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From the Editors

We should begin with a breaking news: "the Department of Economics and Policy Studies at Notre Dame has been officially dissolved" (see [David Ruccio's blog article](#)). Despite its popularity and relevance, administrators have decided to eliminate the program and proceed with a single, mainstream department. As memories of the global crisis fade, business returns to normal... and society is moving toward "economically single-minded communities" (Veblen in *the Theory of the Leisure Class*).... and what's next?

Even though the global crisis has prompted Nobel prize winning economists to ridicule the discipline and mainstream theory, that is obviously not enough. Maybe the battle needs to be taken to a different arena? Maybe Heterodox economists need to make a concerted effort to influence public opinion by writing pieces in non-professional outlets, like local newspapers, online and alternative media?

Whenever I do write pieces for these outlets, I am always thanked for attempting to make difficult issues understandable. More and more people are turning to alternative media for their information, and we should be trying to influence the debates on current issues, and highlighting the poor record of mainstream economics. Financial regulation and deficit reduction are hot issues in the U.S., and while heterodox views are promoted at several progressive policy institutes, it should be our responsibility to get those views into the media. For example, why do we hear so many people talk about the Health Care Bill's influence on the deficit, but not the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts? In fact, maybe we should add a new section to the Newsletter with links to popular pieces, editorials, etc. written by heterodox economists? How many heterodox economics blogs are out there? Why not use the power of the internet to help make our voices heard? Send us your ideas. This Newsletter reaches over 4,000 heterodox economists; we can make a difference.

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Call for Papers

Can It Happen Again?

Sustainable policies to mitigate and prevent financial crises

A list of possible topics includes, but is not limited to:

- Global imbalances and the future of the international monetary system.
- Particular mix of policies adopted to face the crisis in different countries including developing countries (country studies).
- Financial liberalization and the restructuring of the financial system after the crisis, including regulation issues.
- Effects of the planned unwinding of the temporary policy measures taken during the worst phase of the crisis and their consequences.
- The link between the financialization model and the current crisis.
- Usefulness of economic models of financial markets to draw policy advices. Eventually how alternative approaches might help.

Please send a one page abstract in pdf format, not exceeding 300 words, to the following address (can_it@unimc.it) no later than April 30th 2010.

In the body of the message your name, affiliation, and the title of your submission should be included. Accepted proposals will be notified by May 30th. Papers should be sent by September 15th 2010.

Registration Fees covering admission to the conference sessions, lunch and coffee break refreshments, a Conference dinner, and copy of the programme with abstracts of selected papers € 160.

- Early Registration Fees (before September 1st) € 130.
- Early Student Registration Fees (before September 1st) € 100.
- Payments should be made to:

Dipartimento di Studi sullo Sviluppo Economico
Bank name: Banca delle Marche, Macerata
IBAN: IT84U0605513401000000018320
BIC CODE: BAMAIT3A

Further information about the conference will be provided later on this website:
http://www.unimc.it/can_it/

URPE Summer Conference

July 30-August 2, 2010. High Falls, New York, USA

Papers and workshops proposals are being accepted for the 2010 Annual Summer Conference of the Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE). The conference dates are July 30 - August 2, and its location the Epworth Center, High Falls, NY. The theme of this year's conference is "**Global Climate Change and Capitalism.**" Now is the time for Heterodox Economists of all persuasions to find creative solutions, provide serious analysis and speak out on climate change – especially the economic causes and consequences! As always we are looking for Political Economy papers from all disciplines (including at least sociology, political science, urban studies, and anthropology in addition to economics). The conference always includes relatively more technical presentations of Political Economy research from scholars and graduate students in all stages of development, as well as more popular and activist oriented presentations.

Political Economy papers that address the issue of climate change are encouraged, however more general political economy submissions are of course as every year warmly welcomed!!

Please consider forming a workshop with 2 to 4 papers on a common theme that you and your colleagues might be working on. Or just submit a paper. Please send all submissions to: laura.ebert@marist.edu. Workshops and papers will be considered until all space is filled. While last minute submissions are welcome, there might not be room for your panel at that point, so please get your submission in early.

