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Editorial

Like many heterodox economists, my [TJ's] new year began with the ASSA meetings in Chicago. It was very nice to meet many old and new friends. There were so many interesting heterodox sessions and activities. In particular, those young (and young-at-heart) heterodox economists who attended the Pedagogy and Course Design Workshop organized by Geoffrey Schneider (along with the support from heterodox journals and associations) told me that it was a well-organized and most helpful workshop. Hope we can have a similar or even better workshop at the next ASSA meeting in San Diego (see early [calls for papers for the 2013 ASSA](#) meetings here--HES, LERA, and URPE).

About a year ago, a number of heterodox economists endorsed a letter urging that "the AEA create and then promote adherence to a professional code of ethics that at a minimum requires transparency with respect to potential conflicts of interest" (see the letter [here](#)). In response to the letter the AEA Executive Committee announced on January 5, 2012 that AEA "adopted extensions to its principles for authors' disclosures of potential conflicts of interest in the AEA's publications." See the press release on this [here](#).

There have been some very interesting pieces on heterodox economics in the mainstream media. In particular, *The Economist* magazine ran a long article that included a look at Austrian economics, the so-called Market Monetarist approach, and Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) or what they labeled Neo-Chartalism, where Warren Mosler and UMKC were featured prominently. MMT in particular has been getting a lot of coverage in the Blogosphere. You can find links to some of these interesting discussions in the [media section](#) and debates on [Randy Wray's blog](#).

Lastly, we'd like call your attention to our own efforts to organize a heterodox economic activity taking place at Buffalo State College on March 2nd. It is [a workshop and a public lecture devoted to heterodox microeconomics](#). Both events are free and open to the public. We hope many heterodox economists in the region can join us. If you are interested, contact Tae-Hee at taeheejo@gmail.com.

Happy new year to all and we wish we have many exciting news for heterodox economists around the world!

In solidarity,

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CALL FOR PAPERS

AFEE at Canadian Economic Association Annual Conference 2012

June 7 - 10, 2012 | the University of Calgary in Calgary, Alberta, Canada

The CEA invites anyone wishing to present a paper at the 2012 Conference to submit an abstract by Friday, February 17, 2012. Paper submissions in English or French are accepted starting December 1st, 2012 through the web interface at my.economics.ca. The maximum length for an abstract is 250 words. An original call for papers is available on the website of the conference <http://economics.ca/2012/en/>

Ad Hoc Committee on AFEE Regional/International Conferences would like to organize a special session on institutionalist approaches to contemporary economic issues, and, thus, propositions for this particular session are also welcome. In order to contact the conference organizer for this session approval, it is necessary to have a list of presenters no later than January 27th, 2012. If you are interested in participating in such a session, please send your proposals for paper topics to Anna Klimina at anna.klimina@usask.ca

At the same time please be advised that individual papers for this session must still go through the regular process using the online system to submit a paper. However, the "Comments" section of the form should make reference to the special session (e.g., "this paper is part of a special session on "Institutionalist Approaches to...", organized by Prof. Anna Klimina). The applicable submission deadlines are the same as for regular paper presenters, which is Friday, February 17, 2012.

If timing is an issue this year, Ad Hoc Committee on AFEE Regional/International Conferences will try to organize one or two sessions on institutionalist approaches to economic issues at the CEA conference next year, starting earlier.

On behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee on AFEE Regional/International Conferences
Anna Klimina, Committee's Chair

AHE-FAPE-IIPPE Joint Conference: Panel/Stream Proposal

5-9, July 2012 | Paris, France | [Conference Website](#)

Antecedents of the Present Crisis

Organizer: Simon Mohun and John Weeks

1973 is often described as the end of the 'golden age' (although it had been ending for some time prior to that) and the 1970s were a period of considerable turmoil. In retrospect the 70s appear as a period of transition to the era that began at the end of the decade. But was there a crisis in the 1970s? If so, what was it a crisis of and how did it play out? If not, why not, and how is continuity between the 1970s and the 1980s to be understood? We call for papers that specifically relate to these themes.

Please send an abstract of around 250 words by January 27, 2012 to Simon Mohun at

s.mohun@qmul.ac.uk.

Poverty Working Group

Organizer: George Labrinidis

While the crisis in the EU is unfolding and the recession in the US is persisting, poverty is becoming a reality or a threat for more and more people. Nevertheless, while absolute poverty is the most telling aspect of poverty, research in approaching this aspect is left aside. The Poverty Working Group encourages contributions which shed light on the theoretical approach of absolute poverty, on social needs and the relative level of their satisfaction and the construction of a poverty threshold based on this level. Additionally, welcome is critique of mainstream relative poverty approaches. In particular, contributions on the following issues are encouraged, always in accordance with the general call for papers:

- Theoretical approach of the needs of housing, nutrition, clothing and footwear, transportation, health, education, childcare and leisure related needs
- Measurement of those needs, or aspects of them in a given historical and social framework
- The standard of living in general or in particular
- The value of labour power as a useful approach of the poverty threshold, under relative conditions

Abstracts of individual papers (max. 250 words) should be sent to George Labrinidis (geolabros@gmail.com) by the end of January 2012.

Urban and Regional Political Economy

Following two highly successful the International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy (IIPPE) conferences in Political Economy, the Association for Heterodox Economics (AHE), the French Association of Political Economy (FAPE), and IIPPE are jointly coordinating the Third International Conference of Political Economy in Paris, July 5-8, 2012. The theme of the conference is "Political Economy and the Outlook of Capitalism".

Most of the analysis of the global economic crisis takes place in terms of national economies, treated as unitary entities, interacting in the world economy. This stream aims to open the 'black-box' of national economies and look at the social relations and processes that occur in localities and regions at the sub-national level. Processes and developments at the level of localities can vary a great deal within and between countries yet they are crucial to both local and national outcomes.

We call for papers that analyse local relations and processes and those that link localities with larger-scale territories. In particular, we encourage work around the following themes:

- the internal relations between space – territory, distance, scale – and social processes, and the way in which social actors use space.
- the social processes and relations of the monetised 'economy', waged and unwaged work, the reproduction of people within homes and neighbourhoods using commodity consumption and public services, associated cultures of work and social life, popular collective organisations, and the interventions of the state;
- the distinct sites and spaces of industries, public and private services, domestic work, housing, transport, the built and natural environment, public space, and the state.
- the local as a site of oppression and exploitation and of struggles against them

In addition to submission of individual papers, we are open to the submission of panel proposals of 2-4 presentation each. The conference will also provide an opportunity to further the work of the IIPPE Urban and Regional Political Economy Working Group.

Abstracts of individual papers (max. 250 words) or panel proposals (max. 250 words plus abstracts of

the individual papers) should be sent to parisiippeurban@yahoo.co.uk by the 15th of February. Please send the abstracts to us in the first instance, rather than the conference organisers.

For more information about the working group please visit:

http://www.iippe.org/wiki/Urban_and_Regional_Political_Economy_Working_Group

Other previously announced CFP

- See [here](#).

ASE: 14th World Congress of Social Economics (UK)

June 20-22, 2012 | University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland, UK | [website](#)

Towards an Ethical Economy and Economics

Social economics, with its focus on social values, social interactions, and ethics, is particularly well suited to provide insightful analyses on the present state of economics as a discipline and on the state of the world economy. The international financial crisis, the European sovereign debt crisis, and increasing inequalities throughout the world raise important social and ethical issues concerning the interactions of governments, financial institutions, individuals, communities, and the economics profession. Social economics offers valuable alternative evaluations of economic activity that lead toward a more ethical and sustainable economy and a more relevant economics.

We welcome proposals for complete sessions and for individual papers – conceptual, applied and empirical – related to the theme of the conference as well as in all areas of social economics. Some topics for discussion might include:

- What is meant by an ‘ethical economics’ and an ‘ethical economic system’?
- What does an increased awareness of the ethics of economic activities imply for social relations and values and for economics?
- What are the manifestations of an ethical economy in terms of: corporate social responsibility; sustainable consumption; economic organisation, such as co-operatives, and the structure of finance, such as regulation, micro-finance, mutualisation, and credit unions?
- What are the relationships between an ethical economy and social capital? Does a high incidence of social capital ensure an ethical economy and ethical economic activities? What does an ethical economy mean for the “third sector” and social enterprise? Does it relate to the UK Prime Minister’s (David Cameron) notion of the “Big Society”?
- What does an ethical economy imply for economic performance? What are the measures of performance and well-being in an ethical economy? Would an ethical economy be more equal? If so, in what respects?
- What does an ethical economy imply for the distribution of income and of wealth, both within a country and among countries?
- What are the relations between an ethical economy and a green economy?
- What are the social and ethical responsibilities of economics and of economists?
- What are the macroeconomic manifestations of ethical considerations – what is an ethical fiscal policy? to what extent is the conventional wisdom concerning sovereign debt crises correct?

Abstract Submissions

To submit a proposal please send an abstract of about 400 words for a paper and/or a proposal of about 600 words for a session, together with the abstracts of the session papers, no later than February 1, 2012. Please include the title of the session or the paper, the authors’ names and institutional affiliations, and contact information in the form of an e-mail address for the corresponding author.

Information pertaining to Submissions of Abstract Proposals can be found on the ASE website at www.socialeconomics.org. Submissions should be made no later than February 1, 2012.

Keynote Speakers

- Tony Atkinson, Department of Economics, Nuffield College, Oxford University
- Ben Fine, Professor of Economics, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

Additional Conference information and Registration information can be found at the ASE website: www.socialeconomics.org

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Important Dates

- February 1, 2012 Deadline for Abstract Submission
- March 1, 2012 Notification of Accepted Abstracts
- April 15, 2012 Conference Registration Deadline
- May 15, 2012 Deadline for Submitting Full Papers
- June 20, 2012 Opening Plenary Session and Reception, Tony Atkinson, speaker
- June 21, 2012 Conference Dinner
- June 22, 2012 Closing Keynote Address, The Cairncross Lecture, Ben Fine, speaker

ASSA 2013 (US)

San Diego | January 4-6, 2013

HES at ASSA 2013

The History of Economics Society (HES) will sponsor four sessions at the Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) meetings, January 4-6, 2013, in San Diego, California.

The ASSA offers historians of economic thought an opportunity to present high-quality historical research to an audience of professional economists. Given this, preference will be given to proposals that are most likely to interest the broader community. Proposals are invited for entire sessions, rather than single papers.

Please submit session proposals, including abstracts for the proposed papers (approximately 200 words), to me at h.b.j.b.maas@uu.nl. The deadline is May 1, 2012.

URPE at ASSA 2013

URPE invites proposals for individual papers and complete sessions for the URPE at ASSA annual meeting. URPE welcomes proposals on radical political economic theory and applied analysis from a wide variety of theoretical traditions.

The deadline for proposed papers and sessions is May 1, 2012. At that time individual and panel proposals will be checked to be sure everyone is current with their URPE dues or the proposals will be set aside.

Proposals for complete sessions are encouraged and should include the session title, a brief description of each paper, and the names, institutional affiliations, and email addresses of the chair, discussants, and presenters. Proposals for sessions should contain four papers. If you are proposing a complete session, please arrange to have discussants for your papers and a chair for your session. As the organizer of this session, you are responsible for conveying administrative information to session members, including confirmation that the session has been accepted, the time and location, and deadlines. A registration form must be completed for each paper.

Proposals for individual papers should include the title, the abstract, and the author's name, institutional affiliation, and email. You should also complete the registration form. Individuals whose papers are accepted may also be expected to serve as a discussant for a different paper at the meetings. If you list the areas you prefer to discuss, all attempts will be made to match your preferences. Individual papers that are accepted will be assigned to sessions and each session will have an assigned organizer. It is the organizer's job to convey administrative information to session members, including confirmation that the session has been accepted, the time and location, and deadlines. URPE has no paid ASSA staff, so those presenting papers must share the burden of organizing.

We regret that high quality individual papers may be turned down due to the inability to place them in a session with papers with similar themes. For this reason, we strongly encourage proposals for full sessions. The number of sessions we can accept is limited by ASSA, and we regret that high quality sessions may be turned down as well.

Please note that the date, time, and location of sessions are assigned by ASSA, not URPE. You should receive word from URPE that your paper/session was accepted by mid-June. ASSA will not assign dates and times until much later in the summer.

Please note that anyone who presents a paper (but not the chairs or discussants) must be a member of URPE (except at joint sessions with other groups, in which case they can be a member of the other organization) at the time of submission of the paper or panel proposal. Contact urpe@labornet.org or 413-577-0806 for membership information. We will confirm membership prior to accepting proposals. Applications should be submitted online on the URPE website www.urpe.org, beginning April 1 (instructions will be available by March 1 on the website). If you have questions or problems with the online submission, please contact Fred Moseley at the email address below. Only applications received by the May 1 deadline will be considered.

If you have any other questions, please contact one of the URPE at ASSA coordinators below:

Fred Moseley (fmoseley@mtholyoke.edu) and Laurie Nisonoff (lnisonoff@hampshire.edu)

LERA at ASSA 2013

Even though the 2012 ASSA meetings are about to happen, it is not too early (well maybe it is!) to think about giving a paper or proposing a panel for the 2013 meetings in San Diego, California. LERA (Labor and Employment Relations Association) welcomes proposals on a range of topics relating to employment. Panels organized jointly with other associations are welcome. For more information and the official call for proposals see: <http://leraweb.org/calls-announcements>.

