Sociology)
   • Discussant: Bob Hancke (LSE, European Institute)

Public Event
Venue: Hong Kong Theatre, Clement House, LSE

6.30-8.00pm Whatever Happened to Parliamentary Socialism? Taking Ralph Miliband Seriously Today

- Speaker: Leo Panitch
- Chair: Robin Archer

Prof Panitch is a Canada Distinguished Research Professor in Comparative Political Economy, editor of the Socialist Register, and the author of numerous books and articles including The End of Parliamentary Socialism and In and Out of Crisis. He wrote his PhD at the LSE under the supervision of Ralph Miliband.

St Catherine's Political Economy Seminars

Wednesday, 09 November, 2011 | Cambridge University, UK

Photis Lysandrou, Professor of Global Political Economy, London Metropolitan Business School. His current research interests include the areas of global finance and the economics of the financial crisis. His most recent paper, due to be published in the forthcoming winter issue of the Journal of Post Keynesian Economics is on the primacy of hedge funds in the subprime crisis.

The title of the seminar is: The Impossibility of Debt Intolerance and the 90% Debt Threshold: A Critique of the UK Coalition Government’s Central Rationale for Fiscal Consolidation.

Please contact the seminar organisers Philip Arestis (pa267@cam.ac.uk) and Michael Kitson (kitson@jbs.cam.ac.uk) in the event of a query.

CEPN Seminar Series

The task group “Post-Keynesian analyses and modeling” of the CEPN is happy to announce the list of its seminars


- Friday, December 2nd: Tony Lawson (Cambridge U., UK)
- Friday, February 24th: Bernard Vallageas (Sceaux U., France)
- Friday, March 30th: Edwin Le Héron (Sciences Po Bordeaux, France)
- Friday, April 13th : Gennaro Zezza (Cassino U., Italy)
- Friday, May 20th : Tom Stanley (Hendrix Coll., USA & L.S.E, UK)
- Friday, June 8th : Mark Setterfield (Trinity Coll., USA)
- Friday, June 22nd : Marc Lavoie (Ottawa U., Canada)

The attendance to the seminars is free. Most of these seminars will take place at the MSH of Paris 13 and most of them will be in English. Further information on the CEPN's website and most of them will be in English. You can also send an E-mail to the coordinator: lang.dany@univ-paris13.fr for further information.

Interdisciplinary workshop on the evolution of social norms

15-16 December 2011 | Henley-on-Thames, Henley Business school, Greenland campus | website
The workshop will bring together researchers from academia and industry to discuss theoretical (development, influence of attitudes, etc.) and methodological issues (mathematical modelling of group dynamics, actor-based modelling, social-network analysis) concerning the evolution of social norms. The main objective of the workshop is to help define the future research agenda exploring opportunities for cross-disciplinary research in this field. Especially we would like to define new problems in mathematics that can help tackle the research questions emerged from social sciences. Furthermore we would like to incite exchange between private sector R&D and academia mostly learning more about medium and long term issues and methodologies currently used from private sector participants and state-of-the-art in theory and methodology in their respective fields from academic participants.

We seek submissions of short abstracts, where the scope of the workshop includes (but is not limited to):

- Privacy as a social norm: did privacy stop to be a social norm (as announced by Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook in January 2010)? Do adolescents have a different notion of privacy to adults? When are individuals ready to bargain their privacy levels for expected benefits – loyalty cards, curtailment of smart-meters in Netherland because of privacy concerns, new European regulatory positioning, the UK Cabinet Office action on access to consumer data?
- Change in the social interaction etiquette: simultaneous interaction with several interlocutors over different channels seems to have become socially acceptable, (i.e. to talk and SMS, or give an opinion and tweet at the same time). What are the effects of inconsistent behaviour across different communication channels (politely conversing while sending an informal text etc.)?
- Mathematical models of social norms emergence and development through local interactions, evolving social networks, communicability, agent-based models of group and inter-group polarisation.

The authors of accepted abstracts will be able to give 30 min presentations of their work. The abstracts should be submitted via [https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=socnorms2011](https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=socnorms2011)

Important Dates:
- Submission of abstracts: 17 November 2011
- Notification of acceptance: 25 November 2011
- 15-16 December 2011: Workshop dates

Confirmed key-note speakers:
- Mason Porter, University of Oxford
- Sharad Goel, Yahoo research
- Elisa Bellotti, University of Manchester

Organisation committee:
- Marina Della Giusta, School of Economics, University of Reading
- Rachel McClay, School of Psychology, University of Reading
- Danica Vukadinovic Greetham, School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, University of Reading

This workshop is funded by ASSYST ([Action for the Science of complex Systems and Socially intelligent iCT](http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=socnorms2011))

### LSE Political Theory Group Political Philosophy Seminar

Time: 16:00-18:00
This year we will meet in CON.1.06 (1st floor Connaught House, entrance from the Aldwych, between Kingsway and Houghton Street). A campus map is available [here](http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=socnorms2011):

See also [here](http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=socnorms2011) for more information:
- 27th October: Prof. Joseph Carens (Toronto) : The Ethics of Refugee Admissions (title TBC)
Post Keynesian Economics: Achievements, Limitations, Future

Tuesday, 8 November 2011, 5.30 – 7.30 pm | Kingston University, UCL, Room 433, 16 Taviton St, WC1H 0BW


The world economy is its deepest crisis since the Great Depression – and mainstream economics can neither explain the crisis nor offer a way out of it. After the second world war the Keynesian approach offered a vision of a more prosperous society and provided tools for macro management. However Keynesian economics has become absorbed into rational individual /rational expectations approach or been marginalised. What has Keynesianism to offer today? *A Modern Guide To Keynesian Macroeconomics And Economic Policies* (edited by Eckhard Hein and Engelbert Stockhammer; Edward Elgar 2011) offers a state-of-the-art survey of Post Keynesian macroeconomics as an alternative to mainstream economics. It highlights the central role of effective demand, fundamental uncertainty and distributional conflict in determining economic outcomes. What are the achievements and limitations of post-Keynesian economics? Can it offer an alternative paradigm for macroeconomics?