For more information about URPE (Union for Radical Political Economics) or the Summer Conference, visit our website (www.urpe.org) or contact the URPE National Office at 413-577-0806 or urpe@labornet.org. Our website also includes a section on the Summer Conference.

International Conference on Production and Distribution

An international conference to celebrate 50 years anniversary of the publication of *Production of Commodities by Means of Commodities*.

September 4-6 2010, Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan

Conference website: <http://www.kisc.meiji.ac.jp/~confyagi/top.html>

Topics:

- Sraffa's Contribution, other topics on Sraffa
- Classical Economics
- Theories of Production and Distribution
- Input-Output Analysis, Systems of Production and Empirical Studies
- Post Keynesian Economics (including Macroeconomics and Finance)

Deadline of Submission of Abstract : June 10th, 2010

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The Revival of Political Economy: Prospects for sustainable provision

Coimbra, Portugal, October 21-23, 2010

Updated Call for papers

The recent financial collapse and the ensuing economic downturn are still imposing hardship and suffering upon millions all over the world, especially the poor and the unemployed. The crisis has raised public awareness of the consequences of neoliberal drift and of the shortcomings of a mainstream academic economics that did not anticipate the financial meltdown and economic downturn, and even actively contributed

to setting up the new (toxic) financial architecture. For many - economists, managers and politicians - the depression has been a sobering experience. Statements produced in the heat of events even suggest that this could be an opportunity both for seriously reconsidering and reversing the trend towards a growing financialisation of the economy, and for recasting the very foundations of knowledge of the economy. However, at the first signs of recovery, the habitual ways of thought, and of doing politics and business are settling down once again.

The need is therefore felt - with a sense of urgency - to widen public debate stimulated by renewed social science perspectives on economic issues. The failure of mainstream economics, acknowledged by many, calls for a revival and renewal of political economy. This will be achieved by strengthening the ongoing dialogue among scholars in all fields of the social sciences and humanities interested in economic processes and their relation to politics, morality, culture and nature.

The reflection needed must go beyond means and measures that may secure a return to a 'normal' growth regime and move on to reconsider the ends to be pursued by public policies and institutional change. The new political economy in the making should address the issue of sustainability: economic, social and environmental. Prosperity - the purpose of any economy - can no longer be separated from social justice and environmental values.

With the intent of bringing together researchers from different disciplines and theoretical traditions for a reflection on the road ahead towards a sustainable economy, we call for participation in this Conference, to be held in Coimbra, Portugal, on 21-23 October, 2010.

Papers are welcome addressing any of the following (or closely related) topics:

1. Capitalisms and institutional change
 - How to grasp variety in capitalism?
 - What are the proper roles of international finance and commerce?
 - Which scales for which institutional changes?
2. Sustainability: economic, social and environmental
 - What should count as economic achievement?
 - What is the role of public provision in fighting inequality?
 - Can the economy be democratised? If so, how?
3. The Revival of Political Economy
 - What is political economy today?
 - Which research agenda for political economy today?
 - How to teach and publicly discuss political economy?

Abstract submission

- Abstracts of proposed papers (of approximately 250 words, containing the author's name, affiliation and contact details), should be submitted by May 15, 2010, to politiceconomy2010@ces.uc.pt

Conference details

- The conference will take place on October 21-23, 2010 at University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal.
- You will have to make your own travel and accommodation arrangements. Special hotel fares for the conference participants will be available.
- Details of the conference will be posted at the conference website: <http://www.ces.uc.pt/eventos/politiceconomy2010>

Deadlines

- Abstract submission - May 15, 2010
- Notification of acceptance - June 30, 2010
- Conference registration - September 1, 2010
- Conference - October 21-23, 2010

Download [Call for Papers](#) and [Poster](#).

13th International Congress of the Basic Income Earth Network

June 30, July 1-2, 2010
Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

The deadline for submission of papers and panel proposals has been extended to **April 12th** 2010. The full call for papers, details, registration instructions, preliminary featured speakers, and accommodation are available at the Congress website: www.bien2010brasil.com. Information is also available on the BIEN website: www.basicincome.org.

Paper and panel proposals should be emailed to bien2010.callforpapers@gmail.com.

Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)

10 March 2010. At Copenhagen, Denmark.
Theme: Impacts, responses and initial lessons of the financial crisis for low-income countries

The Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) will host a conference in Copenhagen, Denmark on October 14 and 15, 2010, on the impacts, responses and lessons of the financial crisis for low income countries. The conference organizers kindly request scholarly papers that address themes that include, but are not exclusively limited to, the three areas outlined below. Submissions are especially encouraged from researchers based in low income countries. Financial support is available for presenters to attend the conference. The conference will include a high-level panel discussion concerning the long-run consequences of the crisis for development strategies. Confirmed panel members include: Finn Tarp (Director, UNUWIDER), Howard Stein (University of Michigan), Jan Kregel (Levy Economics Institute), John Weeks (SOAS, Department of Economics), Richard King (Oxfam GB), and Sam Mensah (SEM Financial Group & International Growth Center, Ghana).

THEME 1: CRISIS IMPACTS

Since 2007, low income countries have faced turbulent and adverse external economic conditions. As macroeconomic and microeconomic data now become available, careful empirical documentation of the effects of these trends across different countries, sectors and demographic sub-groups is needed. Relevant questions to address may include: have observed changes in macroeconomic indicators been consistent with the predicted effects of the crisis? How vulnerable are low income countries to further economic turbulence (e.g., a "double dip" recession)? What have been the responses of formal and informal labour markets? How have households adjusted livelihood strategies?

THEME 2: CRISIS RESPONSES

The financial crisis provides an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the effectiveness of orthodox and unorthodox social and economic policies. We seek to understand the nature and effectiveness of the different policies low income governments have adopted in reaction to the crisis. In addition, one can reflect on the contribution of bilateral and multilateral donors in assisting low income countries to respond to changes in external conditions.

THEME 3: INITIAL LESSONS

Although the long-run implications of the crisis remain to be seen, some initial lessons may be drawn. What does the crisis tell us about the binding constraints to development in low income countries and the risks associated with different kinds of development strategies (e.g., export-led growth)? Looking forward, and in light of the persistence of global imbalances, what kinds of macroeconomic strategies are appropriate for low income countries? How can low income countries best foster policy space and flexibility to respond to future challenges?

AUDIENCE

The conference is open to academics, policymakers, and other researchers in the social sciences.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

EITHER extended abstracts (approx. 500 words) OR draft manuscripts should be submitted by 01 June 2010. These should be sent electronically to the conference mailbox: financialcrisis@diis.dk. Each submission should include details of the author – i.e., full name, institutional affiliation, postal address, email and contact telephone.

Authors of accepted manuscripts will be contacted by 30 June 2010 at the latest. Completed papers should then be submitted by 10 September 2010. Final submissions will be published by the Danish Institute for International Studies as working papers (with authors' permission).

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please address any questions to Martin Højland or Sam Jones at the conference mailbox: financialcrisis@diis.dk.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

Nanna Hvidt (Director, DIIS), Peter Gibbon (DIIS), Jakob Vestergard (DIIS) & Sam Jones (University of Copenhagen).

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Oxford Hegel conference

The Many Colours of Hegelianism: Hegel's Philosophy and its Reception in an International Context

4-5 June, 2010

Supported by the Department of Politics and International Relations, the Faculty of Philosophy, New College, and Trinity College, the conference will bring together scholars who work on Hegel's thought and its reception in different cultural contexts.

While Hegel's philosophy itself is an ongoing object of study in philosophy departments all over the world, his influence on the history of ideas, apart from the obvious influence on Marxism, has been less in focus. The political, social, and intellectual landscapes of different countries have influenced the ways in which thinkers have taken up Hegel's philosophy, and influenced the choice of the aspects of his philosophy that were turned into different forms of "Hegelianism".

In focussing on four cultural-geographic areas—the Anglo-American world, Eastern Europe and Russia, the Romanic countries, and the German-speaking countries and Scandinavia—the reception and further development of Hegel's philosophy in different parts of the world will be considered in comparative perspective. We hope to bring out a common theme, or themes, that unite Hegelianism in such different shapes as, for example, British Idealism, Russian mysticism and Kojève's master-slave dialectics. A further focus will be on what Hegelianism means today, both in the academic field and in a wider cultural context.