In 2013 LERA (Labor and Employment Relations Association) will no longer hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the ASSA, but will continue (as many organizations do) to field sessions at the ASSA. As a result, LERA has more slots than in the past for academic papers. This is a great opportunity to increase the ability of good quality research from heterodox economists and others to find an outlet for their work at the meetings.

Capitalizing Power: The Qualities and Quantities of Accumulation (Canada)

September 28-30, 2012 | York University, Toronto | [website](#)
A Conference of the Forum on Capital as Power

Abstract Submission Deadline: June 30, 2012

With the global crisis lingering, many now wonder how capital has become so powerful, and what should be done about it. Although we are eager to provide answers, the problem starts with the question itself: what exactly do we mean by 'capital', and what does it mean to say that capital is 'powerful'? The difficulty lies in the fractured nature of modern social science – both its conventional division into numerous disciplines, including economics, politics, sociology, international relations, and culture, and the habitual bifurcation of the economy itself into real and nominal spheres. These fractures create conceptual rifts: they place most aspects of power outside the economic process, and they portray capitalization as a fictitious mirror of an economic reality located in production.

The theory of Capital as Power removes these fissures by abolishing the disciplinary divisions between economics, politics, and other disciplines, as well as the economic bifurcation of the real and nominal. In doing so, the theory puts power at the centre of analysis and examines finance as the main algorithm of capitalist power. The goal is to decipher the conversion of qualities to quantities: to theorize and research how the qualities of power – the multifaceted interactions of command and obedience, force and submission, violence and resistance – are universalized and discounted to the quantities of capitalization.

We are calling for theoretical, empirical, and historical papers to engage critically with questions such as the following. How does power bear on accumulation, and how does it get capitalized? How has capitalization evolved and mutated? What are the qualitative forms of power in capitalism, and how do they compare to those that characterized earlier modes of power? What are the historical roots of capital as power? Do these roots alter the way we understand the origins of capitalism? How does capitalism convert qualities into quantities? What are the limits of capitalized power? How is capitalized power resisted and opposed? Can it be reformed or overthrown? Can these questions be addressed by mainstream and heterodox theories of capitalism – and if so, how do their answers differ from those offered by the theory of capital as power?

We are also interested in concrete areas of inquiry related to these broader questions. Suggested topics include:

- Capitalist power and labour – from proletarianization and wages to productivity and organization;
- International and regional relations and the capitalization of power;
- Capitalist and democratic accounting, including the history of discounting and its possible alternatives;
- Power and price formation – from local to global markets;
- The state as a locus of capitalization – from taxes and the law to ideology and violence;
- The role of capitalist power in contemporary crises;
- Capitalized power and nature – from genetic engineering, to energy, to the biosphere;
- Comparative modes of power: ancient and feudal, communist and fascist, capitalist and beyond;
- Capital as Power versus 'primitive accumulation' – dispossession, co-optation and genocide;
- The power dimensions of 'immaterial' capitalism – from leisure and fear to knowledge and ideology;
- The psychology of capitalist power;
- Alternative visions for a de-capitalized society.

The conference will comprise two parts: public presentations open to all (day one), followed by a closed workshop for the conference participants (days two and three). The workshop will consist of longer presentations, allowing more time for debate, discussion and contemplation. Participants should be prepared to present in either part, depending on the allocation made by the organizers.

Please email abstracts of 250 words to: casp.york@gmail.com. The deadline for abstract submissions is June 30, 2012.

Communication, Crisis, and Critique in Contemporary Capitalism (Spain)

October 18-20, 2012 | University of the Basque Country, Bilbao, Spain | [CFP](#)

Conference of the European Sociological Association's Research Network 18 - Sociology of Communications and Media Research

Keynote Talk: Prof. Peter Golding (Northumbria University, UK) – Why a Sociologist should take Communications and Media Seriously

Abstract

In the presentation of this paper, Peter Golding will reflect on why the study of communications and media demands the insights and methods of sociology, and why RN18 therefore is an appropriate network within the European Sociological Association. He will present reflections on how such key sociological concerns as inequality, identity, power, and change are at the heart of the questions we should be posing in addressing the nature and role of the media as institutions and communications as a social process. The paper will also address how far changes in the technologies of media and communications alter, or should alter, our approach to generating research and insight in this field. Peter Golding is pro-vice chancellor of research & innovation at Northumbria University, founder and honorary chair of ESA RN18.

Call for Submissions and Participation

We are living in times of global capitalist crisis that require rethinking the ways we organize society, communication, the media, and our lives. The current crisis seems to a certain degree be different compared to previous ones, among other reasons due to the role of mediated communication and information in establishing/changing economic, political, and social relations as well as the crisis itself. The crisis can also be seen as crisis of what has been called consumer capitalism or informational capitalism. More precisely it has resulted on the one hand in a hyperneoliberal intensification of neo-conservative policies and on the other hand in the emergence of new popular movements that are critical of the commodification of everything and demand the strengthening of society's commons. The second movement has in the social sciences been accompanied by a renewed interest in critical studies, the critique and analysis of class and capitalism, and critical political economy. The overall goal of this conference is to foster scholarly presentations, networking, and exchange on the question of which transitions media and communication and media sociology are undergoing in contemporary society. The conference particularly welcomes contributions that are inspired by sociological theories, critical studies, and various strands and traditions of the critical study of media & society.

Questions that can be covered by presentations include, but are not limited to:

- What is a crisis? What forms of crisis are there? How do they relate to capitalism and communication?
- How have the media presented the crisis? Which similarities and differences in crisis reporting are there between different media (television, press, and new media) or between media in different countries?
- How has the crisis affected various media and cultural industries? What is the role of changing media technology in the economic crisis? How has the media economy changed since the start of the crisis in 2008? How have advertising investments, profits, market values, etc developed in the media economy since the start of the crisis? How has the global expansion of media industries been reshaped by the crisis and what is the future of global

media and news agencies? What changes can be traced in the production of news and other media content? Are there changes in the nature of media products?

- What is the role of media and communication technologies in the financialization, acceleration, and globalization of the capitalist economy? How can a post-crisis media economy look like? How has advertising favoured a climate of private consumer debt?
- What are the ideological implications of the crisis for mediascapes? Which ideological discourses do companies, CEOs, managers, or neoliberal politicians use for justifying their interests, lay-offs, high bonuses, inequalities, etc and how are these discourses represented by the media or in strategic company reports? How are hyper-neoliberal crisis policy responses (“socialism for the rich and capitalism for the poor” in the form of bank bail outs and budget cuts in areas like welfare, education, social security, health care, etc) ideologically justified and how do the media represent such ideologies? What is the role of finance capital in the media and cultural industries? Which hegemonic, alternative, or contradictory interpretations and reception practices of media content that relates to the crisis are there? Which ideologies and myths underlie the capitalist crisis?
- What is the role of media, communication, critical journalism, and alternative media in contemporary uproars, riots, rebellions, social movements, protests, demonstrations, and revolutions?
- How do identities and mediated identities change in times of crisis? How should one think about the relationship of economy and culture in light of the capitalist crisis? What is the relationship of class and identities and of politics of redistribution and recognition today? How do we have to rethink and reshape the relation between political economy and cultural studies in the light of capitalist crisis in order to adequately study the media and communication?
- How is the public sphere changing in the light of the global crisis? What are perspectives for politics, participation, and democracy today and how do these perspectives relate to the media and communication? Is the role of media in democracy changing? If so, how? Are media a distinct player in politics? If the established media form an estate of power in democracy, do we today new a new estate of power? If so, how could it look like?
- What are the causes, realities, and consequences of the commodification of the communication commons? What are alternatives to the commodification of the communication commons? How can one strengthen and create public media and commons-based forms of communication? What are the relationships and differences between the commodity logic, the gift logic, and the logic of public goods and how do these logics shape the media?
- How do contemporary societal trends, such as integration, diversity and conflicts in Europe and the world, transnationalism and networking, digitization, informatization, globalization, glocalization, prosumption, neoliberalism, privatization and commodification, migration, racism, changing gender relations, consumer and advertising culture, warfare, terrorism, the new imperialism, surveillance, social movement protests, global societal risks, the strengthening of right-wing extremist and fascist movements, or the anti-corporate movement and other movements, shape media and communication and how do media and communication in turn shape society in times of crisis and transition?
- What are the tasks, roles, responsibilities, and identities of the sociology of media and communication in a society that is facing deep crisis? What is the actual or potential role of critique, ethics, struggles, counter-power, resistance, protest, civil society, and social movements in contemporary societies and contemporary communications?
- What are the major trends that shape contemporary society and how are these trends related to mediated communication and knowledge production? In what society do we live? What society do we desire to have? What forms of media and communication do we find in contemporary society? What forms of media and communication do we desire and how must society change in order to achieve these goals?
- What are the major trends in respect to crisis, communication, and critique in Europe? What are the major trends in respect to crisis, communication, and critique in other parts of the world?
- How do different companies and organizations make use of different information transmission technologies? What is the role of high speed financial flows and associated transmission networks in the finance industry? How (in)visible are these flows?

Submission

An abstract of 200-250 words should be sent to Dr. Romina Surugiu, University of Bucharest, at the following e-mail address: bilbao.conference@yahoo.com. Please insert the words Bilbao in the subject. The deadline for abstract submission is May 31st, 2012.

The Food Crisis: Implications for Decent Work in Rural and Urban Areas (Germany)

The International Center for Development and Decent Work (ICDD) Annual Thematic Conference
University of Kassel, Kassel, Germany | July 4-6

In recent years, food prices have gone up to prohibitive levels for many of the world's poor. They have remained high and volatile. While many poor city dwellers have had to switch their diets to include only very basic foods, the vast majority of those who are hungry in the world today (over half a billion) are working in agriculture, either as small landholders or as waged agricultural workers. This paradox has sparked a lively debate about the reasons for food price increases. However, the implications for the Decent Work agenda have received less attention. The four dimensions of the Decent Work concept (creating jobs, guaranteeing rights at work, extending social protection and promoting social dialogue) do not explicitly cover the issue of rising food prices. On the one hand, price increases for the most basic household items threaten any gains achieved through the Decent Work agenda. On the other hand, increased food prices may in principle provide an opportunity for agricultural labour, yet the majority of the food producers seem not to have benefited from rising prices. Apparently, the bargaining power of many producers has been weakened vis-à-vis the buyers of agricultural produce. This development points to another dimension not explicitly addressed by the Decent Work agenda: power relations along the food chain. The International Center for Development and Decent Work (ICDD) wants to commit its Annual Thematic Conference "The Food Crisis: Implications for Decent Work in Rural and Urban Areas" to an exploration of the origins of the food crisis, its implications for the Decent Work agenda, and strategies for addressing the crisis.

The general themes to be discussed are: Assessing the Scope of the Food Crisis: Is there a rural – urban divide? What is the impact on workers and small landholders? What are the implications for the Decent Work agenda? Origins of the Food Crisis: Financialization, land grabbing, climate change and soil degradation, agribusiness, agro-fuels, EU trade policies, demography, productivity obstacles, and other relevant topics. Remedies for the Food Crisis: Increasing agricultural productivity, improving logistics, empowering agricultural workers, food sovereignty, and other relevant topics.

We encourage potential contributors to include a gender-sensitive analysis whenever possible.

If you would like to present a paper in one of these areas, please send a brief abstract (less than half a page) by April 1, 2012 to: ATC2012Kassel@icdd.uni-kassel.de

Please include the following information:

- Name:
- Country:
- Organization:

Global Political Economy Network: Global Firms, Global Finance and Global Inequalities Conference (UK)

25-6 April, 2012 | Loughborough University, UK

Background: Global capitalism is again facing a popular backlash in advanced countries, focused upon the disparities between the '1 per cent' – largely associated with the finance sector – and the rest of the Global population. Yet there is still little consensus about the effects of globalisation upon income distribution – either within countries or between countries. Rising inequality in the Anglo-Saxon countries, and increasing unemployment in continental Europe, led to a political backlash against global trade in the 1990s. However, traditional analyses, based upon the neoclassical model of the global economy, failed to find a link to trade with developing countries, since traded commodity prices did not seem to be shifting. In addition, inequality was also rising within many developing countries, which was contrary to the simple version of the Stolper-Samuelson theorem. More recent analyses, based upon intra- and inter-firm trade, outsourcing and networking, have suggested that these early conclusions may have been premature. It is argued that many effects initially attributed to technological progress may, in fact, reflect selective outsourcing of certain labour-intensive processes. In addition, global financial liberalisation has led to strong shifts in costs of, access to and returns to finance in different parts of the World, whose effects on inequalities have not fully been explored. The role of the finance sector – both in terms of its extreme concentrations of income on the highest earners, and in terms of its alleged failure to support development among poorer groups – is at the heart of current debate.