Panel members include:
- Engelbert Stockhammer, Kingston University
- Victoria Chick, UCL
- John Weeks, SOAS
- Simon Mohun, Queen Mary University
- Mark Hayes (chair), Cambridge University

Seminar Series on the History and Methodology of Economics

The third session of the Seminar Series on the History and Methodology of Economics at Cedeplar will take place on Thursday, November 10th, at 2:30pm. Our guest this time will be Prof. Ana Maria Bianchi, from FEA-USP.

Ana Maria will talk about the current state of research and education in the history and methodology of Economics in Brazil. As usual, the seminar is open to all interested.
SHE Conference Online Registration

We finally have the SHE Conference on-line registration working. TO register for this year’s conference, please follow the link here: SHE Online registration.

There are also links for accommodation near the Conference venue on the Conference website. We have a special Conference deal with the Crowne Plaza, which should be on the website soon. In the meantime I am happy to pass on the details if anyone request them. SHE Conference Website.

Social Class: Participation and Representation in the Creative Industries

Tuesday 13 December | City University London, UK

3.00 pm - 5.30 pm, Room D104, First Floor, Social Sciences Building, City University London, corner of Whiskin Street and St John Street. Directions at www.city.ac.uk/visit

There has recently been heightened interest in how issues of social class are portrayed in media and entertainment. A particular concern is that the British working classes and some of the most impoverished and excluded from society are now subjected to unprecedented ridicule and hostility in mainstream culture. Alongside this, over the last two decades a series of problems in the creative labour market have become more apparent, with casualised labour, precarious working conditions and low or unpaid entry positions restricting access opportunities and narrowing the make-up of the sector’s workforce. While both have been subjects of interest and study in their own right, as yet there have been relatively few attempts to analyse the possible relationship between these two trends. This seminar will begin to address this, interrogating the existing research, assessing whether and in what ways cultural production reflects the nature of cultural producers, and to explore the kinds of policy response that should follow.

The event is organised in collaboration with the Cultural Equalities Group.

Chair: Kate Oakley, Head, Centre for Cultural Policy and Management, City University London

Speakers:
- Owen Jones - author 'Chavs: The demonization of the working class'
- Martin Spence - Assistant General Secretary, BECTU
- David Wright - Centre for Cultural Policy Studies, University of Warwick, and co-author of 'Culture, Class, Distinction'
- Dinah Caine - Chief Executive, Skillset

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first-served basis. If you want to attend, please email Kate Oakley (kate.oakley.2@city.ac.uk)

The Critique of Political Economy in a Time of Crisis

November 2011 | Department of Sociology, Goldsmiths, University of London

The Department of Sociology, Goldsmiths, University of London invites you to two talks exploring the contemporary legacy of Marx’s work.

November 8
Massimiliano Tomba - Revisiting the Grundrisse and the 'Fragment on Machines' 6.30-8.00, RHB Room 137
Massimiliano Tomba is the author of books on Bruno Bauer and critique, Walter Benjamin’s critique of violence, politics in Kant and Benjamin, and, most recently, Marx’s concept of time. He teaches at the faculty of historical and political sciences at the University of Padua.

**14 November**

*Anselm Jappe - Abstract Labour as the Origin of Commodity Fetishism*

6.30-8.00, RHB Room 137

Anselm Jappe is the author of Guy Debord, *Les aventures de la marchandise* and, most recently, *Credit à mort*.

All welcome. For further information, contact a.toscano@gold.ac.uk

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**LSE European Institute public lecture**

Thursday, 5-7pm, 15 December 2011 | COW 1.11, Cowdray House, LSE | [website](#)

"*The Economic Crisis and the Crisis in Economics: implications for Mediterranean Europe*"

- Speaker: Professor John Komlos
- Chair: Dr Joan Costa Font

Great Meltdown of ’08 shook the foundations of our global economy. Will it shake the foundations of economic science as well? What are the fundamental flaws in conventional economic theory that is leading us into a "doom loop." John Komlos is Professor Emeritus of Economics from University of Munich and Visiting Professor at Duke University.

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**University of Leeds Public Lectures by John Holloway**

Three public lectures by John Holloway, Leverhulme Visiting Professor at the [MA in Activism and Social Change](#), School of Geography, University of Leeds.

- 28th November: Rage
- 29th November: The Rule of Money
- 30th November: Break the Power of Money! Communise!

Funded by the Leverhulme Trust, Professor John Holloway is spending some time as a visiting professor at the School of Geography, University of Leeds in 2011 and is teaching at the MA in Activism and Social Change. For more information about John’s work visit these sites: [here](#) and [here](#).

The lectures are free and open to the public and there is no need to book. A previous lecture that John gave in Leeds can be watched [here](#).

For more information about these lectures and John’s visit, see [here](#) or contact Sara Gonzalez: s.gonzalez@leeds.ac.uk or 0113 343 6639

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**What Does Rosa Luxemburg Have to Say to Today’s Anti-Capitalist Movements?**

**November 10th | London**

7.30 pm Thursday 10 November, Brockway Room, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL (5 mins Holborn Tube).
"[In the 1905 Russian Revolution] there fermented throughout the whole of the immense empire an uninterrupted economic strike of almost the entire proletariat against capital – a struggle which caught, on the one hand, all the petty bourgeois and liberal professions, commercial employees, technicians, actors and members of artistic professions – and on the other hand, penetrated to the domestic servants, the minor police officials and even to the stratum of the lumpenproletariat, and simultaneously surged from the towns to the country districts and even knocked at the iron gates of the military barracks.” -- Rosa Luxemburg, 'The Mass Strike'


Eighth Annual Historical Materialism Conference

10–13 November 2011 | Central London | website
Spaces of Capital, Moments of Struggle

To register in advance and benefit from a reduction, go to here. Advanced booking will stop on Monday 7 November

All queries: historicalmaterialism@soas.ac.uk

JOB POSTINGS FOR HETERODOX ECONOMISTS

Editor's Note: Recently we created a new page under the Heterodox Economics Newsletter website. On Job Postings page, you can see recent job openings announced in the Newsletter.