Keynote speakers:

- Professor Robert Stern (Sheffield), Professor Ludwig Siep (Münster)

Convenors:

- Robert Harris, New College; Lisa Herzog, New College; Sebastian Stein, St Hugh's College

Registration:

<http://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/research/conferences/>

Advance registration is required and a registration fee of £20 for two days (student rate £10 for two days) will be payable. Registration will close at noon on Saturday 1 May. Please note that you will be informed by email when your place is confirmed. Please do not send payment until you have received this email to confirm your place. Thank you.

Please note that the registration fee includes the cost of tea and coffee provided during morning and afternoon breaks. Lunch is not included in the registration fee.

14th FMM Conference: Stabilising an unequal economy?

Research Network Macroeconomics and Macroeconomic Policies (FMM) organises its 14th conference on 'Stabilising an unequal economy?': Public debt, financial regulation, and income distribution.

29 – 30 October 2010, Berlin

Minsky's question of how to stabilise an unstable economy is obviously of renewed importance today. But are the present policies merely stabilising an unsustainable accumulation regime based on income polarisation and the dominance of financial markets? What are the economic and political implications of rising public debt? How can financial regulation contribute to stability as well as equity?

The submission of papers in the following areas is encouraged:

- Financial instability and financial regulation
- The future role of fiscal policy and the economic and social implications of rising public debt
- Income distribution and the causes of the crisis
- Distributional effects of the stabilisation policies
- Jobless recovery and alternatives for full employment
- Changes in the accumulation regime: return to business-as-usual? What are the alternatives?

For the open part of the conference the submission of papers on the general subject of the Research Network is encouraged as well. We also ask for the submission of papers for graduate student sessions on both the specific topic of this conference and the general

subject of the Research Network. **We intend to organise an introductory workshop on Keynesian economics aimed at graduate students on 28 October.**

Conference language is English. Selected papers will be published after the conference. The deadline for paper proposals is **25 June 2010**. Please send an abstract (one page) to fmm@boeckler.de. Decisions will be made by mid-August. Accepted papers should be sent

in by 15 October to be posted on the conference web page.

Organising Committee of the conference:

- Torsten Niechoj, Özlem Onaran, Engelbert Stockhammer, Achim Truger and Till van Treeck (Till-van-Treeck@boeckler.de)

More on the Research Network: www.network-macroeconomics.org
Download [FMM Call for Papers](#).

Second International Conference on Science in Society

Carlos III University, Madrid, Spain, 11-13 November 2010
Conference website : www.ScienceinSocietyConference.com

This conference addresses the social impacts, values, pedagogies, politics and economics of science. It is an inclusive forum that welcomes a breadth of perspectives on science from practitioners, teachers and researchers representing a wide range of academic disciplines.

The Science in Society Conference is held annually in different locations around the world. The Conference was inaugurated in 2009 at Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK. We are pleased to hold this year's conference at Carlos III University in Madrid, Spain.

In addition to Plenary Presentations from leading speakers in the field, the Science in Society Conference includes parallel presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers. We invite you to respond to the conference Call-for-Papers. Presenters submit their written papers for publication in the peer refereed "International Journal of Science in Society". If you are unable to attend the conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication in the journal as well as the option of uploading a video presentation to our YouTube channel.

The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is **11 March 2010**. Future deadlines will be announced on the conference website after this date. Proposals are reviewed within two weeks of submission. Full details of the conference, including an online proposal submission form, may be found at the conference website: www.ScienceinSocietyConference.com.

In 2011 the conference will be held in Washington D.C. at American Catholic University, 5-7 August. We look forward to receiving your proposal and hope you will be able to join us in Madrid in November.