Call for papers on the themes of:

- North-North capital market integration and tax/subsidy competition.
- North-South capital market integration.
- Different labour market institutions and responses to global shifts.
- Labour market effects of outsourcing and FDI.
- Degree of competition and income distribution.
- Finance and access to education in North and South.
- Access to finance as a driver to FDI.
- Appropriate policy responses.

Papers on other related themes will also be considered.

Keynote speakers:

- Rodney Falvey, Bond University, Australia.
- Carl Davidson, Michigan State University, USA.
- Udo Kreickemeier, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- Ray Riezman, University of Iowa, USA.

Submission of papers: The url to submit papers to GPEN2012 via Conference Maker is <https://editorialexpress.com/conference/GPEN2012>

Deadline for extended abstracts. 10 February 2012.

Authors of accepted papers to be informed by 9 March 2012.

Registration, payment and submission of full paper by 23 March, 2012.

Conference fee £130. Conference dinner an extra £30.

It is intended to submit a selection of papers to a journal special issue.

More information will follow.

Historical Materialism Conference, Toronto 2012

May 11-13, 2012 | York University, Toronto

Final Call for Papers (New Deadline): “SPACES OF CAPITAL, SPACES OF RESISTANCE”

Call for Papers: 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 February 7, 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.

How to bring joy into economics: Revisiting Tibor Scitovsky (Italy)

26-27 June, 2012 | Angevin-Aragonese Castle, Gaeta (Italy)

See [attached flyer](#) for more details

The Impact of the Recession on Poverty in the United States

Call for Contribution

My name is Lindsey Hanson, I'm a legal aid attorney in Minnesota. I am working with a co-author, Timothy Essenberg, a professor of economics at Bethel University on a two-volume series about the impact of the recession on poverty in the United States for ABC-Clio. ABC-Clio is a publisher of reference materials for secondary and post-secondary students.

I am looking for economists who are interested in contributing to a book about the impact of the recession on poverty in the United States. The articles will be published in a two-volume series by ABC-Clio. Contributors will receive a byline, electronic access to the final work, and modest monetary compensation (or a copy of the two-volume series if they prefer). The articles I am looking for will be between 3,000 and 4,500 words each.

Anyone interested in contributing can send their resume and area(s) of interest to lindsey.k.hanson@gmail.com

Specifically, I am looking for people who are interested in writing on the following topics:

- Federal government response to poverty in the recession
- State government responses to poverty in the recession
- Local government responses to poverty in the recession
- Tribal government responses to poverty in the recession
- Response of international organizations in the United States
- Long term impact of the recession on culture and society as it relates to poverty
- How the recession has impacted the following assistance programs: food support (food stamps), healthcare assistance, Social Security (Retirement, Disability, Supplemental, Medicare)
- How the recession has impacted underemployment and thereby poverty rates
- How the recession has impacted wages and thereby poverty rates
- The impact of the recession on poverty amongst: young adults, those age 36-65, Asian Americans, European Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, retirees and potential retirees, senior citizens

- The impact of the recession on poverty rates in rural, suburban, and urban areas
- Impact on poverty in the U.S. compared to the international impact on poverty
- Impact on financial security of families and individuals thus placing them at risk for poverty

Interface: A Journal for and about social movements

Special Issue Theme: [For the global emancipation of labour: new movements and struggles around work, workers and precarity](#)

Special issue editors: Elizabeth Humphrys, Peter Waterman, Alice Mattoni, Ana Margarida Esteves

Journal website: <http://www.interfacejournal.net/>

Once, the labour movement was seen as *the* international social movement for the left (and it was the spectre haunting capitalism). Over the last century, however, labour movements have been transformed. In most of the world membership rates have dwindled, and many act in defence of, or simply provide services to, their members in the spirit of interest or lobbying groups. Labour was once a broad social movement including cooperatives, socialist parties, women's and youth wings, press and publications, cultural production and sporting clubs. Often it was at the core of movements for democracy or national independence, even of social revolution. Despite the rhetoric of 'socialism', 'class and mass trade unionism' or, alternatively, technocratic 'organising strategies', most union movements internationally operate strictly within the parameters of capitalism and the ideology of 'social partnership' (i.e. with and under capital and state).

New labour organising efforts are increasingly moving beyond traditional trade union forms, dependence on the state or parties of the left, and have found new forms linked to ethnic or geographical communities, working women, precarious workers, migrants and other radical-democratic social movements.

These changes may relate to the neoliberalisation and 'globalization' of capitalism, and its result in restructured industry and employment. They may also relate to the consequent disorientation of the left. Transformations at the political and economic level have not, however, meant the disappearance of labour movement. Multiple new expressions of labour discontent arise from the bases and the margins of the world of work.

New forms of organising and/or a revival?

Firstly, from the *bases* we find movements of workers, often in alliance with local communities or other social movements. They are to be found not only in advanced industrial and postindustrial economies, but also — more dramatically — at the capitalist periphery. Labour movements were important in the recent Tunisian and Egyptian uprisings. In the world's second biggest economy, China, labour has been flexing its muscles in the most repressive and difficult of circumstances. Labour struggle has also begun to revive in the United States, and in the most dramatic fashion with the occupation of the legislature in Wisconsin.

Secondly, we see those who are situated at the margins of labour markets and who experience continuous uncertainty. Increasingly addressed as the 'precariat', this includes both high-skilled and low-skilled workers in the rich metropolises of the global North as well as in the slums and fields of the global South. The precarious are younger people, women and migrants, but increasingly those previously full-time workers whose rights and conditions are under attack due to the current economic crisis.

New and emergent movements are taking place at the local, national and transnational level, signaling the ongoing transformation of workers' struggle all over the world. As capitalism reorganises, expands and reinvents, so too does resistance to its exploitation and subjugation. Some trade unions have encountered difficulty in working amongst workers who do not conform to the model of the full-time, male, family-wage-earning worker, and are seeking new ways of mobilizing and organising. This has been equally true amongst landless workers in Brazil, as with 'undocumented' or 'excluded' labour in California. Both at the bases and at the margins of the labour realms, women, men and youth are

experimenting with radical new forms of struggle, new demands, new places / spaces of articulation, and perhaps re-discovering or re-inventing a global movement for ‘the emancipation of labour’.

Some places to start?

This issue of *Interface: a journal for and about social movements* seeks to reflect both this immense richness of experiences and the attempt to articulate what has been learnt in one place in ways that may be useful for activists elsewhere. We are looking for articles that tackle questions such as:

- How are the geography and politics of labour struggles changing in the 21st century?
- What use, and clarity, is there in the distinction between ‘old’ (labour) and ‘new’ social movements?
- Is the historically central link with political parties and the state dead or can it be reinvented, and if so, how?
- Have strategies such as ‘social movement unionism’, ‘community unionism’, ‘bio-syndicalism’, recognising precarity or movements organising informal workers been effective and how far? Where and to what extent are they successful?
- What are the strengths and limits of labour organising among those for whom wage labour is only a part of their livelihood?
- What are the relationships between trade unions on the one hand, and on the other hand solidarity economy movements, organisations working with precarious and unemployed workers, and identity- or community-based groups and the labour movement?
- How are trade unionists engaging, or failing to engage, with the global justice and solidarity movement?
- Are there new trade union or labour internationalism(s), and what form or forms demonstrate this?
- What is the significance of information and communication technology (ICT), ‘knowledge workers’ and labour’s own cyberspace activities to such new worker movements?

We intend to explore such matters in this special issue of the new open-access, online, copyleft academic/activist journal, *Interface: a Journal for and about Social Movements*.

General submissions

Finally, as in all issues of *Interface*, we will accept submissions on topics that are not related to the special theme of the issue, but that emerge from or focus on movements around the world and the immense amount of knowledge that they generate. Such general submissions should contribute to the journal’s mission as a tool to help our movements learn from each other’s struggles, by developing analyses from specific movement processes and experiences that can be translated into a form useful for other movements.

In this context, we welcome contributions by movement participants and academics who are developing movement-relevant theory and research. Our goal is to include material that can be used in a range of ways by movements — in terms of its content, its language, its purpose and its form. We thus seek work in a range of different formats, such as conventional articles, review essays, facilitated discussions and interviews, action notes, teaching notes, key documents and analysis, book reviews — and beyond. Both activist and academic peers review research contributions, and other material is sympathetically edited by peers. The editorial process generally is geared towards assisting authors to find ways of expressing their understanding, so that we all can be heard across geographical, social and political distances.

We can accept material in Afrikaans, Arabic, Catalan, Croatian, Danish, English, French, German, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Maltese, Norwegian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish and Zulu. Please see our [editorial contacts](#) page for details of who to submit to.

Deadline and contact details

The deadline for initial submissions to this issue, to be published November 2012, is May 1 2012. For details of how to submit to *Interface*, please see the ‘[Guidelines for contributors](#)’. All manuscripts, whether on the special theme or other topics, should be sent to the [appropriate regional editor](#). Submission templates are available online via the [guidelines page](#).

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For more information, go to [here](#).

SASE Conference: Global Shifts: Implications for Business, Government, and Labor (US)

June 28-30, 2012 | MIT, USA

The SASE conference entitled "Global Shifts: Implications for Business, Government, and Labor" will be taking place at MIT June 28-30, 2012, with abstracts due June 15. I would like to particularly call your attention to a mini-conference within SASE on the impacts of financialization. Here's a brief version of the call:

Workers, Inequality and the State in the Era of Financialization

The most recent financial crisis reverberated far beyond the halls of Wall Street, making it painfully clear that households, firms, and other social institutions depend on the uninterrupted flow of credit and equity markets. Yet the process of "financialization" developed over several decades, consisting of numerous institutional changes in the forms of ownership, corporate governance, and inter-firm relations. This mini-conference invites proposals, both contemporary and historical, examining the forms and effects of financialization on firms' relationships with workers, communities, and the state – and the various challenges and opportunities confronting those actors counter-mobilizing against firms oriented toward financial markets.

Longer version at: http://sase.org/mini-conferences/themes_fr_115.html#MC4

SASE is seriously interdisciplinary and global (well, mainly US-Europe). Submissions from radical political economists would be greatly welcomed.

SOAS, BASAS Annual Conference: Interrogating Indian Capitalism (UK)

12-14 April 2012 | SOAS, London | [website](#)

Organised by Dr Pritam Singh (Oxford Brookes University)

The papers in this panel should aim to provide analysis of different dimensions of the nature of Indian capitalism today. Papers can be historical in character but should aim to throw light on contemporary Indian capitalism. Studies on capitalism in different regions of India or different sectors of the Indian capitalist economy would be equally welcome along with more macro-level views of Indian capitalism. The macro level dimensions could include the expansionary forays of Indian capital abroad and the new forms of collaborations developing between Indian capital and foreign capital in India as well as abroad.

Papers do not need to be from a narrow economics perspective. Papers exploring bourgeois thought formations through media, education, religion, sports and family would be equally welcome. Similarly papers on class formation, class/caste interactions and on links between business and politics would be welcome. Other areas worth exploring could be discourse analysis of the Indian elites' perceptions of the rise of India as an economic power in the global capitalist economy.

Explorations of creative and imaginative critiques and challenges to capitalism would be especially appreciated. These critiques and challenges could include practical political struggles also.

Please submit your abstracts to the panel convenor Pritam Singh (psingh@brookes.ac.uk) by Friday 27th January 2012.

For further information about the conference please go to [here](#).

Left Forum 201 (US)

March 16-18 2012 | Pace University, US | [website](#)
Occupy The System: Confronting Global Capitalism

Deadline extended to **January 31, 2012**

Beginning with the celebrated Arab Spring and the explosive revolts in Greece and beyond uprisings against dictators, crony capitalism, corporate greed and neo-liberal state austerity regimes have spread across the globe. Tactical innovation in the new movements from Tahrir Square to Madison, Wisconsin are breaking down old barriers in the fight for a better future for the world's people and the planet.

Although it has been a long time coming, the Occupy Wall Street movement's message is clear: one percent of people living in the wealthiest nation in the world have grabbed most of the country's wealth and used it to corrupt politics, while unemployment, mortgage foreclosures, strangling student debt and rising poverty grip the rest of the population. The world is changing, the people are rising, and new possibilities for the Left are emerging.

Against this inspiring background, the Left Forum will host its annual conference at Pace University on the weekend of March 16-18, 2012. As it has done for many years, the conference will gather civil libertarians, environmentalists, anarchists, socialists, communists, trade unionists, black and Latino freedom fighters, feminists, anti-war activists, students and people struggling against unemployment, foreclosure, inadequate housing and deteriorating schools from among those active in the U.S. and many other countries, as well. We will again share our activities and perspectives with special attention to all that has changed in 2011 and what it means for the prospects of progressive change in 2012 and beyond.

Once a year, the Left Forum creates a space to analyze the great political questions of our times. Activists, intellectuals, trade unionists, movement-builders and others come together to identify new strategies for broadening the anti-corporate capitalist movement. In the wake of a persistent crisis of the international economic and political system, a new left politics in the United States and around the world is taking shape. Will the mass movements in Egypt, Greece, Latin America, the United States and elsewhere further extend their participatory democratic, community-building, non-capitalist, and caring forms of struggle into the institutions of everyday life? Will the movements confront and disrupt the complicity of neo-liberal state elites with corporate capital? Are there alternatives to the increasingly brutal capitalist system on the horizon? Join us in exploring such questions and moving forward left agendas for social change.