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Center for Economic Studies, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington DC, USA

Lead Research, Data Center Administrator 20233

The U.S. Census Bureau seeks a Ph.D. economist, with an established record of empirical research, to serve as Lead Research Data Center Administrator (GS-14). Research Data Centers (RDC) are secure Census Bureau facilities where qualified researchers with approved projects can perform statistical analysis on selected internal microdata from the Census Bureau and other statistical agencies. The Lead RDC Administrator oversees the research activities carried out in the nationwide RDC network. This person works with researchers from academia and other government agencies in developing research proposals, ensures that research activities comply with the Census Bureau’s data stewardship policies, tracks the progress of research projects, and supervises the administrators of the various RDCs. The candidate is also expected to carry out a research program using Census Bureau microdata on businesses and/or households, present research at professional conferences, and publish in scholarly journals.
Email an application letter, CV, and a research paper demonstrating strong empirical skills to Randy Becker at randy.a.becker@census.gov by December 2011. U.S. citizenship is required. The Census Bureau is an equal opportunity employer. The position is subject to budgetary approval.

For more information about the Center for Economic Studies, visit http://www.census.gov/ces/.

**Earlham College, USA**

Earlham College has a full time, one semester position available for this coming Spring Semester. The teaching load is three courses and we are flexible about the courses offered though we have some preference for “Labor Economics”. We are open to area study courses, Women and the Economy, or any other specialty that we typically don’t regularly offer.

Earlham is a small residential Quaker liberal arts college in Richmond Indiana. Earlham College continues to build a community that reflects the gender and racial diversity of the society at large, and, therefore, we are particularly interested in inviting and encouraging applications from African Americans, other ethnic minorities, and women. Earlham also is eager to solicit applications from members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Earlham is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Send a letter or email of interest a.s.a.p. to:  
Jonathan Diskin jon@earlham.edu  
Professor of Economics  
EC Drawer 41801 National Rd  
WestRichmond, IN 47374

**Kingston University, UK**

Anniversary Chairs, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences | website

The Political science disciplines, and that there is a welcome for interdisciplinary work in the faculty: see for example the recently-introduced MA Economics (Political Economy) and the projected MA Philosophy, Politics, Economics.

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Kingston is now the fastest growing research environment in the UK, following a multi-million pound investment in Professorial staff, early career researchers and doctoral students. Committed to providing an exceptional student experience at undergraduate and postgraduate level, we aim to have all of our subjects recognised in the top quartile for research and teaching by 2020.

Anniversary Chairs These chairs recognise the Faculty’s continued commitment to strengthening its research portfolio. We are seeking world-class scholars who have achieved distinction in their fields to build further on our academic success, enrich our teaching and increase our ability to offer outstanding research that makes a positive contribution to the contemporary world. The positions are available competitively across the following departments: English Literature and Language, Media Studies, Creative Writing, Journalism, Modern Languages, Music, Drama, Dance, Film and Television Studies, Philosophy, Education, Economics, Sociology, Criminology, Psychology, History, Politics, and International Relations. Applications are also welcome from those working in interdisciplinary areas.

For informal inquiries contact the Dean, Professor Martin McQuillan, m.mcquillan@kingston.ac.uk.

It is expected that successful candidates will take up their posts in the calendar year 2012. Salaries will be negotiated within the Professorial scale. For more information, visit here.
Portland State University, USA

Assistant Professor, School of Urban Studies and Planning

The Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning (TSUSP) in the College of Urban and Public Affairs (CUPA) at Portland State University seeks applications for a tenure-track assistant professor beginning Fall 2012. Candidates must have an earned doctorate (or be in the final stages of their degree) in economics, applied/agricultural economics, regional science, or a related field. The successful candidate will demonstrate a deep and vigorous commitment to working in an interdisciplinary context with colleagues from an array of disciplines on urban-related challenges.

We seek applicants from various applied micro fields (urban/regional, transportation, state and local finance, environment, energy, renewable resources/conservation, labor/demographics, welfare, and heterodox approaches). The successful candidate will be required to teach students enrolled in our degree programs: 1) undergraduate major in Community Development 2) professional Master of Urban and Regional Planning, 3) Master of Real Estate Development, (4) Master of Urban Studies, and 5) PhD in Urban Studies. Specializations in our graduate programs include urban planning, community development, economic development, transportation, environment, land use, regional science, social demography, and gerontology.

Please find more information at www.pdx.edu/usp/

The successful candidate is expected to develop a strong record of scholarship, civic engagement, and externally funded research. Faculty conduct research through the University’s many research units, including: the Center for Urban Studies, Center for Transportation Studies, Northwest Institute for Applied Economics, Population Research Center, the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies, and the Center for Real Estate. Other schools in CUPA are the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, which includes Criminology and Criminal Justice, Political Science, and Public Administration, and the School of Community Health. In total, the College of Urban and Public Affairs has more than 70 full-time faculty members. Portland State University’s motto—“Let knowledge serve the city”—guides its mission of engagement and leadership in Portland and the Pacific Northwest.

The starting annual salary for this position will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The excellent benefits package includes fully paid healthcare; fully employer paid retirement contributions; and reduced tuition rates for employee, spouse or dependents at any of the Oregon University System schools.

Applicants should submit a curriculum vita, three reference letters, and a letter of application that briefly outlines research and teaching interests, and interest in the interdisciplinary fields of urban studies and/or planning.

Send to:
Dr. K.J. Gibson, Search Committee Chair
Portland State University
P.O. Box 751
Portland, OR 97207-0751.

Review of applications will begin December 1 and continue until finalists are identified. This is a nine-month appointment; the anticipated start date is September 17, 2012. For further information, please email Dr. Gibson at gibsonk@pdx.edu or call 503-725-8265.
Portland State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution and welcomes applications from diverse candidates and candidates who support diversity.

Seattle University, USA

Assistant Professor, Institute of Public Service | Financial Management and Analysis

The Institute of Public Service [IPS] invites applications for a tenure track Assistant Professor in its Master of Public Administration and Bachelor of Public Affairs Program starting September 2012. Founded in 1974, IPS educates working professionals and undergraduates for positions of responsibility in the public service.

The ideal candidate will have a strong background in public finance or financial analysis, and be responsible for teaching financial management courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels, with opportunities to teach courses such as applied economics, government finance, budgeting, or elective courses of the candidate’s choosing. An earned doctorate or other appropriate terminal degree is required in the areas of public administration, public affairs, public policy, or closely related fields (such as political science or economics).

The successful candidate is expected to teach courses, develop a strong program of research, and contribute to academic life in the Institute. Most IPS faculty members have experience as practitioners and with teaching adult learners. Seattle University places a high value on social justice and supports its faculty in the pursuit of related research and teaching interests.