Alternative Perspectives of a Good Society

Updated Call for Papers for a Book Proposal
Editor: John Marangos

NEW DEADLINE: FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010

After the successful joint session of AFEE/ASE with the theme "Alternative Perspectives of a Good Society" at the ASSA meeting in Atlanta, there appears to be a need for a collection of papers to be published (with interest from Palgrave for possible inclusion in the Perspectives from Social Economics series) questioning the dominant paradigm, not only in economics, but in the society at large. The book proposal would consist of a collection of papers recruited from the joint AFEE/ASE session at the ASSA meeting and from this Call for Papers. The papers should examine and explicitly deal with issues from alternative perspectives that have been ignored by the dominant socio-economic theory and practice. The papers should examine and question the prevailing consensus and as such illustrate alternative processes to the ongoing transformation of society for the

benefit of the people. The methodology adopted should be holistic, historical, dynamic and comparative in nature. Researchers should aim to use alternative perspectives in ways that go beyond traditional socio-economic theories. The focus may be, but not restricted to, alternative economic processes and policy proposals, alternative politics and institutions, the role of ideology and culture, alternative perspective of ethics, and gender issues.

Those interested should submit an extended abstract of 300-350 words by 9 April 2010 as a word attachment. For queries and submissions contact:

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Download [Call for Papers](#).

Responding to Global crises: New Development Paths

UNCTAD's 2nd Public Symposium
May 2010

The confluence of the global crises have been discussed extensively over the last year and continues to remain at the centre of world concerns due to the effects on the global economy and significant slowdowns in economic growth particularly in the case of developing and emerging economies.

UNCTAD's 2nd Public Symposium will debate "Responding to Global Crises: New Development Paths". It will examine policy ideas emanating from the economic and financial crises and go beyond to look at more inclusive and sustainable sets of policies at the national and international levels as a response mechanism.

In our efforts to broaden the debate and better reflect the ideas and opinions of all development stakeholders, we are hereby launching a call for papers/ inputs. The overall aim of the call for papers is to gather your views and feedback on your position(s) with regard to the main issues to be addressed at the symposium.

Symposium sub-topics for the proposal of papers:

1. Rethinking global economic governance: towards trade and financial reforms for enhancing development

- International policy challenges for sustainable recovery (example: new debt crisis, cutbacks on Overseas Development Assistance (ODA))
- The systemic obstacles to national recovery strategies
- New financial architectures
- Recurrent boom and bust cycles
- Support to new development paths (policy coherence and coordination, innovative finance, policy space and democratizing economic governance)

2. Sustainable development strategies

- Inter related challenges facing developing countries to bring about more environmentally sustainable and inclusive growth (example: green growth/ green development, food and energy security, role of commodities, more employment-intensive growth, a better balance between export-led and domestic consumption-led growth, new approaches to investment strategies, better balance between financial and productive sectors, reduced income equality)
- Implications for new approaches to meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Papers/inputs should reach the UNCTAD secretariat as soon as possible and no later than

Friday, 30 April 2010, by:

E-mail: publicsymposium@unctad.org

Fax: +41 22 917 0056

Tel: +41 22 917 5048

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Post: UNCTAD Public Symposium
Civil Society Outreach Unit,
Communications, Information and Outreach,
UNCTAD, Palais des Nations,
Avenue de la Paix, Geneva, Switzerland

Details can be found at <http://www.unctad.info/en/Public-Symposium-2010/About-UNCTAD/Call-for-Papers/>

A New Conference in Heterodox Political Economy

York University, Toronto, Canada

October 29-31, 2010

Theme: **Crisis of Capital, Crisis of Theory: A Call for New Interrogations**

A group of students are organizing a new conference in heterodox political economy to be held at York in October of 2010 (open to both faculty and graduate students). The conference will investigate the financial crisis and will also examine new theoretical frameworks within heterodox political economy. The dual crisis of capital and of theory will be of interest to many social scientists. Please send an abstract of no more than 250 words to casp.york@gmail.com. The deadline for submission is June 30, 2010.

Download [Call for Papers](#).

North American Labor History Conference

Class, Social Movements and the New Politics

Thirty-Second Annual North American Labor History Conference

Wayne State University, October 21-23, 2010.

The Program Committee of the North American Labor History Conference invites proposals for sessions and papers on "Class, Social Movements and the New Politics" for our thirty-second annual meeting.