Opening Plenary Session includes:

- Rose Anne DeMorro, Executive Director of the National Nurses United
- Marina Sitrin, lawyer and postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Globalization and Social Change at the City University of New York.
- William Strickland, Director of the Du Bois Papers Collection at W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst
- William Tabb, author of *The Restructuring of Capitalism in Our Time* (Columbia University Press, 2012)

Early registration discounts are available for a limited time (e.g., students: \$10)

For information on panel submissions go to "www.leftforum.org", click "submit panels button."

To see panels from last year's conference go to "www.leftforum.org", click "past events" and choose a particular conference year.

All queries should be directed at leftforum@leftforum.org

Summer Institute for the Preservation of the History of Economics (US)

June 29 - July 2, 2012 | University of Richmond, USA

The 13th annual Summer Institute for the Preservation of the History of Economics will be held at the University of Richmond, June 29-July 2, 2012. The Institute offers a forum for graduate students and distinguished scholars to present work in progress or more polished papers to a lively audience. Our mission is to help young scholars connect in a workshop setting with young and eminent scholars in the field. We invite proposals, by 9 FEBRUARY, on any topic in the history of economic thought. New participants are welcome, as are recommendations and submissions from any and all interested parties. We welcome suggestions and proposals in any area of the History of Economics.

We anticipate that the Institute will be able to offer modest honoraria for presenters and students. Participation by upper-level undergraduate and graduate students in economics or related disciplines is encouraged. The History of Economics Society will provide support for 5 students to attend. Conference events include good coffee and continental breakfasts, lunches, as well as one or two working dinners. Details about travel, housing and other matters will be posted early in 2012.

By FEBRUARY 9, please send expressions of interest or paper proposals to:

- David M. Levy, Professor of Economics, George Mason University DavidMLevy@gmail.com.
- Sandra J. Peart, Dean, Jepson School of Leadership Studies speart@richmond.edu

Summer School in History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy and Economic History (France)

September 3-8, 2012 | Lille, France

Theme: "Inequalities, Poverty, Discriminations"

Organized by CLERSE, University of Lille 1 USTL, (Lille, France) and PHARE, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris, France)

Submission deadline: April, 9, 2012

We remind you that PhD proposals are not supposed to be linked to the theme of the morning seminars.

For more details, download [flyer](#).

VIII Global Labour University (GLU) Conference (Brazil)

September 28-30, 2012 | Campinas, Brazil

Sustainable growth, development and labour: progressive responses at local, national and global level

The Global Labour University is pleased to announce a call for papers for the 2012 conference on “Sustainable growth, development and labour” to be held in Campinas, Brazil from September 28 to 30, 2012.

After the world economy showed signs of recovery from the 2007-2009 crisis, there were great hopes that the era of neoliberalism was finally coming to an end. However, a feeble recovery and the continuous hegemony of the financial sector pose new challenges to workers throughout the world. Conservative forces are pushing the notion that governments should restrict their activities to a minimum, both as regulators and as participants in economic life, while allowing the unfettered operation of financial markets.

Given this context, the theme of the 2012 GLU Conference will focus on the analysis of development processes, policies and concrete experiences that shed light on possible global, national and local strategies to overcome neoliberal orthodoxy in theory and practice, creating the conditions for inclusive development that is based on a stronger role for workers organization, industrial democracy, and a democratically accountable government that actively participates in economic activities and regulates the economy.

Such discussion should be built on conceptual ideas about alternative models of growth and development, as well as on current national experiences, with emphasis on policies that have helped to raise people out of poverty and destitution. It should discuss the potential and the limits of those policies, in particular in those cases when policies were - or had to be - developed or designed within a dominant neoliberal framework that emphasizes minimal government participation or expenditures. As the history of neoliberalism clearly shows, many developing countries that embraced that ideology in general grew more slowly and experienced increasing income inequality. A particularly pressing issue is how to create conditions to protect low income countries from the extended hardships of economic crisis and trade imbalances, as those countries tend to suffer more from external shocks.

Thus, the Conference will address three sets of questions:

- On National Progressive Policies: What are some valuable examples of alternative/ progressive policies and practices for national development? Of particular interest for discussion are income security schemes, job creation, wage development and the quality of jobs created, how to direct financial markets towards long term investment, and other progressive policies around social and sustainability issues.
- On International Policies and Regulation: What policies, regulations and standards at the international and global level would have the potential to stop a race to the bottom, while increasing policy space at national level? What have been successful initiatives by trade unions or other social movements in trying to shape international policy or set the international policy agenda? What could be the best economic, financial and institutional framework at the international context –including the actions of international agencies- that could foster development in middle and low income countries?
- On Generation and Dissemination of Progressive Public Policies: How to generate, and disseminate progressive policies? What can be learned from experiences of successful alliances between, political decision makers, trade unions, other social movements and academic scholars to advance progressive policies?

The GLU Conference invites contributions from unionists and academics to discuss the issues outlined above, both from a theoretical and from a practical point of view. We welcome submissions for papers on any of these themes. While we encourage submission of papers that broadly fit into the themes, we will also consider papers that do not fit directly into one of the themes as long as they address the

broad focus of the conference. The GLU encourages policy orientated research and therefore welcomes submissions that not only analyze the problem, but also offer some policy initiatives and solutions for debate.

Please send a one or two page abstract (which includes your methodological approach) by March 15, 2012 to glubrazilcoord@googlemail.com with copy to cesit@eco.unicamp.br

Twelfth International Karl Polanyi Conference (Argentina)

November 8-9, 2012 | National University General Sarmiento Los Polvorines Buenos Aires,
Argentina

"Karl Polanyi and Latin America"

Co-organized by the Conurbano Institute, National University General Sarmiento, Argentina and the Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, Concordia University, Canada

At the present time, can nations and peoples defend their sovereignty and protect their societies from subordination to global capital and dependence on economic and political centers? In Latin America, in particular, there is evidence of encouraging signs:

- a) National-popular processes supported by new social movements that question the neoliberal economic rationale and in some cases propose new paradigms: socialism for the XXIst century, *vivir bien/ buen vivir*, that give priority to guaranteeing the livelihood of all citizens, respecting cultural diversity and harmony with nature.
- b) Interstate forms of solidarity (UNASUR, CELAC)¹ to resist North American hegemony that increases the capacity for greater autarchy and sovereignty to confront the economic, political, and cultural domination of the neoliberal project and the continuous commodification of all aspects of life.
- c) The search for new frameworks of social and political thought, particularly the so-called "decoloniality" that converges with important historical trends in the region. Others include the theology and pedagogy of liberation, dependency theory, new variants of socialism, the peasants' movement, the worldview of indigenous peoples, the contemporary feminist struggle against patriarchy and the struggle for the rights of nature.

In Polanyi's terms, are these processes temporary responses to the crisis of the world capitalist order, or true "counter-movements" that challenge neoconservative projects and the dominant neoliberal paradigm? If so, can they lead to the re-embedding of the economy into more just and democratic societies? Can this be a historic turning point that could spread to other societies that have experienced capitalist development and now confront problems of their own and of the planet, resulting in another "great transformation", or an "another globalization"? Is there a risk that the latent global crisis will push democracy in Latin America and other regions of the world towards new forms of fascism?

Given the structural failure of the global market to provide workers with dignified wages – the erosion of the social foundations of life as foreseen by Marx and Polanyi - and inspired by the Union of South American Nations , Community of Latin American and Caribbean States World Social Forum's slogan that "another world (and another economy) is possible", civil society organizations and increasingly governments in Latin America, are developing initiatives to promote new forms of self-managed and associational work and to revitalize indigenous communal activities. What is the transformational potential of these tendencies? How can the popular masses protect themselves when the management of the global capital crisis is focused on the interests of core countries? Is it sufficient to promote associationalism and redistribution, or is it necessary to reinvent the State? In particular, should generalized cash income transfers to individuals or families that broaden redistribution, a concept central to Polanyi, become a new right of citizens to basic income, thereby reducing indigence and poverty? Could we thus achieve a just society without transforming the relationship between the state, the economy, and society as well as the socioeconomic models that today reinforce the concentration

of economic power?

The ecological crisis - the erosion of the natural foundations of life also foreseen by Marx and Polanyi - has led to a multiplicity of local and global movements to defend the balance with nature lost to global market forces. Is it possible to include our long-term concern about the planet in the short-term agendas of governments oriented to legitimize themselves through elections or the struggle of popular social movements for survival? If the possibility of unlimited growth is ruled out (which was one of Polanyi's concerns), can the new movements for responsible consumption contribute to building "another economy"?

Regardless of the nomenclature - social economy, solidarity economy, community economy, popular economy, social and solidarity economy, to name a few - new initiatives are emerging in both the North and in the South. Are they similar in scope and in scale in the center and in the periphery? What role does planning and restructuring of national or regional economies play in an era of globalization (greater autarchy, as in food sovereignty)? Can new forms of reciprocity and fair trade (truly non commoditized) be amplified at the international level? How plausible is the convergence and complementarities between these movements for another economy in the North and in the South?

The resonance of Karl Polanyi's ideas on these issues is recognized by scholars across disciplines. Since the 2012 international conference is being held in Latin America, it will address other issues that are important for Polanyi scholars:

- Why did Polanyi not include the colonization process of America and the co-constitution of America and Europe in his reconstruction of the process of evolution of the market and capitalism, that are at the core of decolonial thought today?
- Why did Polanyi not show any interest in the issue of development, the paradigm for social transformation in this region that dominated the twentieth century?
- What can we obtain by combining Marx's approach to the modes of production, ever present in the social sciences and in the history of this region, with Polanyi's patterns of integration?
- Are there important and relevant differences between the liberalism to which Polanyi referred to and the neoliberalism of today?
- How can we interpret Polanyi's analysis of religion in terms of Latin American liberation theology?
- Can we apply Polanyi's analysis of corporatism to the present structure of Latin American societies?
- How can we compare Polanyi's analysis of the crisis of international capitalism with the contemporary global crisis and, in particular, with reference to governance and interstate relations?

As in all previous International Polanyi Conferences, papers on the life and work of Karl Polanyi are welcome as well as papers from academics and /or professionals on the contemporary relevance of Karl Polanyi's thought. Simultaneous interpretation (Spanish / English) will be available. Abstracts (maximum 250 words) should be sent before March 15th, 2012 to: polanyi@alcor.concordia.ca

Conference Organizing Committee:

- Honorary Chairperson: Kari Polanyi Levitt, Mc Gill University, Canada
- José Luis Coraggio, National University General Sarmiento, Argentina
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- JeanLouis Lavielle, Conservatoire national des arts et métiers (CNAM), Paris, France
- Antonio David Cattani, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Registration Fees:

- NonLatin Americans: Registration fee: \$250 US - Meals: \$50 US (Two lunches and coffee breaks)
- Latin Americans: Registration fees: \$150 US - Meals: \$50 (Two lunches and coffee break)
- Students: Registration Fee: \$50 US - Meals: \$50 (Two lunches and coffee break)

4th Economic Development International Conference (GREThA), France

Deadline for papers is **January 25th**.

The GREThA, CNRS, and ESOPE Network jointly organize the 4th Economic Development International Conference. The Conference will be held at Bordeaux on 13th, 14th and 15th June 2012. This 3-days conference aims at contributing to the ongoing debates on the topic: Inequalities and Development: New Questions, New Measurements You will find enclosed the call of papers.

For any additional information, go to the conference [website](#).

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Heterodox Microeconomics Workshop 2012 (US)

March 2, 2012 | SUNY Buffalo State College, US | [website](#)

11:00 – 11:50 Public Lecture: Heterodox Microeconomics and Real World Problems

- Dr. Frederic S. Lee (University of Missouri–Kansas City)

1:00 – 3:00 Workshop Part I: The Heterodox Theory of the Business Enterprise and its Applications

- Dr. William Ganley (Buffalo State College): Teaching Heterodox Theory of the Business Enterprise in the Principles of Economics Class
- Dr. Ruslan Dzarasov (Russian Academy of Science, Russia): Eichnerian Theory of the Business Enterprise in the case of Russian Corporations

2:30 – 3:00 Discussion

3:00 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 5:30 Workshop Part II: Conspicuous Consumption and Business Competition from the Heterodox Microeconomic Perspective

- Dr. Zdravka Todorova (Wright State University): Conspicuous Consumption as Routine Expenditures and its Place in the Social Provisioning Process
- Dr. Tuna Baskoy (Ryerson University, Canada): Business Competition and Micro-Macro Linkage in Post Keynesian Economics

4:30 – 5:00 Discussion

5:00 – 5:30 Round Table

- Frederic Lee, William Ganley, Ruslan Dzarasov, Zdravka Todorova, Tuna Baskoy, Tae-Hee Jo, Ted Schmidt, and Economics Faculty

6:00 - 9:00 Dinner

For more information about the workshop, visit the [website](#).

If you are interested in participating in this workshop, contact Dr. Tae-Hee Jo, taeheejo@gmail.com.