Seattle University, founded in 1891, is a Jesuit Catholic university located on 48 acres on Seattle’s Capitol Hill. More than 7,500 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs within eight schools. U.S. News and World Report’s “Best Colleges 2011” ranks Seattle University among the top 10 universities in the West that offer a full range of masters and undergraduate programs. Seattle University is an equal opportunity employer.

Applicants should submit materials at https://jobs.seattleu.edu, including a cover letter, curriculum vitae, writing sample, statement of teaching effectiveness and contact information for three references. Review of applications will begin November 30, 2011. For further information please email inquiries to Janelle Wong at wongja@seattleu.edu

Siena College, USA

Assistant Professor, Economics

JEL Classifications:
- I: Health, Education, and Welfare
- J3: Wages, Compensation, and Labor Costs
- J16: Economics of Gender
- O1: Economic Development
- R: Urban, Rural, and Regional Economics

Deadline Information: All applications received prior to November 24, 2011 will be considered for an ASSA meeting interview.

The Economics Department at Siena College is accepting applications for one tenure track position beginning fall 2012. The ideal applicant should have teaching and research interests in a range of fields, including a willingness to teach required intermediate courses to majors. The Department of six faculty members is housed within the AACSB accredited School of Business. We seek applicants with a
passion for the highest quality undergraduate teaching, including heterodox approaches, applied fields, and interdisciplinary work. Domestic and international field experiences, mentoring undergraduate research, and innovative teaching approaches are strengths.

Teaching experience and a completed Ph.D. by fall 2012 are expected. Qualified female and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. Application should include cover letter, c.v., teaching portfolio to include statement of teaching philosophy and a summary of student evaluations, job market paper, graduate transcript, and three letters of recommendation which can attest to teaching effectiveness. Electronic submission through Interfolio is required.

For more information contact Ms. Cynthia Kuemmel, kuemmel@siena.edu.

Siena College is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages applications from all qualified candidates. To further this goal, we request that you complete the Equal Employment Opportunity Data Form located at www.siena.edu/eeo.

Posting number for this position is R769.

Online Application URL: http://www.interfolio.com/apply/3116
Informational URL: http://www.siena.edu
For more information, email: kuemmel@siena.edu

Simmons College, USA

Assistant Professor, Economics

The Department of Economics at Simmons College seeks a tenure-track assistant professor beginning fall 2012. The successful candidate will teach intermediate microeconomics and principles, combine research and teaching in a subset of applied microeconomics fields (especially Industrial Organization, Public Economics, Labor Economics, Environmental Economics, and/or Health Economics), and support the Department’s interdisciplinary contributions to programs in Public Policy, Environmental Science, and Public Health. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in economics (strong ABDs will be considered) and a commitment to excellence in teaching. The college also values interest and skill in (1) online course design/delivery and (2) teaching adult learners as well as traditional undergraduate students. Simmons is committed to excellence in education and employment through diversity.

To apply, go to https://jobs.simmons.edu, click “Search Postings,” select position title, and follow directions to submit cover letter, curriculum vitae, graduate transcript, statement of teaching philosophy, statement of research interests, evidence of teaching excellence, and a sample of scholarly work. Three letters of reference should be sent to HR@simmons.edu.

Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled. The Department will interview selected candidates at the January 2012 ASSA meetings. Contact: Professor Masato Aoki, Department Chair, masato.aoki@simmons.edu.

St. Francis College, Brooklyn, USA

Adjunct Economics Professors

Invites applications to teach Principles of Microeconomics as Adjunct Economics Professors during the Spring 2012 semester. Applicants must have as a minimum an MA in Economics. Resumes should be sent to:

Paddy Quick
SUNY Potsdam, USA

Assistant Professor of Economics

The SUNY Potsdam Economics Department invites applications for a tenure track position at the Assistant Professor level beginning fall 2012. Candidates should have a commitment to outstanding teaching, teaching and research interests in globalization and international economics, and inform their theoretical and applied work by an understanding of economic history and the history of economic thought. Teaching responsibilities are eight courses per year; typically four sections of principles and four elective courses.

SUNY Potsdam is a liberal arts college with approximately 4,300 students and is distinguished by a strong commitment to teaching, small classes and highly accessible faculty. We look for excellent teaching skills, scholarly activities in one’s field, and a commitment to college service. The successful candidate is also expected to contribute to the College’s general education curriculum and should be willing to participate in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary programs within the School of Arts and Sciences.

To apply for this position visit our website at https://employment.potsdam.edu, job posting no. 0600290.

UMASS-Amherst, USA

1. Associate or advanced Assistant Professor, Economics:

The University of Massachusetts Amherst Economics Department invites applications for a tenure-system position starting Fall 2010, preferably at the Associate or advanced Assistant level, although outstanding candidates at the beginning Assistant level will be considered. Appointment is contingent on budgetary considerations. We seek expertise relating to: (1) public goods and the common good; (2) economic opportunity; and (3) power, institutions, behavior and economic performance. Scholars from all fields of economics and closely related disciplines are encouraged to apply. A completed Ph.D. is strongly preferred, although ABD with a firm completion date will be considered. Candidates will be judged on their scholarly research and will as teaching.

See here for more information. To apply electronically (strongly encouraged), submit cover letter, CV, three letters of reference or contact information for references, a recent research paper, and, if possible, evidence of teaching effectiveness at https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/858.

Letters of reference and complete applications can also be submitted by postal mail to Chair, Search Committee, Department of Economics, Thompson Hall, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 200 Hicks Way, Amherst, MA 01003-9277. Review of applications will begin on November, 15, 2011. Candidates may interview at ASSA (Chicago) and are encouraged to use AEA signaling.

2. Assistant Professor, W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies and Department of Economics:

The University of Massachusetts Amherst W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies and Economics Department invite applications for a tenure-track position starting Fall 2010, at the Assistant level. The primary appointment will be in Afro-American Studies with an adjunct appointment in Economics. Teaching, graduate-advising responsibilities, and service will be divided between the two departments.
We seek expertise relating to: (1) Stratification Economics with an emphasis on racial stratification and discrimination (2) Economics of Identity; (3) African American Economic History; and/or (4) Environmental Economics. Scholars from economics and closely related disciplines are encouraged to apply. A completed Ph.D. is strongly preferred, though ABD with a firm completion date will be considered. Candidates will be judged on their scholarly research as well as teaching.