Recent elections have shown the emergence of new political demographics and the increased influence of young voters, progressive voters and workers. New labor alliances have increasingly focused their energies on securing and promoting a fresh understanding of how politics can serve workers. This year's conference examines the intersection of politics and workers in order to understand how this relationship has developed. We welcome papers that examine this theme broadly: looking at the ways workers participate in politics, define political interests, create electoral alliances and understand their place in a political system.

Please submit panel and paper proposals (including 1-2 page abstracts and brief vitas or biographical statements for all participants) by **April 5, 2010** to :

Professor Janine Lanza, Coordinator, North American Labor History

Conference Department of History, 3094 Faculty Administration Building
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202
Phone: 313/577-2525; Fax: 313 577-6987;
Email: nalhc@wayne.edu
Faxed, mailed or emailed proposals accepted.

The North American Labor History Conference is sponsored by the Department of History, the Walter P. Reuther Library, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Wayne State University.

Studies in Social and Political Thought Annual Graduate Conference

Thursday 13 May 2010
University of Sussex Center for Literature & Philosophy, Brighton

'Utopia, Dystopia and Critical Theory'

A One-day Interdisciplinary Conference for Postgraduate and Research Students.

Keynote Speaker: Prof Peter Osborne (Middlesex)

1st CALL FOR PAPERS

Postgraduate and Research Students as well as early career researchers working in philosophy, social, political and/or literary theory are invited to submit an abstract of 200 to 400 words on any topic related to the conference theme, prepared for blind reviewing, for a 20-minute paper to be followed by 10 minutes of discussion. Eight papers will be selected for three themed sessions, followed by a keynote talk.

Papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in *Studies and Social & Political Thought*, a graduate journal published by the Center for Social and Political Theory at the University of Sussex since 1990 (<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cspt/1-6-1.html>).

The deadline for submissions is **04 April 2010**. Notification of acceptance will be sent out within a week. Abstracts or questions should be addressed to:
sspt2010@googlemail.com

Possible topics include:

- Feminist Futures
- Science Fiction, Cultural Politics and the Political Imagination
- Utopia and/or Dystopia
- Crisis (of Capitalism/Feminism/the State/Marxism/Critical Theory etc)
- Ends (of History/Ideology/Capitalism/Communism/Neo-Liberalism/Postcoloniality etc)
- Immanent and Transcendent Criticism
- Environment, Catastrophe, Risk Futures (of Critical Theory/Post-modernity/Europe/Islam/Secular Humanism/Globalisation etc)
- Infinity and Totality
- Representations of Transcendence/Utopia/Dystopia/Apocalypse
- Negative Theology
- Iconography, Idolatory and Ideology Critique

The Economic Crisis: A New Deal for the Field of Economics?

Revue de la Régulation, Capitalisme, Institutions, Pouvoirs
<http://regulation.revues.org>

It is a truism that a fair number of economists failed to see the current crisis coming, a point that has found particular resonance in the writings of Paul Krugman. Notwithstanding this fact, these very same economists have offered countless conferences, declarations, and interviews in which they draw lessons from the crisis and either identify or correct the « dysfunctions » that caused it.

La Revue de la Régulation proposes a special issue that will reconsider this paradox through an attempt to understand how certain features of the discipline itself contributed to this situation, including both its internal organization (modes of production and dissemination of knowledge, rules of operation and evaluation) and its complex relationships with other disciplines such as sociology, history, political science, and mathematics. Additional factors that merit consideration include the ties between economics and the domains of politics, the media, and business, and the relationship between the crisis and recent reconfigurations of the field.

The editors invite contributions from pluridisciplinary perspectives : science studies, the sociology of knowledge and of professions, network analysis, the history of economic thought, the history of science, epistemology, etc. Contributions that develop themes from the following non-exhaustive list will receive particular attention:

- How did the use of particular methodologies and models contribute to the relative blindness or myopia of the discipline with regard to the crisis? To what extent are these tools and their various applications--the status of empirical data, modalities of administration and proof, acknowledgement of the constraints on validity of particular models--specific to the field of economics, especially as regards the physical and biological sciences or other social sciences ?
- To what extent have changes in the teaching of economics (for example, technicization or the marginalization of economic history and thought) contributed to the current situation?
- What is the nature of the relationship between economics as a discipline and other disciplines ? To what extent are these inter-disciplinary relationships imperialistic, associative, or based on sheer mutual ignorance?
- Does the organization of economics into essentially closed « small worlds » such as universities, laboratories, centers, and journals leave sufficient space for debate, criticism, and ultimately dialogue between different schools of thought ?
- What is the role played by the rules of evaluation and appraisal of what counts as disciplinary knowledge by researchers, journals, and laboratories? How have professional institutions evolved and changed, and what is the capacity of the discipline as a whole to innovate and to renew itself ?
- To what extent have the links between certain economists and « the business world »--via directorships, board memberships, service on governmental organizations such as the Council for Economic Analysis, or formal roles in the media--influenced the positions that they have articulated or their power within the discipline ?

Deadline for contributions to this issue: April 15, 2010
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Download Call for Papers in [English](#) and in [French](#).

The European Science Foundation - Liu Conference

Paying Attention: Digital Media Cultures and Generational Responsibility

6-10 September 2010

Scandic Linköping Väst, Linköping, Sweden

Chaired by:

- Jonathan Dovey, Digital Cultures Research Centre, University of the West of England, UK
- Patrick Crogan, Department of Culture, Media and Drama, University of the West of England, UK

Programme

"Paying Attention" concerns the politics, ethics and aesthetics of the attention economy. This is the social and technical milieu in which web native generations live much of their lives. It will address key questions like: What architectures of power are at work in the attention economy? How is it building new structures of experience? What kinds of value does this architecture produce? "Paying Attention" encourages dialogue between researchers from the fields of Cultural and New Media Studies, Education, Communications, Economics, Internet studies, Human Computer Interface Studies, Art and Design. It also seeks the input and insights of creative practitioners exploring critical and alternative uses of new media forms and technologies.

Key themes will include:

- Education, Technique & Responsibility
- The Political Economy of Digital Experience
- Emerging forms of knowledge and value transmission
- Ethical design, trust and security
- Experiments with mediated attention and experience
- Value in the new social spaces of digital culture
- Records, archives and digital memories
- Metadata, search algorithms and politics
- Entertainment, marketing and attention technologies
- Web 2.0 : Playbour and Grammatization
- Profiling Data Mining and Control
- Pervasive media and remediated living spaces

Conference format:

- lectures by invited high level speakers
- short talks by young & early stage researchers
- poster sessions, round table and open discussion periods
- forward look panel discussion about future developments

Invited speakers will include:

- Michel Bauwens, Foundation for Peer-to-Peer Alternatives
- Ruth Catlow, Furtherfield .org Independent Net Art collective, UK
- Jonathan Dovey, University of the West of England, UK
- Aphra Kerr, National University of Ireland Maynooth, IE
- Simon Poulter, Independent Digital Artist and Curator, UK
- Stanza, Independent Digital Artist, UK
- Bernard Stiegler, Institut de recherche et d'innovation, Centre Georges Pompidou, FR
- Tiziana Terranova, University of Naples, IT

To learn more about the conference, please click [here](#).

Conference participation is possible only after successful application. To apply, please click [here](#).

Deadline for application: 1 May 2010

The Crisis of Capitalism and Its Solution: Socialism of the 21st Century

May 29-30, 2010 at Suzhou City, China

Hosted by WAPE and by International College of Renmin University of China

Call for Papers

The World Association for Political Economy (WAPE) registered in Hong Kong, China, with Prof. Enfu Cheng, President of Academy of Marxism of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences as its Chair, is an international academic organization founded on an open, non-profit, and voluntary basis by Marxian economists and related groups around the world. The standing body of WAPE includes the council, secretariat, academic committee and advisory committee. The mission of WAPE is to utilize modern Marxian economics to analyze and study the world economy, reveal the law of development and its mechanism, and offer policies to promote economic and social progress on the national and global level, so as to improve the welfare of all the people in the world. The last four WAPE forums were successively held in Shanghai, Shimane (Japan), Beijing and Paris during 2006-2009.