Cambridge Seminar in the History of Economic Analysis (UK)

19 January, 8.15pm | Clare Hall, College Meeting Room, University of Cambridge | [website](#)

A Conversation with Luigi L. Pasinetti (Emeritus Professor, Catholic University of Milan, Emeritus Reader, University of Cambridge, Honorary Fellow Gonville and Caius College) on "Income Distribution (worse than ever), Growth (?), Structural Change (rediscovered at last?)."

Clues from the Cambridge School of Economics after Keynes."

Discussion is followed by drinks and everyone is invited to stay and meet the speaker. For more information (including future seminars), visit [Cambridge Group in the History of Economic Analysis website](#).

Socialist Renewal and Capitalist Crisis (Cuba)

June 18-22, 2012 | Havana, Cuba

Below is a call for people to participate in a Seminar on "Socialist Renewal and Capitalist Crisis" in Cuba, June 18 - 22. The call explains the structure and nature of the event well, so I will just say one thing. For those of you who sometime over the last 20 years attended the June conferences of the Radical Philosophers (URPE has been a sponsor of those meetings for years as well), this will be very different. The point of those as they evolved in the early 1990s was two-fold, to create a small break in the information blockade by getting (mostly) North Americans down to Cuba, and to promote Cuban-North American Political Economic dialogue (including Philosophy, Sociology, Political Science and Economics, at least) The structure to do these was to have very focused academic exchanges with Cuban academics (there were also trips to see Cuban instructions) - in practice a person attending from North America would propose a topic they were working on (often but not always related at least tangentially to the fight against capitalism and the question of how to build socialism), and some Cuba who did work on the same topic would present a paired paper to create a Cuba - North American dialogue on the issue. As you will see below, this will be structured entirely differently. The topics for presentation are grouped into two issues, Socialist Renewal (which is being discussed both in Cuba and around the world) and the Capitalist Crisis (also being discussed in both places). Most people are aware that major changes are unfolding in Cuba, and will continue to do so over the next 5 and 10 years. This will be a fascinating moment to see the start, not of the transformation since that has been going on since 1959, but of this phase of the transformation which was opened up by the adoption of the document on projected socioeconomic changes at the party Congress last Spring. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, or directly contact Cliff who is the central organizer outside of Cuba for the event, whose email is in the material below.

La lucha sigue, Al Campbell

Call for Presenters and Commentators

Seminar on Socialist Renewal and the Capitalist Crisis: A Cuban-North American Exchange
Havana, Cuba June 18-22, 2012

Part I: SOCIALIST RENEWAL

A. Cuba's Economic Reforms

- Need for Reform: Problems in Cuban Society
- Building a New Consensus
- The Reform Program
- Obstacles to Reform
- Outcomes?
- A New Model for Socialism?: Theory of Socialism

B. Latin America Moves Left

- 21st Century Socialism
- Protagonism and Participation
- Endogenous Development
- Solidarity Economy
- ALBA

Part II: CAPITALIST CRISIS

- Overaccumulation Crisis and Stagnation
- Corporate Globalization

- Financialization
- Exhaustion of Neoliberalism
- Austerity Fix
- Class Power and Growing Inequality
- Political Crisis
- Popular Fight Back
- Strategic Alternatives

Call for Presenters and Commentators Part I will give the Cubans an opportunity to inform their NA comrades about cutting edge developments in their country. Part II will give NAs an opportunity to share their insights on developments in the capitalist world. Bi-national dialog is encouraged. Submit a brief abstract of your proposed presentation by April 2, 2012 to cuba@globaljusticecenter.org

Pre-Seminar Activities Various group activities prior to the Seminar will include visits to cooperatives, urban gardens, community development projects, social research centers, and educational and medical institutions. These will involve people-to-people contact. Cost Estimated cost for the entire program, June 11 through 23, 2012 is \$1500 plus airfare. This includes 12 nights in a shared room in Hotel Vedado with breakfast, translation, transportation and group activities. License The U.S. government severely restricts travel to Cuba except by license from the US Treasury Department. Professionals doing research in Cuba can go legally under a General License for Research. Others can travel under our license for people-to-people educational exchange. Organization Center for Global Justice, a project of Radical Philosophy Association, and Facultad de Filosofia e Historia, Universidad de la Habana.

For further information contact cuba@globaljusticecenter.org

Financial Stability Conference: "Never Again?" (UK)

Friday, 10th February 2012 | LLOYDS LIBRARY, One Lime Street, London EC3M 7HA

The event is free but registration is required. To register please contact Pat Shaw by email: p.shaw@niesr.ac.uk or phone: 020 7654 1905.

A common aim of regulatory proposals since 2008 has been a desire to avoid a recurrence of the global financial crisis. Looking particularly at the UK regulatory system in the context of Basel III, this conference evaluates whether there has been progress towards “never again” – a negligible risk of a costly future systemic crisis. Is the banking system already more robust, will current proposals make the system significantly safer or could any proposals be counter-productive, and what might be the side-effects on the economy of current regulatory proposals?

Programme:

09:00: Registration and refreshments

09:30: Morning Chair: Sushil Wadhvani – “Does UK macroprudential policy and the new institutional structure help ensure “never again””

09:40: “Do recent legal, regulatory and corporate governance developments progress towards “never again”” Rosa Lastra (QMW)

10:15: “Can UK monetary policy help prevent further financial crises” Chris Martin, (Bath)

11:05: “Does the new balance between microprudential and macroprudential policies in the UK help ensure “never again?” David Aikman (Bank of England)

11:40: “Never again” – is better regulation enough?” Sir John Gieve

12:15-13:15: Lunch

13:15: Afternoon Chair: Bronwyn Curtis – “A UK banking sector perspective on “never again” – do the costs of new regulation outweigh the benefits?”

13:25 “Never again, an evaluation of the Vickers proposals for structural reform” Angus Armstrong (NIESR)

14:00: “Reconsidering the corporate governance of banks to ensure “never again”” Alan Morrison

(Oxford Said Business School)

14:50: “Regulatory requirements and the supply of credit: is there a trade-off and how rapidly should we rebuild bank capital and liquidity?” Alistair Milne (Loughborough)

15:25: “Never again in the eurozone – cross border lending and sovereign risk” Dirk Schoenmaker, (Duisenberg School of Finance)

16:00: Panel chaired by Bronwyn Curtis – Prospects for financial regulation and financial stability in the UK and Eurozone.

Marxism 2012: Revolution in the air (Australia)

Thursday 5 - Sunday 8 April (Easter) | Melbourne, Australia | [website](#)

The conference features over 70 sessions on a huge range of topics - from radical history to women's and LGBTI liberation, imperialism and the Middle East, socialist theory, the global economic crisis and workers' struggles today.

Speakers include:

- Malalai Joya. Outspoken Afghan critic of the American war and occupation.
- John Pilger. Multi award winning left-wing film maker
- Leia Pettey. New York unionist and socialist involved in Occupy Wall Street
- Gary Foley. Legendary Aboriginal activist
- Chie Matsumoto. Tokyo based journalist, trade unionist and political activist
- David Meinenreis. Activist in the German left party Die Linke
- John Tully. Author of The Devil's Milk: A Social History of Rubber
- Plus radical music and poetry

Middlesex Seminar: Conflicts Within the Crisis (UK)

Tuesday 24 January 2012, 5.30 pm (Room TBA) | Middlesex University, UK

- Dimitris Dalakoglou (University of Sussex) 'Greek-Crisis' as Violence: Killing People and the Deregulation of Publicly Performed Political Violence in Athens
- Emma Dowling (Queen Mary, University of London) Occupy the Big Society - Fault-lines of Crisis and Austerity in the UK
- Moderator: Nicola Montagna

SOAS Globalisation Lectures (UK)

Convenor: Prof. Gilbert Achcar

Wednesday 1st February, 6:30pm – Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre

- Inclusion and Participation: A New Agenda for the Globalised Economy / Heiner Flassbeck(Director on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD)

Monday 5 March, 6:30pm – Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre

- Men Who Tiptoe into Their Marital Bedrooms: The Novelist and Dictatorship / Hisham Matar (Libyan novelist, author of In the Country of Men and Anatomy of a Disappearance)

SOAS Money and Development Lecture (UK)

Wednesday 25 January, 6:00pm --Room 4418, Main Building of the School of Oriental and African Studies

- The Circuit Theory of Money / Alain Parguez, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Université de Franche-Comté at Besançon, France

Theoretical and Historical Research for a Sustainable Welfare State System (Japan)

Date: 13:30-18:00, 4 February 2012, Saturday | Meeting Room on the third floor, Kyoto Museum for World Peace, Ritsumeikan University ([map](#))

Sponsored by the Research Hub for Collaborative Studies, Institute for Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University

- Nobuko HARA (Hosei University), Changes in the Welfare State and Family Policies: A Logic of Work-Life Balance and Gender Equality.
- Reiko GOTOH (Ritsumeikan University), American Liberalism and Security for Right to Well-Being Freedom.
- Norikazu TAKAMI (JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow), The Sanguine Science: Historical Contexts of Pigou's Welfare Economics.

* All presentations and discussions will be conducted in Japanese.

What post-crisis changes does the economics discipline need? Are graduate economists fit for purpose? (UK)

Feb. 7, 2012 | Bank of England Conference Centre

- David Colander, Middlebury College: What Makes a Good Economist?
- Roger E.A. Farmer, UCLA: Teaching Economics
- Edward Glaeser, Harvard University: Experience matters in the education of economists
- Harold James, Princeton University: Finance is History!
- John Kay: The Map is Not the Territory: An Essay on the State of Economics
- Alan Kirman, Aix Marseille Université and Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales: The Economy and Economic Theory in Crisis
- Andrew W. Lo, MIT: What Post-Crisis Changes Does the Economics Discipline Need? Beware of Theory Envy!
- Michael McMahon, Warwick University: Teaching and Research in a UK University
- Paul Seabright, Toulouse School of Economics: The Education of Economists in the Light of the Financial Crisis

To reserve your free place simply reply to this email [<mailto:Sarah.Ward@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk>] with your contact details.

For more information, download the [flyer](#).

JOB POSTINGS FOR HETERODOX ECONOMISTS

Long Island University Brooklyn Campus, USA

Adjunct Professor for Spring Semester

The Economics Department at the Brooklyn Campus of Long Island University is looking for adjuncts to teach Economics 1 (Micro) and 2 (Macro) during the Spring 2012 semester. If interested, contact Gustavo Rodriguez at Gustavo.rodriguez@liu.edu for more information.

Marymount Manhattan College, USA

Assistant Professor of International Studies

Web link to announcement [here](#)

Description: The Department of International Studies at Marymount Manhattan College invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position in International Studies beginning in September 2012. Responsibilities include teaching, successful pursuit of a scholarly agenda, and departmental and college service.

Requirements: Required: a Ph.D. in International Political Economy or related field (ABD with firm dissertation defense date and Ph.D. by time of employment may be considered); a commitment to an interdisciplinary approach and interest in one or more of the following areas: international political economy, economic and social development, economics of gender, human rights, migration, human security, and international humanitarian law. A focus on Africa, with field experience, is strongly preferred.

Application Materials: **For full consideration, all application materials should be received by February 14, 2012.** Electronic submission is preferred. Please send to mbackus@mmm.edu. If materials cannot be sent electronically, please mail to: Dr. Ghassan Shabaneh, Search Committee Chair, International Studies Department, Division of Social Sciences, Marymount Manhattan College, 221 East 71st Street, New York, NY 10021.

This position is subject to final budget approval. Please refer to the college website, www.mmm.edu, and catalogue for course program and information. Marymount Manhattan College is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Members of under-represented groups are encouraged to apply.

New Mexico State University, USA

Assistant Professor of Economic Development | Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business

See the job opening [here](#).

Research Associates in History and Philosophy of Social Science, Cambridge, UK

Salary: £27,428–£35,788 pa

We are seeking to appoint two post-doctoral research associates for the ERC-funded project 'A Science of Human Nature: Philosophical Disputes at the Interface of Natural and Social Science', recently

awarded to Dr Tim Lewens.

The successful candidates will work full-time on this project, including maintaining and updating the project website, participating in project seminars and workshops, helping to organize workshops, and providing editorial assistance for publications. The successful candidates will have the ability to work reliably and efficiently to deadlines and targets. They will be expected to produce at least one research paper a year on a topic relevant to the project and to assist in compiling an edited volume of papers. They will be mentored by Dr Lewens.

Candidates should have:

- An outstanding record in a field related to the project: such fields are likely to include the philosophy of social science, the history of science (especially social and human sciences), and the philosophy of mind.
- An excellent knowledge of methodological and ontological debates regarding the study of human culture and human nature, either from a historical or philosophical perspective.
- Completed their doctorate by the time of taking up the appointment.

The application, in hard copy only, should consist of:

- A cover letter.
- An up-to-date CV.
- A list of publications.
- 2 samples of original, written work in a related area (c. 10,000 words in total).
- 2 letters of reference: applicants should ask their referees to post or email references to the Administrator (hps-jobs@hermes.cam.ac.uk), to arrive by the closing date.
- A description of your research plans and an explanation of how your research will contribute to the project. This should not exceed 1,000 words.
- Parts 1 and 3 of the University's CHRIS/6 application form - <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/forms/chris6/>.