Letters of reference and complete applications can also be submitted by postal mail to Co-Chairs, Search Committee, W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, 329 New Africa House, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 180 Infirmary Way, Amherst, MA 01003-9289. Review of applications will begin on December 15, 2011. Candidates may interview at ASSA (Chicag) and are encouraged to use AEA signaling.

3. Assistant Professor, Departments of Economics and History:

The Departments of Economics and History of the University of Massachusetts Amherst invite applications for a tenure-track assistant professorship starting Fall 2010. Depending on qualifications, the scholar will be appointed to a tenure-track position in either History or Economics with an adjunct position in the other department. Teaching and graduate-advising responsibilities will be divided between the two departments. The position requires expertise relating to work and labor relations seen through the lens of South Asia or the South Asian Diaspora. We seek a scholar who can teach about South Asian labor and its interconnections to the globalizing world in ways that capture the effect of these processes on the lives of workers, their families, and their communities and how they have shaped the process of globalization. Candidates will be judged on their scholarly research as well as teaching. Scholars from history, economics or closely related disciplines are encouraged to apply. A Ph.D. completed by 1 September 2012 is strongly preferred, although ABD with a firm completion date will be considered.

See here and here for more information.

To apply electronically (strongly encouraged), submit cover letter, CV, three letters of reference, a recent research paper, sample syllabi, and, if possible, evidence of teaching effectiveness at https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/979. Letters of reference and complete applications can also be submitted by postal mail to Co-Chair, Joint History-Economic Search Committee, Department of History, Herter Hall, 161 Presidents Drive, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. Applications must be received by 4 November 2011. The search committee will conduct interviews at the AHA and ASSA annual meetings.

UMass Amherst is a member of the Five College consortium along with Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges, and is also a member of the Academic Career Network, a resource for dual career couples. The University of Massachusetts is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. Women and members of minority groups are encouraged to apply. We are committed to fostering a diverse faculty, student body, and curriculum.

University of Richmond, USA

John Marshall Visiting Research Fellow for 2012-13

The John Marshall International Center for the Study of Statesmanship at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond is accepting applications for the position of John Marshall Visiting Research Fellow for 2012-13.
The Marshall Fellow will be in residence at the University of Richmond in order to pursue his or her own advanced research in political economy as it relates to the theory and practice of statesmanship. Educational requirements: Ph.D. in economics, history, philosophy, or political science.

Applications for the fellowship are encouraged from those who have just finished or who are about to finish their doctoral dissertations. More advanced scholars on sabbatical leave who wish to be at the University of Richmond in order to pursue their research will also be considered. The successful applicant must meet all position requirements at the time of selection.

The University of Richmond is a nationally ranked liberal arts university offering a unique combination of undergraduate and graduate degree programs in arts and sciences, business, leadership studies, law and continuing studies. The nation’s first school of leadership studies, a top-12 business school and a nationally recognized international education program enhance a strong liberal arts curriculum. Inaugurated in 1992, the Jepson School of Leadership Studies is an independent academic unit of the University and offers students the opportunity to major or minor in Leadership Studies. With the aim of educating students for and about leadership, the Jepson School offers an intellectually challenging liberal arts curriculum delivered by means of a rigorous and innovative pedagogy.

Applications should be sent electronically to https://www.urjobs.org/ link and include a letter of application, a curriculum vita, three letters of reference, a one-page research plan, and a writing sample. Inquiries may be directed to Nancy Nock, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, nnock@richmond.edu. Additional information about the Marshall Center can be found at http://jepson.richmond.edu/marshall/index.html.

Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2011 and continue until the position is filled. The University of Richmond is committed to developing a diverse workforce and student body and to supporting an inclusive campus community.

University of Nottingham, UK

Visiting Research Fellows

The Centre for the Study of Social and Global Justice (CSSGJ), University of Nottingham, is excited to announce two one month visiting fellowships between February-March 2012 and May-June 2012. This opportunity is available to academics, activists, community educators and others who believe that they could benefit from a stay with us at the Centre and believe they could fruitfully help us to continue to develop our work.

See here for further information.

CONFERENCE PAPERS, REPORTS, AND ARTICLES

African Association for Promoting Political Economy (AAPPE)

Launch Meeting Report
The African Association for Promoting Political Economy (AAPPE) was launched on the 13th of July, 2011, in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) during the conference « Dynamiques de croissance au sein de l'UEMOA » (12-14 of July 2011), organised by the West African Economic and Monetary Union, WAEMU. The conference gathered together over one hundred Africanist researchers and offered an unprecedented opportunity for taking this initiative. In the first instance, administrative support will be provided by the « Economic Analysis and Research » wing of the Strategic Planning Unit of the WAEMU Commission, although it remains entirely independent of the latter.

AAPPE aims at the construction, consolidation, renewal and promotion of economic analyses by virtue of pluralistic methodological and theoretical foundations, being open across different schools of economic thought and to inter-disciplinary collaboration with other social and human sciences. It seeks to recapture the spirit of the traditional project of classical political economy in straddling what are now the separate disciplines constituting social science. Such an intellectual endeavour has today largely been thwarted by the unduly narrow, technical focus of mainstream economics, and its corresponding pretensions of emulating the natural sciences. This has rendered it generally unsuitable for providing the relevant discourse and knowledge required for the understanding of capitalist and developing economies, especially those of Africa. More specifically, after thirty years of structural adjustment, it is imperative to re-establish more critical and constructive approaches to the economic and social progress of the African continent.

Contact to register interest in AAPPE: Kako NUBUKPO
e-mail: kmubukpo@uemoa.int

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- Euroland in Crisis as the Global Meltdown Picks Up Speed, Papadimitriou and Wray
- Quality of Match for Statistical Matches Used in the Development of the Levy Institute Measure of Time and Income Poverty (LIMTIP) for Argentina, Chile, and Mexico, Thomas Masterso
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- State and Municipal Alternatives to Austerity, Pollin and Thompson
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HETERODOX BOOKS AND BOOK SERIES

Book Series: Economia Política e Sociedade by Autêntica Editora

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Economic Policy and Human Rights: Holding Governments to Account

By Radhika Balakrishnan and Diane Elson

Economic Policy and Human Rights presents a powerful critique of three decades of neoliberal economic policies, assessed from the perspective of human rights norms. In doing so, it brings together two areas of thought and action that have hitherto been separate: progressive economics concerned with promoting economic justice and human development; and human rights analysis and advocacy.