Applications should be sent to Reception, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, Free School Lane, Cambridge CB2 3RH.

Relevant excerpts from the original ERC proposal can be found in the [website](#).

Informal enquiries may also be made to the Administrator on (01223) 334540, fax: (01223) 334554, email: th10001@cam.ac.uk

- Limit of tenure: 4 years, or until 31 August 2016
- Quote reference: JN11692
- Closing date: 10 February 2012
- Interview date: 09 March 2012

Roskilde University, Denmark

Assistant or associate professor in 'Social studies/Global studies'

Deadline: January 30, 2012

Roskilde University, The Department of Society and Globalisation invite applications for a position as assistant or associate professor within the field of 'Social studies/global studies' starting May 1 2012 or soon thereafter.

Job responsibilities include research within the priority research fields of the Department and teaching in the social studies program (socialvidenskab) and in the global studies program. The applicant must contribute to the continuing development of cross-disciplinary courses and research in the Department.

The vacant position will be linked to one of the following themes:

- Changing societies: Citizenship, participation
- Civil society and welfare
- Globalization, regionalization and local responses

The Department is interested in applicants who are capable of developing research themes cutting across existing and established fields. Themes of interest for the advertised position are global civil society, citizenship, social networks, identity and the role of the media. The applicants are asked to describe how they see their own research in relation to the above research themes.

Applicants with an interest in project-based teaching and teaching in an interdisciplinary environment and sympathetic towards teaching within several disciplines will be preferred. It is an advantage if applicants can prove knowledge of quantitative methods in social science.

Applicants applying for the position as associate professor must document scientific qualifications corresponding to what can be obtained by three year's employment as assistant professor. The applicant must document scientific production at an international level and relevant teaching qualifications. Please note that up to five publications may be enclosed when applying for the position as associate professor.

Applicants applying for the position as assistant professor must hold a Ph.d. within a field relevant for the teaching and research within the field of social studies/global studies. Please note that up to three publications should be enclosed with the application for the position.

Salary and employment conditions will be in accordance with the collective agreement between the Danish Ministry of Finance and the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Head of Department, Gorm Rye Olsen. Tel. +45 4674 3262, e-mail: gormrye@ruc.dk.

The application should include curriculum vitae, information about relevant teaching experience and a publication list specifying publications that are considered to be particularly relevant for the job. The assessment committee may assess any publication from the publication list. The applicant may therefore be asked to forward additional publications.

Successful candidates who do not speak Danish (or possibly Swedish or Norwegian) will be requested to acquire the necessary skills in Danish within the first two years of service, so as to ensure that they can participate satisfactorily in teaching activities as well as in academic and administrative activities at the University. At the time of appointment, successful candidates must master English for academic purposes.

We only accept applications through our electronic recruitment system. To apply for the position you must go to the job advertisement on our homepage: www.ruc.dk/en/job/vip/. Click on the button Apply for vacancy here which appears immediately below the job advertisement. Then you fill the application form and attach those in the job advertisement mentioned documents. Finish by clicking Send.

We must receive your application on or before 30th January 2012

Material received after the deadline will not be considered.

Roskilde University welcomes applications from candidates of any social and ethnic backgrounds irrespective of gender, age, religion or any other irrelevant criteria

CONFERENCE PAPERS, REPORTS, AND ARTICLES

PKSG Seminars available on Podcasts

Downloads now available Podcasts, papers and slides for the following seminars can now be found at <http://www.postkeynesian.net/keynes.html>

- 18 October: Cristina Marcuzzo and Murray Milgate on “Re-embracing Keynes”
- 1 November : Michael Joffe and Giammario Impullitti on “How types of market differ and why it matters”
- The audio of the book launch and panel discussion on Post Keynesian Economics at UCL on 8 November 2011 is now available at http://www.postkeynesian.net/recent_events.html. The panel included Engelbert Stockhammer, Victoria Chick, John Weeks and Simon Mohun.

RMF (Research on Money and Finance) Podcast

Breaking Up? A Route Out of the Eurozone Crisis

An urgently needed discussion of the future of the eurozone, the possibility of exit, and what that would mean for the people of Europe.

- Costas Lapavitsas, professor, department of economics, SOAS
- George Irvin, professor, department of development studies, SOAS
- Paul Mason, BBC economics editor and author of ‘Meltdown: The End of the Age of Greed’
- Stathis Kouvelakis, reader in political theory, King’s College London
- and chaired by Seumas Milne, associate editor, The Guardian

[Podcasts of the 9 December event can be seen here](#)

HETERODOX JOURNALS

American Journal of Economics and Sociology, 71(1): Jan. 2012

Journal website: <http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=0002-9246>

- Pharmaceutical High Profits: The Value of R&D, or Oligopolistic Rents? / Janet Spitz and Mark Wickham
- The General NFP Hospital Model / Mona Al-Amin
- Politics, Economic Provisioning, and Suffrage in St. Louis: What Women Said, What Men Heard / Linda Harris Dobkins
- Economic Thought Among American Aborigines Prior to 1492 / James Cicarelli
- The Suppression Hypothesis Reconsidered: Competition Between Blacks and White Immigrants in the Retail Trade in Large Northern Cities, 1910–1930 / Robert L. Boyd
- Ethnic Minorities and Integration Process in France and the Netherlands: An Institutional Perspective / Ilyess El Karouni
- Explaining Geographic Cluster Success—The GEMS Model / Shyam Kamath, Jagdish Agrawal and Kris Chase
- Lessons from The Cultural and Political Economy of Recovery/Christopher J. Coyne and Jayme Lemke

Cambridge Journal of Economics, 36(1): Jan. 2012

Journal website: <http://www.oxfordjournals.org/page/3924/1>

- Making the same mistake again—or is this time different? / Lawrence King, Michael Kitson, Sue Konzelmann, and Frank Wilkinson
- Financial crisis and global imbalances: its labour market origins and the aftermath / Pasquale Tridico
- Dangerous interconnectedness: economists conflicts of interest, ideology and financial crisis / Jessica Carrick-Hagenbarth and Gerald A. Epstein
- Contradictions of austerity / Alex Callinicos
- The great austerity war: what caused the US deficit crisis and who should pay to fix it? / James Crotty
- The end of the UK's liberal collectivist social model? The implications of the coalition government's policy during the austerity crisis / Damian Grimshaw and Jill Rubery
- Iceland's rise, fall, stabilisation and beyond / Robert H. Wade and Silla Sigurgeirsdottir
- Dire consequences: the conservative recapture of America's political narrative? / David Coates
- A note on America's 1920–21 depression as an argument for austerity / Daniel Kuehn
- US government deficits and debt amid the great recession: what the evidence shows / Robert Pollin
- Fiscal deficits, economic growth and government debt in the USA / Lance Taylor, Christian R. Proaño, Laura de Carvalho, and Nelson Barbosa
- The tragedy of UK fiscal policy in the aftermath of the financial crisis / Malcolm Sawyer
- Is Ireland really the role model for austerity? / Stephen Kinsella
- The macroeconomic stabilisation effects of Social Security and 401(k) plans / Teresa Ghilarducci, Joelle Saad-Lessler, and Eloy Fisher
- The basic paradigms of EU economic policy-making need to be changed / Kazimierz Laski and Leon Podkaminer
- Building faith in a common currency: can the eurozone get beyond the Common Market logic? / Pascal Petit
- The four fallacies of contemporary austerity policies: the lost Keynesian legacy / Robert Boyer
- Russia: austerity and deficit reduction in historical and comparative perspective / Vladimir Popov
- Austerity and fraud under different structures of technology and resource abundance / Jing Chen and James Galbraith

densidades n°8: Diciembre 2011

Journal website: <http://www.mediafire.com/?fppn484db8ovcj9>

- Harmonização tributária entre o Brasil e os países membros do MERCOSUL / Maria Aparecida Farias de Souza Nogueira
- Hacia la conformación de una unión aduanera del MERCOSUR: ¿Realidad o utopía? / Magdalena Bas Vilizzio
- América del Sur: Defensa y Desarrollo / Alberto J. Sosa
- La Reunión Especializada de Agricultura Familiar del MERCOSUR. Creación y avances de un novedoso espacio en la agenda de la integración regional. / Leticia González
- El Congreso en la formulación de política exterior: Argentina y Brasil en perspectiva comparada / Luis Leandro Schenoni y Alejo Martín Ferrandi Aztiria

ESPACIOS

- Iniciativa Niñ@Sur

DEBATES

- Los desafíos pendientes en Suramérica / Carlos Raimundi, Roberto Conde, Luis Maira, Roberto Feletti y Rafael Follonier

LECTURAS

- De Moreno a Perú. Pensamiento argentino de la unidad latinoamericana, de Mario Oporto

ACADEMIAS

- Maestría en Estudios Sociales Latinoamericanos / Facultad de Ciencias Sociales de la Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

DOCUMENTOS

- Declaración de Caracas. Cumbre de la Comunidad de Estados Latinoamericanos y Caribeños (CELAC)

Caracas 3 de diciembre de 2011

Ethical Perspectives, 18(4): Dec. 2011

Journal website: www.ethical-perspectives.be

Special Issue on Morals and Banking

- 'Introduction: Morals and Banking' (Luc Van Liedekerke)
- 'Trust and Integrity in Banking' (John Boatright)
- 'Cooperative Banking and Ethics: Past, Present and Future' (Wim Fonteyne & Daniel Hardy)
- 'Morality and Integrity in Cooperative Banking' (Johannes Groeneveld)
- 'Banking after the Crisis: Towards an Understanding of Banking as a Professional Practice' (Bert van de Ven)
- 'Recent Developments in Microfinance and the Impact of the Financial Crisis' (Robert Lensink)
- 'Islamic Finance Ethics and Shari'ah Law in the Aftermath of the Crisis: Concept and Practice of Shari'ah Compliant Finance' (Volker Nienhaus)
- Book Reviews

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History of Economics Review, 54: 2011

Journal website: <http://www.hetsa.org.au/historyeconreview.html>

Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the General Theory

- Keynes and The General Theory after 75 Years / Rod O'Donnell

ECONOMICS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- The Campaign to Arrest Ed Shann's Influence in Western Australia / Gregory C.G. Moore
- Depression, War and Recovery: Western Australian Economics 1935 to 1963 / Ray Petridis
- Thirty Years of Economics: UWA and the WA Branch of the Economic Society from 1963 to 1992 / Michael McLure
- Charles Harper through a Galbraithian Lens: Agricultural Cooperation and Countervailing Power in Colonial Western Australia / D.J. Gilchrist
- Wilfred E.G. Salter: The Merits of a Classical Economic Education / Ernst Juerg Weber

ONE HUNDRED YEARS FROM TODAY

- Irving Fisher's The Purchasing Power of Money / Robert Dimand

COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

- Marx, Marshall, and 'the good water-nymphs' / Geoffrey Fishburn
- One More Word on J.K. Gifford / James Forder

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- Robert W. Dimand, Robert A. Mundell and Alessandro Vercelli (eds), Keynes's General Theory after Seventy Years / Robert A. Cord
- Robert Leonard, Von Neumann, Morgenstern, and the Creation of Game Theory: From Chess to Social Science, 1900–1960 / Anthony M. Endres
- Gilles Jacoud (ed.), Political Economy and Industrialism: Banks in Saint-Simonian Economic Thought / R.N. Ghosh
- Anthony M. Endres, International Financial Integration: Competing Ideas and Policies in the Post-Bretton Woods Era / J.E. King

Note: Tony Aspromourgos and Matthew Smith will be taking over as the joint editors of the *History of Economics Review* from 2012. We congratulate them on their appointment and wish them well with the endeavour. All submissions to HER should now, of course, be sent to Tony and Matthew. For submission details, please see <http://www.hetsa.org.au/historyeconreview.html>

International Socialism Journal, 133: Winter 2012

Journal website: <http://isj.org.uk/index.php4?s=contents&issue=133>

Analysis

- The crisis wears on / Alex Callinicos
- The rebirth of our power? After the 30 November mass strike / Charlie Kimber
- The Occupy movement and class politics in the US / Megan Trudell
- Interview: Working people have no interest in saving the euro / Costas Lapavistas
- China's capitalism and the crisis / Jane Hardy and Adrian Budd
- The Egyptian workers' movement and the 25 January Revolution / Anne Alexander
- Libya at the crossroads / Simon Assaf
- Revolution against "progress": the TIPNIS struggle and class contradictions in Bolivia / Jeffery R Webber
- "Take that, Maynard G Krebs!": the Beat Generation. / Adam Marks
- Engels's contradictions: a reply to Tristram Hunt / Roland Boer

Book reviews:

- Information is not knowledge / Andy Wilson
- Philosophical arabesques / Ross Speer
- What's past is prologue / Sally Kincaid
- Hegelianation? / Dan Swain
- Working class theory is something to read / Jamie Woodcock
- "How many ways to get what you want?" / Robin Burrett
- A trade union whodunit / Julian Alford

Journal of Agrarian Change, 12(1): Jan. 2012

Journal website: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/%28ISSN%291471-0366>

Survey Article

- Contract Farming in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Survey of Approaches, Debates and Issues / CARLOS OYA