Focussing on in-depth comparative case studies of the USA and Mexico and looking at issues such as public expenditure, taxation and international trade, the book shows that heterodox economic analysis benefits greatly from a deeper understanding of a human rights framework. This is something progressive economists have often been skeptical of, regarding it as too deeply entrenched in 'Western' norms, discourses and agendas. Such a categorical rejection is unwarranted. Instead, human rights norms can provide an invaluable ethical and accountability framework, challenging a narrow focus on efficiency and growth.

A vital book for anyone interested in human rights and harnessing economics to create a better world.

Financial Assets, Debt and Liquidity Crises: A Keynesian Approach

By Matthieu Charpe, Carl Chiarella, Peter Flaschel, Willi Semmler

The macroeconomic development of most major industrial economies is characterised by boom-bust cycles. Normally such boom-bust cycles are driven by specific sectors of the economy. In the financial meltdown of the years 2007–9 it was the credit sector and the real-estate sector that were the main driving forces. This book takes on the challenge of interpreting and modelling this meltdown. In doing so it revives the traditional Keynesian approach to the financial–real economy interaction and the business cycle, extending it in several important ways. In particular, it adopts the Keynesian view of a hierarchy of markets and introduces a detailed financial sector into the traditional Keynesian framework. The approach of the book goes beyond the currently dominant paradigm based on the
representative agent, market clearing and rational economic agents. Instead it proposes an economy
populated with heterogeneous, rationally bounded agents attempting to cope with disequilibria in
various markets.

**First the Transition, then the Crash: Eastern Europe in the 2000s**

By Gareth Dale

The 1989-91 upheavals in Eastern Europe sparked a turbulent process of social and economic
transition. Two decades on, with the global economic crisis of 2008-10, a new phase has begun. This
book explores the scale and trajectory of the crisis through case studies of the Czech Republic,
Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Russia, Ukraine and the former Yugoslavia. The contributors focus upon the
relationships between geopolitics, the world economy and class restructuring.

The book covers the changing relationship between business and states; foreign capital flows;
financialisation and asset price bubbles; austerity and privatisation; and societal responses, in the
form of reactionary populism and progressive social movements. Challenging neoliberal
interpretations that envisage the transition as a process of unfolding liberty, the dialectic charted in
these pages reveals uneven development, attenuated freedoms and social polarisation.

**Global Crises and the Crisis of Global Leadership**

Edited by: Stephen Gill, York University, Toronto
Cambridge University Press, October 201. ISBN: 9781107674967 | [website](#)

This groundbreaking collection on global leadership features innovative and critical perspectives by
scholars from international relations, political economy, medicine, law and philosophy, from North
and South. The book's novel theorization of global leadership is situated historically within the classics
of modern political theory and sociology, relating it to the crisis of global capitalism today.
Contributors reflect on the multiple political, economic, social, ecological and ethical crises that
constitute our current global predicament. The book suggests that there is an overarching condition of
global organic crisis, which shapes the political and organizational responses of the dominant global
leadership and of various subaltern forces. Contributors argue that to meaningfully address the
challenges of the global crisis will require far more effective, inclusive and legitimate forms of global
leadership and global governance than have characterized the neoliberal era.

**İktisat (Economics - Foundations of Alternative Economics)**

By Hasan Gürak
Language: Turkish

The purpose of the book is to present some realistic alternative approaches to the conventional
unrealistic doctrines of orthodox economists. It is not claimed to present perfectly realistic
alternatives to orthodox doctrines. Shortcomings and mistakes are inevitable and many ideas or
models presented need deeper and more refined analysis. Therefore, I hope that the alternative
approaches presented here shall not be rejected with prejudice on ideological grounds.
**Political Economy After Economics: Scientific Method and Radical Imagination**

By David Laibman  

Chapter by chapter, this book examines a wide range of economic problems, among others: technical change and the rate of profit, value and price formation in capitalist economies, classical (as opposed to textbook) approaches to supply and demand, rationing and price control, the impact of government policy on economic activity, and the nature and role of incentives in a model of socialist planning that is both central and decentralized. In each case, it is shown that formal economic-theory methods can be used to support, rather than to obscure, the core insight of critical political economics: the “economy” is really an aspect of a deeper system of social relations, with huge implications for power, conflict and social transformation.  

This re-incorporation of economics into political economy is one (small, but not insignificant) element in a larger project: to place all of the resources of present-day social-scientific research at the service of increasing democracy, in an ultimate direction toward socialism in the classic sense. An economics-enriched political economy is, above all, empowering; working people in general can calculate, build models, think theoretically, and contribute to a human-worthy future, rather than leaving all this to their “betters.”

**Remaking Scarcity: From Capitalist Inefficiency to Economic Democracy**

By Costas Panayotakis  

The dominant schools of neoclassical and neoliberal economics tell us that material scarcity is an inevitable product of an insatiable human nature. Against this, Costas Panayotakis argues that scarcity is in fact a result of the social and economic processes of the capitalist system.  

The overriding importance of the logic of capital accumulation accounts for the fact that capitalism is not able to make a rational use of scarce resources and the productive potential at the disposal of human society. Instead, capitalism produces grotesque inequalities and unnecessary human suffering, a toxic consumerist culture that fails to satisfy, and a deepening ecological crisis.  

*Remaking Scarcity* is a powerful challenge to the current economic orthodoxy. It asserts the core principle of economic democracy, that all human beings should have an equal say over the priorities of the economic system, as the ultimate solution to scarcity and ecological crisis.

**HETERODOX BOOK REVIEWS**

**Debunking Economics: The Naked Emperor Dethroned?**


Reviewed for Heterodox Economics Newsletter by Tanweer Ali, Empire State College, State University of New York. Read the review [here](https://www.heterodoxeconomics.org/issue122.html).
Debt: The First 5,000 Years
Reviewed for Heterodox Economics Newsletter by Ryan A. Dodd, Gettysburg College. Read the review [here](#).

Instituciones, Desarrollo y Regiones: El Caso de Colombia
By Jairo Parada-Corrales, Ediciones UniNorte, Barranquilla, Atlántico, Colombia, 2011.
Reviewed for Heterodox Economics Newsletter by William R. Baca-Mejia, University of Missouri-Kansas City. Read the review [here](#).

Postmodern Imperialism: Geopolitics and the Great Games
Reviewed for Heterodox Economics Newsletter by Sara Bencic, Denison University. Read the review [here](#).

Monetary Theory and Policy from Hume and Smith to Wicksell
Reviewed for [EH.NET](http://eh.net) by Thomas M. Humphrey, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (retired). Read the review [here](#).

HETERODOX GRADUATE PROGRAMS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

**London School of Economics MSc scholarships**

The Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method at the London School of Economics offers two MSc scholarships. The scholarship entitles the recipient to a tuition fee waiver and £3000 towards academic needs. It is open to both Home/UK/EU students and Overseas students. The Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method was founded by Sir Karl Popper. It is internationally renowned for a type of philosophy that is both continuous with the sciences and socially relevant. The Department was ranked 1st in the world for Philosophy of Social Science and
joint 2nd in the world for Philosophy of Science by the Philosophical Gourmet Report 2009. It offers four Master programmes, and the Scholarship is available for all programmes.

- MSc in Philosophy of Science
- MSc in Philosophy and Economics
- MSc in Philosophy of the Social Sciences
- MSc in Philosophy and Public Policy

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Five College Fellowships

Participating Colleges: Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College or Smith College

http://www.fivecolleges.edu/academic_programs/academprog_fellowship.html

Five College Fellowships offer year-long residencies for doctoral students completing dissertations. The program supports scholars from under-represented groups and/or scholars with unique interests and histories whose engagement in the Academy will enrich scholarship and teaching. This year we expect to award four fellowships for 2012-13.

Each Fellow will be hosted within an appropriate department or program at Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College or Smith College. (At Smith, recipients hold a Mendenhall Fellowship.) Applications are to the program, not to a specific hosting campus.

This is a residential fellowship. Fellows are provided research and teaching mentors and connected through the consortial office to resources and scholars across the five campuses, which include UMass Amherst. The office also supports meetings of the Fellows throughout the year. The fellowship includes a $30,000 stipend, a research grant, health benefits, office space, housing or housing assistance, and library privileges at all five campuses belonging to the consortium. While the award places primary emphasis on completion of the dissertation, most fellows teach at their hosting institution, but never more than a single one-semester course.

Center for the History of Political Economy Fellowships

The Center for the History of Political Economy at Duke University is now accepting Fellowship Applications for the 2012-2013 academic year. For a complete description of the Fellowship Program and how to apply, please visit the Center website at: http://hope.econ.duke.edu/

For full consideration, applicants should have their completed applications in by January 1, 2012. Please feel free to forward this message to any interested parties.

Bruce Caldwell
Director, Center for the History of Political Economy

HETEROODOX WEB SITES AND ASSOCIATES
**Center for the History of Political Economy**

I am delighted to announce that we have just gone live with the new Center for the History of Political Economy website. It contains information about our various Center programs, including our workshops, HOPE lunches, conferences, the fellowship program, opportunities for visiting scholars working in the archives, our Summer Institute and Summer in the Archives program, and much more. The site has been months in preparation and there are still a few areas where we are adding content, but I hope you will take the opportunity to have a look (and please do add us to your bookmarks: this address replaces all previous addresses for the site): [http://hope.econ.duke.edu/](http://hope.econ.duke.edu/)

We plan to add new material on a regular basis, and to spotlight different areas of the website to assist everyone in making good use of it.

In closing, I’d like to add a special word of thanks to Tiago Mata, who oversaw the development of the site from start to finish, and to Rob Van Horn and Avi Cohen, who are constructing the Course Materials Resources portion of the site.

Bruce Caldwell
Center Director

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**HETERODOX ECONOMICS IN THE MEDIA**

**Wanted: Worldly Philosophers**


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**QUERIES FROM HETERODOX ECONOMISTS**

**Letter to Governor Cuomo on Fracking in NYS**

I’ve been trying to identify economists and policy analysts who would be willing to sign on to letter to Governor Cuomo that points out the shortcomings of the socio-economic analysis prepared to support the Department of Environmental Conservation’s Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) on hydrofracking. Ideally, we would have a healthy list of New York-based economists and practitioners willing to sign. But we’ve had trouble finding people familiar with the subject matter.

Anyone interested, please contact:

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New Editors Needed - Debatte: Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe

The Journal is looking for new members to join its core editorial team. We would like people to fill the following roles:

**Articles Editor** - This would involve organising peer review of submitted articles and preparing issues of the journal for submission to the publishers. It could also involve other initiatives such as planning special issues or symposia.

**Commissioning Editor** - This would involve commissioning topical articles and collecting documents for publication from the countries covered by the journal for our `Forum` section. It would be based on liaising with the various editorial board members who have contacts and interests in those countries.

**Managing Editor** - This would involve organising editorial board and editorial working group meetings, circulating minutes and liaising with the publishers Taylor and Francis with regard to promoting the journal. This role might suit a graduate student wishing to gain experience in academic journal production.

The editorial board meets three times a year in London with three further editorial working group meetings scheduled in the intervening months.

Debatte seeks to provide a radical critical analysis that is sympathetic to democratic, labour, feminist and ecologist movements of contemporary economic, social, cultural and political developments in the region bounded by Germany in the west and Russia in the east. For further details about the journal see [http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/cdeb](http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/cdeb)

If you are interested in any of these roles (the exact distribution of responsibilities can be adjusted if necessary) then please contact the current editor Andy Kilmister at ackilmister@brookes.ac.uk.

Open Letter to the European Commission on Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities research in the new FP, 2014-2020

Dear colleagues, with this message we would like to invite you to sign an Open Letter addressed to the European Commissioner for Research and Innovation ([www.eash.eu/openletter2011](http://www.eash.eu/openletter2011)), alerting her to the vital insights that Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) contribute to address Europe’s and the world’s Grand Societal Challenges.

In view of legislative decisions to be taken on the next 100-Billion-worth EU Framework Programme Horizon 2020 (2014-2020), the letter stresses the necessity for a varied and strong research programme in the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH): it argues that neglecting such potential contributions as SSH research risks undermining the EU strategy to develop innovative, inclusive and sustainable societies. Yet, there still is a distinct danger of insufficient funding in Horizon 2020 for research areas such as cultural change, demography, education, the economy and globalisation, identity politics and social cohesion, and many others. For background information on these matters see: [www.eash.eu/openletter2011](http://www.eash.eu/openletter2011).