ARTICLES

- Global Land Grabbing and Trajectories of Agrarian Change: A Preliminary Analysis / SATURNINO M. BORRAS JR and JENNIFER C. FRANCO
- Emerging Class Relations in the Mekong River Delta of Vietnam: A Network Analysis / LAURA PROTA and MELANIE BERESFORD

- Changing Childhoods: Javanese Village Children in Three Generations / BEN WHITE
- Labour Migration and Gendered Agricultural Relations: The Feminization of Agriculture in the Ejidal Sector of Calakmul, Mexico / CLAUDIA RADEL, BIRGIT SCHMOOK, JAMIE MCEVOY, CRISOL MÉNDEZ and PEGGY PETRZELKA
- Gourmandizing Poverty Food: The Serpa Cheese Slow Food Presidium / HARRY G. WEST and NUNO DOMINGOS
- The Politics of International Assessments: The IAASTD Process, Reception and Significance / SHELLEY FELDMAN and STEPHEN BIGGS

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- Zimbabwe's Land Reform. Myths and Realities – By Ian Scoones, Nelson Marongwe, Blasio Mavedzenge, Jacob Mahenehene, Felix Murimbarimba and Chrispen Sukume / HENRY BERNSTEIN
- The Politics of Rural Reform in China. State Policy and Village Predicament in the Early 2000s – By Christian Göbel / ALEXANDER F. DAY

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- **Stewart Wallis at Falling Walls:** nef's Executive Director spoke at the Falling Walls conference in Berlin last November. His talk on national indicators and how economics can be used to measure real progress can now be viewed in full online. [Read more](#)
- **Lord Glasman and local banking:** After speaking at our local banking conference in December, Maurice Glasman again signalled his support in [the New Statesman last week](#). Hear what he and other event speakers had to say on the nef website. [Read more](#)
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World Economics Association

The WEA's [forum](#) for the open review of proposed articles for the World Economics Journal and for Economic Thought is now open. It is located [here](#). 19 submissions have been posted so far. You are encouraged to read and comment on papers that interest you.

The WEA's first online conference - "[Economics in Society: The Ethical Dimension](#)" - is now set to begin on March 1st. The cut-off date for submissions (a wide diversity of papers has already been received) is February 19th. For details, click [here](#). Leave your email address and you will be kept informed.

HETERODOX BOOKS AND BOOK SERIES

Alternative Perspectives of a Good Society

Edited by John Marangos

Palgrave Macmillan, December 2011. Series in [Perspectives from Social Economics](#). ISBN:

978-0-230-11445-6 | [website](#) | [Flyer](#) (discount offer)

As a collection of alternative views on societies, methodologies, policies, and assessment of the current elements of the society, *Alternative Perspectives of a Good Society* brings together different authors to answer

different questions all within the context of visions of a good society. From the visions of institutionalist

views of what constitutes a good economy in the twenty-first century to a feminist perspective on the meaning and characteristics of a good society, this discussion will provide a framework for examining the current economic crisis among other pressing topics of the times. Marxist ideas about human nature

are explored along with a number of the issues involved in the transition from our capitalist society, to a better post-capitalist society and post-capitalist human being, concluding with the consideration of the

good society perspective from a development ethics point of view. The contributors to this volume

offer methodological principles and alternative policies for building alternative socio-economic models that can contribute to the design of strategies for building a better world.

Exchange Entitlement Mapping: Theory and Evidence

By Aurélie Charles.

Palgrave Mcmillan. March 2012. Series in [Perspectives from Social Economics](#). SBN: 978-0-230-12020-4 (hb) | [website](#)

The main aim of this book is to develop and implement an innovative tool: exchange-entitlement mapping, or E-mapping for short. This tool enables us to look at the economic and social opportunities to develop human capabilities for different groups of individuals, depending on their group identity such as age, ethnicity or gender. In the context of this book, however, an entitlement approach is used to explain the channels through which macroeconomic shocks affect individual well-being, depending on the individual's identity and related social norms attached to this identity. In other words, by including capabilities into the existing E-mapping theory, this book shows how capabilities are socially shaped according to individual entitlements, and related entitlement failure, to a specific economic and social environment. In effect, the last part of the manuscript illustrates the E-mapping theory with the case study of the maquiladora identity in Mexico by combining an original survey of maquiladora households with an advanced time series analysis of the gender wage gap in the maquiladora industry in the post-NAFTA period.

The Gatekeeper: 60 Years of Economics According to the New York Times

By Robert Chernomas and Ian Hudson

Paradigm Publishers. November 2011. ISBN: 978-1-59451-683-2 (pb) | [website](#)

The New York Times can make a legitimate claim to be the most influential newspaper in the U.S. and possibly the world. Because of its influence, the Times has become a central figure in the debate over the direction of bias in the media, with some claiming that it is left-wing or liberal and others arguing that it is right-wing or conservative. But the liberal-conservative media debate is very misleading. The Gatekeeper argues that the Times can more accurately be characterized as supporting long run profitability for U.S. business, which involves both liberal and conservative policies in different contexts. Through a thorough examination of the Times' star commentators and its coverage of the issues of macroeconomics, regulation, foreign policy and the 2008-2009 economic crisis, The Gatekeeper refocuses the debate about the bias of the most venerable institution in U.S. journalism.

Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Economic Policy: Essays in Honour of Malcolm Sawyer

Edited by Philip Arestis

Palgrave Macmillan. July 2011. ISBN: 9780230290198 (hb) | [website](#)

Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Economic Policy are at the core of research and study in economics. The essays in this volume have been specifically commissioned and brought together to celebrate the work of Malcolm Sawyer, who has made substantial contributions in these areas. The chapters explore important questions including 'Is There a Role for Active Fiscal Policies?' and 'Regulating Wall Street' as well as offering critical appraisals and original discussions of these three

key areas of economic thought.

Problem with Work: Feminism, Marxism, Antiwork Politics, and Postwork Imaginaries

By Kathi Weeks

Duke University Press. Oct. 2011. ISBN: 9780822351122 (pb) | [website](#)

In *The Problem with Work*, Kathi Weeks boldly challenges the presupposition that work, or waged labour, is inherently a social and political good. While progressive political movements, including the Marxist and feminist movements, have fought for equal pay, better work conditions, and the recognition of non-paid work as a valued form of labour, even they have tended to accept work as a naturalized or inevitable activity. Weeks argues that in taking work as a given, we have "depoliticized" it, or removed it from the realm of political critique. Employment is now largely privatized, and work-based activism in the United States has atrophied. We have accepted waged work as the primary mechanism for income distribution, an ethical obligation, and a means of defining ourselves and others as social and political subjects. Taking up Marxist and feminist critiques, Weeks proposes a post-work society that would allow people to be productive and creative rather than relentlessly bound to the employment relation. Work, she contends, is a legitimate, even crucial, subject for political theory.

Theory as History: Essays on Modes of Production and Exploitation

By Jairus Banaji

Haymarket Books. Nov. 2011. [Historical Materialism Book Series](#). ISBN: 9781608461431 (pb) | [website](#)

The essays collected here straddle four decades of work in both historiography and Marxist theory, combining source-based historical work in a wide range of languages with sophisticated discussions of Marx's notion of 'modes of production.' From the emergence of medieval relations of production; the origins of capitalism; the dichotomy between free and unfree labour; and essays in agrarian history that range widely from Byzantine Egypt to 19th-century colonialism. The essays demonstrate the importance of reintegrating theory with history and of bringing history back into historical materialism.

Wisconsin Uprising: Labor Fights Back

Edited by Michael D. Yates (with a foreword by Robert W. McChesney)

Monthly Review Press. January 2012. ISBN: 978-1-58367-280-8 (pb) | [website](#)

In early 2011, the nation was stunned to watch Wisconsin's state capitol in Madison come under sudden and unexpected occupation by union members and their allies. The protests to defend collective bargaining rights were militant and practically unheard of in this era of declining union power. Nearly forty years of neoliberalism and the most severe economic crisis since the Great Depression have battered the labor movement, and workers have been largely complacent in the face of stagnant wages, slashed benefits and services, widening unemployment, and growing inequality.

That is, until now. Under pressure from a union-busting governor and his supporters in the legislature, and inspired by the massive uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt, workers in Wisconsin shook the nation with their colossal display of solidarity and outrage. Their struggle is still ongoing, but there

are lessons to be learned from the Wisconsin revolt. This timely book brings together some of the best labor journalists and scholars in the United States, many of whom were on the ground at the time, to examine the causes and impact of events, and suggest how the labor movement might proceed in this new era of union militancy.

HETERODOX BOOK REVIEWS

At the Edge of Camelot: Debating Economics in Turbulent Times

By Donald W. Katzner. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011. xiv + 199 pp. \$50 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-0-19-976535-5.

Reviewed for [EH.Net](#) by David F. Ruccio, Professor of Economics, University of Notre Dame. Read the review [here](#).

Capitalist Revolutionary: John Maynard Keynes

By Roger E. Backhouse and Bradley W. Bateman, . Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2011. 208 pp. \$26 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-0-674-05775-3.

Reviewed for [EH.NET](#) by Steven Kates, School of Economics, Finance, and Marketing, RMIT University, Melbourne. Read the review [here](#).

Economists in the Americas

Edited by Verónica Montecinos and John Markoff. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2009. xx + 341 pp. \$155 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-1-84542-043-7.

Reviewed for [EH.Net](#) by Mauro Boianovsky, Department of Economics, Universidade de Brasília. Read the review [here](#).

Famous Figures and Diagrams in Economics

Edited by Mark Blaug and Peter Lloyd. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2010. xvii + 468 pp. £112.50 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-1-84844-160-6.

Reviewed for [EH.NET](#) by Robert Whaples, Department of Economics, Wake Forest University. Read the review [here](#).

Radical Economics and Labor: Essays inspired by the IWW Centennial

Edited by Frederic S. Lee and Jon Bekken. Routledge Advances in Heterodox Economics. New York: Routledge, 2009.

Reviewed for Infoshop News by by Anarcho. Read the review [here](#).

HETERODOX GRADUATE PROGRAMS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

European Research Council (ERC) PhD Studentships 2012–16

Fully funded European Research Council (ERC) PhD studentships 2012–16: “Economics in the Public Sphere: USA, UK, France, Poland and Brazil since 1945.”

The Department of History and Philosophy of Science (HPS), University of Cambridge, invites preliminary applications for two ERC Postgraduate Research Studentships to start in October 2012. The studentships will support three years of doctoral research with funding continuing into a fourth year of thesis writing. The project is funded by the European Research Council.

The doctoral research will be part of a new ERC-funded project entitled “Economics in the Public Sphere: USA, UK, France, Poland and Brazil since 1945” (ERC Grant agreement no 283754). The project is directed by Dr Tiago Mata. It also employs an administrator/research assistant, and two postdoctoral researchers, all based in Cambridge.

Project description

Media reporting on the economy is never far from controversy. Academic economists and the public regularly find journalists at fault in their interpretation of events and prescription of solutions. The project studies “economic journalism” as a site for the production of public economic knowledge. The practices of journalists will be examined to reveal how they parse competing claims of expertise by academic economists, other social scientists and by laymen.

The second half of the twentieth century was witness to increased homogeneity in academic economics and interdependence of national economies, yet the content and style of “economic journalism” has remained distinctive across nations. The project sets out to understand how and why media representation of economic knowledge and so of the economy has remained distinctively different even while the content and style of economics converged internationally. The project identifies three international economic controversies as focal points for study: the reconstruction debate post 1945, the monetary and oil crisis of the 1970s, and the current economic crisis. The project takes a cross-national approach examining the economic press in the USA, UK, France, Poland, and Brazil.

Cultural standards of trust, the history and economics of the media, and the history of economics and social movements will be used to explain the emergence of distinct national genres of “economic journalism.” The project offers a original perspective on how public knowledge of the economy is an iterative process engaging journalists, academics and laymen and explores the implications of this knowledge formation for the possibilities of public support for economic action and policies.

Research studentships

The doctoral studentships will focus on the study of one of the following national cases: UK, France, Poland and Brazil. Applicants must show proficiency in the language of the national case they elect. Applicants with familiarity with one or several of the research methods: archival research, oral history, ethnographic observation, content and textual analysis of media, will be preferred. Applicants must submit with their application feasible doctoral projects demonstrating their qualification to undertake them.

Further details of the project, including a description of its envisaged methodology, can be found in this document, which contains relevant excerpts from the original ERC proposal: ECONPUBLIC research outline <<http://www.hps.cam.ac.uk/jobs/econpublic.pdf>>

The successful candidates will be supervised by Tiago Mata, in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge. In addition to pursuing their own doctoral research, the holders of the award will form part of the five-person research team and join in a range of activities to promote research on the theme of the project as a whole.

Candidates must normally have obtained at least a first class honours degree (or equivalent) from a recognised institution of higher education before 31 July 2011. Applicants should also normally have, or be studying for, a master's degree or similar postgraduate qualification in an area related to the history and philosophy of science. If the candidate does not have such experience of formal graduate study, they must demonstrate evidence of sustained experience beyond undergraduate degree level specifically relevant to the research topic that could be considered equivalent to master's study. The studentship pays £21,146 in the first year with increments in the following years. Academic and residency eligibility for a full studentship award are strictly subject to the conditions imposed by the University of Cambridge.

Application procedure

Interested candidates should begin by contacting Tiago Mata (tjfm2@cam.ac.uk) to discuss the suitability of their intended project. They should then send a preliminary application to David Thompson (dt243@cam.ac.uk), to arrive by 15 February 2012. This should include the following:

- A full CV, including details of academic training and results
- A statement of proposed research, of not more than 1000 words
- Two samples of recent work in a relevant field
- Two letters of reference, to be sent directly to Mr Thompson

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by Dr Mata. The successful candidate will then be required to submit a separate formal application for admission to the University of Cambridge.

IAFFE Travel Grant Program

The 2012 Travel Grant Applications are open. Please join us at the IAFFE 21th Annual Conference 2012 Barcelona, Spain June 27 - 29. Travel funding is available for participants from developing and transition countries and a limited number of scholars and graduate students from OECD countries!

For more information on the 2012 Travel Grant process, please follow the link below or visit www.iaffe.org and [Travel Grant Instructions](#). Travel grant applications are due February 1, 2012!

For more information please contact conf2012@iaffe.org

Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Fellowships for 2012-2013 Rutgers University

Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations

Deadline: January 31, 2012

The Fellowship Program at the Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations seeks to foster the study of the economics of broad-based employee stock ownership, profit sharing, stock options, and related forms of equity compensation in the corporation and in the society of the United States. We are seeking applications in the areas of behavioral economics, corporate finance, history and development of the American economy, entrepreneurship, household finance, innovation, labor, law and economics, organizational economics, personnel economics, political economy, productivity, and public economics for three J. Robert Beyster Fellowships with a stipend of \$25,000 and five Louis O. Kelso Fellowships with a stipend of \$12,500. This year's theme for the Beyster Fellowships is entrepreneurial start-ups and innovation. The topics for the Louis O. Kelso Fellowships include the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) as well as approaches whereby individual citizens may have access to broadened capital ownership, with special attention to research on the general questions that Kelso's writings have addressed. A Robert W. Smiley Jr. Fellowship in Economic History with a stipend of \$10,000 for archival research is also available. Several other related fellowships and research grants are also available. Fellows may be in residence at their own institution. Participants are invited to attend a mid-year workshop and a symposium annually. Stipends can be used for research, travel, or living expenses.

Decisions will be announced by March 15, 2012 with fellowships beginning July 1, 2012. Both graduate students and post-doctoral scholars including current faculty members will be considered. Please submit a statement of no more than 1500 words describing the proposed research project, a curriculum vitae and three letters of reference sent separately to:

beysterfellowships@smlr.rutgers.edu or kelso_fellowships@smlr.rutgers.edu or smiley_fellowships@smlr.rutgers.edu or fellowship_program@smlr.rutgers.edu

For more information and a list of the current and past fellows and faculty mentors, please see:

<http://smlr.rutgers.edu/research-and-centers/fellowship-programs>

If you have any questions, please contact: Joseph Blasi, J. Robert Beyster Professor, Rutgers University, School of Management and Labor Relations. Email: blasi@smlr.rutgers.edu

Study Program for Students on Recuperated Factories

Open Movements is about taking the open source model and applying it to social movements creating new alternatives on the grassroots level. Our innovated pilot program is headquartered in Buenos Aires, Argentina to help connect people with the burgeoning Recovered Factory Movement, where workers are recovering bankrupt businesses and managing them democratically in assemblies. The workers strive to deconstruct hierarchies present in standard businesses, and as so are pioneering worker self-management as a powerful tool to rebuild the economy from the bottom up.

Our programs are structured two ways:

- **The Student Worker Project** semester abroad consists of four months of classes and integrated site visits to explore worker democracy and the recovered businesses in an academic setting. The semester abroad includes two trips to visit cooperatives in other provinces such as the renowned Zanón/FaSinFat ceramics factory in Neuquén. The course strives to give workers input on the values and their experiences of democratic management, but can provide up to 12 units depending on how each student's university rates the coursework. We are currently filling our slots for the Fall semester (August-November) with the deadlines quickly approaching in April. Please pass this information on to students interest in alternative economies. The cost for this program is \$4590 and covers all housing and transportation for the four months.

- **The Internship and Development Program** is the best way to learn about recovered businesses outside the classroom. These are custom programs developed around the interests of the participants, with the possibility of linking up with a host recovered businesses for an in-depth study. All costs are determined on a trip by trip basis.

Steve Wong, Director
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HETERODOX WEB SITES AND ASSOCIATES

Michael Roberts Marxist Economics Blog

- <http://thenextrecession.wordpress.com/>

HETERODOX ECONOMICS IN THE MEDIA

Crisis pushes German PAEcon movement into mainstream news

Source: [Real-World Economics Review Blog, Jan. 16, 2012](#)

The German Press is increasingly supporting the German movement for real world economics. Numerous journalists from newspapers, radio and television have reported about the make-believe nature of neoclassical modeling and the failures of the economics mainstream. Their baseline is that economists have learned nearly nothing from the financial crisis.

The German public radio “Deutschlandfunk” interviewed us. [[link](#)]
The leading monthly magazine, “Der Spiegel” had a leading story about us: [[link](#)]

And also German public television reported on us with 3 minutes in the main program and 13 minutes in the information channel: [[link](#)]

All this positive major coverage has led to the creation of numerous new local real-world economics groups in Germany. In addition to ones in Heidelberg, Göttingen, Berlin and Erfurt, which were active before the attention of the German press, there are now active groups in Tübingen, Regensburg, and other places. Meanwhile our mail suggest that further groups may soon emerge.

After 10 years of effort, like the annual lecture series in Heidelberg and the conference in Kassel, but with little sign of progress, there is now in Germany a mounting way of support for Real-World Economics.

Economists: A Profession at Sea: How to keep economists from missing the next financial crisis

By Robert Johnson. *Times*, Jan. 19, 2012

Read more: <http://business.time.com/2012/01/19/economists-a-profession-at-sea/#ixzz1jv1BXEpq>

Heterodox Economics: Marginal Revolutionaries

The Economist, December 31, 2011

This article takes a look at the influence of three "heterodox" approaches: Neo-Chartalism, Austrian economics, and Market Monetarism. Read the full article [here](#).

Paul Davidson: What Makes Economists So Sure of Themselves, Anyway?

Naked Capitalism. Jan. 19, 2012.

Read the article [here](#).

Triple Crisis Blog and Real News Network on G20

Through a partnership with the Real News Network, the Triple Crisis Blog featured a series of interviews on the G20, mainly focusing on a financial transactions tax and food security. You can find most of the interviews of the Triple Crisis Blog website [here](#).

UMKC teaches unorthodox economics through Modern Monetary Theory

The Kansas City Star, January 17, 2012.

Read the article [here](#).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

American Economics Association Adopts Extensions to Principles for Author Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

PRESS RELEASE

January 5, 2012

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS— At its meeting today, the Executive Committee of the American Economic

Association adopted extensions to its principles for authors' disclosures of potential conflicts of interest in the AEA's publications. The added principles are:

- (1) Every submitted article should state the sources of financial support for the particular research it describes. If none, that fact should be stated.
- (2) Each author of a submitted article should identify each interested party from whom he or she has received significant financial support, summing to at least \$10,000 in the past three years, in the form of consultant fees, retainers, grants and the like. The disclosure requirement also includes in-kind support, such as providing access to data. If the support in question comes with a non-disclosure obligation, that fact should be stated, along with as much information as the obligation permits. If there are no such sources of funds, that fact should be stated explicitly. An "interested" party is any individual, group, or organization that has a financial, ideological, or political stake related to the article.
- (3) Each author should disclose any paid or unpaid positions as officer, director, or board member of relevant non-profit advocacy organizations or profit-making entities. A "relevant" organization is one whose policy positions, goals, or financial interests relate to the article.
- (4) The disclosures required above apply to any close relative or partner of any author.
- (5) Each author must disclose if another party had the right to review the paper prior to its circulation.
- (6) For published articles, information on relevant potential conflicts of interest will be made available to the public.
- (7) The AEA urges its members and other economists to apply the above principles in other publications: scholarly journals, op-ed pieces, newspaper and magazine columns, radio and television commentaries, as well as in testimony before federal and state legislative committees and other agencies.

****Editors' note: See [the letter to AEA \(Jan 3, 2011\)](#) endorsed by many heterodox economists.***

NBER Announces Free Access to Papers Older than Three Years

[SSRN](#) partners with the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) to provide access to their research and we are happy to share the NBER's recent announcement below.

Effective January 1, 2012, all NBER working papers that were distributed prior to a three year "moving wall" are available for open access on the NBER website. They are also available at no charge through SSRN.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact UserSupport@SSRN.com.

Premio Daniel Carasso Prize

The CGIAR Gender & Diversity Program is assisting the Premio Daniel Carasso in mobilizing applications from women scientists and professionals for this prestigious prize. Deadline is January 31, 2011.

The information below is from the Premio Daniel Carasso website:

<http://www.premiodanielcarasso.org/>

Underlying the Premio Daniel Carasso (the Prize) is Daniel Carasso's vision of openness and concern for the well-being of all.

- **Achievements:** The Prize is designed to reward researchers who have completed outstanding scientific work and published widely. The judges look for clearly stated objectives, a rigorous approach, robust methodologies and study design, sound analysis, and relevant conclusions.
- **Looking ahead:** In keeping with the Carasso commitment to sustainability and long-term health, the Prize also looks ahead. The projects which entrants submit for the Prize should not only have been completed and published, they should also point to possible new directions in the field of "sustainable food and diets for long-term health".
- **Practical:** Both the Daniel Carasso Foundation and Premio came into being in response to the interrelated global crises of dwindling natural resources and malnutrition. The foundation offers the Prize to work that addresses the real world. Work that delivers, and will deliver, positive practical results in the field – e.g. pilot studies which could be up-scaled.
- **Imagination:** Open-mindedness and imagination are driving values of the Daniel and Nina Carasso Foundation. Accordingly, the Prize also seeks to recognize work that rethinks issues in new terms and draws on the imagination to offer solutions. Imagination knows no boundaries: the winner should demonstrate that his or her past and future work crosses disciplines from right across the natural and social sciences.
- **Team thought and Leadership:** The winner should also be someone who thinks in collective terms. He or she is prepared to work in teams, understands the importance of teamwork, and is willing to lead a team in projects that deliver tangible improvements in the long-term health of communities through nutrition. The winner should be able to convince and attract new talents.

Rhonda Williams Prize

Sponsored by Routledge/Taylor and Francis, publisher of *Feminist Economics* In memory of Rhonda Williams, associate editor of *Feminist Economics* from 1994 to 1998, the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) has established a prize to help scholars from underrepresented groups in IAFFE, whose work reflects Rhonda Williams' legacy of scholarship and activism, attend the annual IAFFE conference and present a paper.

Amount: \$1500 to be awarded at the IAFFE conference in Barcelona, Spain, June 27-29, 2012. (Conference information is at <http://www.iaffe.org/pages/conferences/conference-archives/2012-conference-archives/2012-annual-conference/>)

The funds are intended to partially defray travel costs to attend the annual conference. Subject to availability, some additional travel funds may be available if recipients have no other access to travel support. If eligible, applicants are also encouraged to apply for an IAFFE travel scholarship to the conference.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2012. Criteria: The recipient's work in activism, advocacy, or scholarship should demonstrate a commitment to one or more of the following issues:

- Inequalities based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or nationality.
- Interrelationships among racism, sexism, homophobia, and classism.
- Connections between scholarship and activism.

Special consideration will be given to applicants from groups not well represented in IAFFE and those with limited access to travel funds from their home institutions or international funders. This prize is targeted to junior scholars and activists.

The recipient of the prize must present at the IAFFE conference and submit the manuscript to Feminist Economics within a reasonable period after the conference. The paper will undergo an expedited review process, but publication is not guaranteed.

Application Process:

Applications should be sent to Marlene Kim, Chair, Rhonda Williams Prize, at Marlene.Kim@umb.edu and should include:

- A cover letter/email that includes a statement of (a) the connection between the applicant's experience and the Rhonda Williams legacy as described in the criteria above; and (b) how the applicant would bring diversity to IAFFE and how the applicant would like to be engaged with IAFFE in the future.
- A curriculum vitae or resume, labeled "resumeRWS<applicantlastname>"
- A draft of a full paper (not an abstract or outline) for the 2012 IAFFE conference, scheduled for June 27-29, 2012 in Barcelona, Spain (label file "paperRWS.2011<applicantlastname>").

Please send all files in Microsoft Word or in PDF Acrobat format. Please be sure that all materials are sent. Applicants who omit any of the three items listed above may not be considered for the prize. Applicants who haven't yet registered for the annual conference because they need funding: the prize winner will be allowed to register for the annual conference and will be included in the conference program after being notified of the prize. If you are not an IAFFE member for 2012, please send in your membership application prior to submission of your prize application.

Please direct any questions to Marlene Kim, Chair, Rhonda William Prize, Marlene.Kim@umb.edu, or (617) 287-6954.