The Open Letter initiative has grown out of deliberations among a number of European umbrella organisations in the area of SSH, and seeks to bring to the attention of the European Commission and national governments the concerns of the largest research community in Europe. If you agree, that a substantial and independent SSH-centered research programme should be included in all future European Framework Programmes, we invite you to sign the Open Letter online at [www.eash.eu/openletter2011](http://www.eash.eu/openletter2011).
Please also kindly spread this invitation to sign in your institutions and among your networks. First results of this initiative will be presented to Commissioner Geoghegan-Quinn on 10 November 2011. We hope to be able to point to a high number of signatures as an expression of a groundswell of support and concern among SSH communities. The collection of signatures will, however, continue after this specific date, as the legislative decision process will last for longer.

Thank you in advance for signing and for supporting this initiative. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions: SSH-letter@net4society.eu. On behalf of the Inter-agency Task Group on SSH.

Sir Roderick Floud (Chair ESF Standing Committee for the Social Sciences)
Professor Milena Zic-Fuchs (Chair ESF Standing Committee for the Humanities)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Tributes to Pierangelo Garegnani

- Heterodoxo rebelde: Fallecio Pierangelo Garegnani, Economista Italiano, Eduardo Crespo Y Andrés Lazzarini
- La desaparición de un maestro de la economía critica, Sergio Cesaratto

Free Book on Free Trade

This is just to let you know that free copies of my book Free Trade Doesn’t Work are available to anyone who writes me to ask for one.

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URPE: Participating in Occupy Wall Street

Please respond if you are interested in any of the ideas below, or if you have more information. It has been exciting to see how many URPE members, and people who are part of the broader URPE community, have given teach-ins or open forums, or engaged in one-on-one discussions on their own at Liberty Square. If you want to see who the presenters have been, and what their topics were, go to http://www.nycga.net/. Then Click on Events in the navigation bar at the top, and fill in the search categories starting with Sept. 17. (URPE people have also been active in other parts of the country, including Boston.)
Several of us living close to NYC have been exploring ways URPE can facilitate this involvement organizationally.

The NYC General Assembly currently includes 62 working groups (in various stages of development and definition) that meet to plan different aspects of life at Liberty Square, and ways to expand their activities beyond that area and to collaborate with other progressive/radical groups. Click on Groups
at the link above to see them. New groups are constantly appearing, and existing groups are constantly changing.

The Empowerment and Education committee coordinates talks (open forums, teach-ins and workshops); a few of us have been to meetings. They are working on additional projects that are still in formation, like starting a Nomadic University, through which teachers would give free classes in various parts of NYC. There is a study group subcommittee -- not sure what that does. Additional groups could be venues for URPE people wishing to participate. Alternative Economics is mostly focusing on coops, but is also interested in general economics education. There is a free library that accepts books. There is a group for outreach to universities. And more . . .

TYPES OF TALKS
(There is no amplification -- all talks are done with the Human Microphone)
There are currently 3 formats that I know of, and they generally take place either at Liberty Square or nearby. (There is talk of expanding or moving them to Washington Square Park but this hasn’t happened yet.)

1. Open Forum
This takes place every day from 6:00 to 7:00. It is more formally organized than the other formats. "The Open Forum is daily sharing of ideas and topics related to the occupation. Speakers should frame the discussion around the big ideas and not any specific organization, campaign or project. Anything that might seem to promote a political party, platform, project, cause or organization or could be seen as recruiting should be avoided. No handing out of fliers or circulating of sign up sheets for specific organizations, projects or causes. You can however hand out informational materials as long as they are not affiliated with an organization. Presenters can set up a table and invite people to come by after the forum.” People should speak for 15-20 minutes (leave time for Human Mic to repeat what you say) and then encourage debate and discussion. There is a detailed protocol on setting up open forums -- publicizing them, arranging for taping, letting people know about it in the Square before the event, etc. Please read this carefully if you are considering doing an open forum.

2. Teach-ins
These are primarily to impart and discuss information. The time slots are 12-2, 2-4, or 4-6. The requirements are much looser than for open forums. You can pretty much talk about what you want, and divide the time between talking and discussion the way you want to. They suggest that you do the same preparation as above, to get an audience and taping, but it’s more optional.

3. Workshops
These are like teach-ins but more hands-on and participatory, to teach a skill.

TO GET ON THE CALENDAR:
For Open Forums, you can email me at soapbox@comcast.net. (I joined the Empowerment and Education Committee, so I can put events on the calendar after running them by others on the committee -- haven’t tried it yet, though!) Send possible dates and times, plus a brief bio, and a title and short description of the talk. And read the Hosting Protocol above, to see how to prepare. For Teach-ins or Workshops, send an email with Proposal in the title to: occupy101@gmail.com (It would be great to hear about it if you do this. If you don’t hear back, let me know and I can follow up.)

POSSIBLE TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FROM OCCUPIERS -- OR CHOOSE YOUR OWN TOPIC

Some ideas for Open Forums:
• The 2007/2008 financial crisis explained
• Inflation effects explained
• Government debt: who do we owe, when is it due, how heavily do we rely on other countries to fund us, what are the limitations, how will this affect our future, etc.
• US budget: current budget-making process
• Health care and economy. The cycle of money within the current Healthcare System (Medical Schools, Doctors, Pharmaceutical Companies)
• How does stock exchange work
• Iceland 2008-2011 financial crisis and measures for resolution
• Basic Banking: what do banks do for us and what does our money do for them? Projected profits from recent scale-up in fees (if available)
• Bailout: what were the economic arguments for this? Will Americans ever recuperate their “loan”?
• Obama’s September $447 billion job package: is this a solution?
• Welfare: how does it work, how can you access it and how long can you rely on it?
• The stimulus package: What was it? How were the almost $800 billion allocated and did we or can we expect to see any real results?
• How to save your money (how much should you save, how can you keep it safe, what are the alternatives to banks?)
• The economic impact of the wars

YOU ALSO CAN PARTICIPATE BY JOINING A GROUP, SETTING UP A TABLE, OR ENGAGING IN CONVERSATIONS.