The Fifth WAPE Forum, "The Crisis of Capitalism and its Solution: Socialism of the 21st Century", will be hosted by WAPE and by International College of Renmin University of China on May 29-30, 2010 at Suzhou City, China. Please send your application and an abstract of 500 words before January 15, 2010. Send your paper of 6000 words on the above topic, together with your curriculum vitae stating your affiliation, contact information, list of publications, etc., before March 31, 2010*, to Prof. Xiaoqin Ding, Deputy Secretary General of WAPE (wape2006@gmail.com). Official invitations will be issued when submitted papers are reviewed and accepted.

***Editor's note: the deadline for application is extended to the end of April.**

For more details, download [Call for Papers](#).

Agrarian Reforms: Past and Future

Reforms related to land ownership is a modern hope. After Philosophes, theologians and thinkers had earlier made their own proposals for change, political reformers then tried to implement their own specific reforms, their objectives being however different, whether in Britain or in Continental Europe (German and Scandinavian countries, France, the Iberian and Italian peninsulas). At the end of the 18th century, the French Revolution had a significant agrarian and peasant component, as we all know. The nationalization and sale of clergy and aristocratic land and property, which aimed at suppressing the forces hostile to the Revolutionary process, opened the door to important land transfers as a short-term or medium-term phenomenon, which also favored some groups within the peasantry.

In different ways in the 19th century, various places, including Russia and America, were affected by issues related to land distribution and land ownership. These two phenomena also reflected socio-economic and political demands which within empires were often associated to the recognition of the peoples and nations without State deprived of self-determination and to their fight against oppression towards liberty. The peasantry and its fight for land against large land owners and foreign or national squires and hobereaux were thus recurrently caught in the middle of national movements.

It was however in 1910 —one hundred years ago only— that the concept of "agrarian reform" was for the first time formulated and given its contemporary meaning. And with the word, there followed its concrete political implementation, within a victorious popular

movement. It was in Mexico that the first twentieth-century revolution took place with the development of peasant movements and the establishment of revolutionary governments. There, agrarian reforms reflected the fight for land ownership changes, for labour reforms, for the transformation of the production and redistribution of wealth, and also for state power. The slogan "Land and liberty" which symbolized then and for several decades Indian and Mexican peasants' aspirations became the touchstone of all the agrarian reforms which were then proposed and implemented. The 20th Century knew several agrarian reforms, some being more radical than others, proposed either by peasant or working-class revolutionary groups or by reformatory States (sometimes military and/or nationalist ones) and even political projects whose programs aimed at preserving the status quo in their current society and government in an attempt to counteract and downplay growing revolutionary movements. This world trend spared almost no part of the world from old Russia (now USSR), the People's Republic of China, Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, India, Indochina, Latin America, and even Africa before and after decolonization.

The History Section of the VI International Marx Conference entitled Crisis, revolts, utopias (<http://netx.u-paris10.fr/actuelmarx/cm6/index6.htm>), which will meet in Paris — September 22nd – 25th, 2010 — proposes a workshop to discuss these contemporary issues using a Marxist and historical perspective. It welcomes specialists of the study of agrarian reforms in the world. The intent is also to engage in discussions on today's rural reality and on human and natural disasters taking place in rural areas which experienced several decades of ruthless global neoliberal governance. The organizers will also encourage debates on the future of the campaign for agrarian reforms in its original form, one which seems more topical than ever.

Please send paper proposals (title and abstract), until 30/06/2010, to:
Pablo F. Luna (Université Paris Sorbonne): pablo-fernando.luna@paris-sorbonne.fr

Conferences, Seminars and Lectures

The Economics of Climate Change

An International Conference at The New School

Friday, April 09, 2010 - Saturday, April 10, 2010. 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Wollman Hall, Eugene Lang Building, 65 West 11th Street, 5th floor (enter at 66 West 12th Street), New York City

We may already be past the tipping point on climate change. Where do we go after Copenhagen's failure?

For two days, U.S. and international academics, government officials, and policy analysts will join to study the economic issues associated with carbon emission, climate change, and emission regulation. The conference will offer important lessons on how to enact effective climate change policy in light of the United States' fragile economy and the post-Copenhagen tensions between developed and developing countries.

The program includes keynote speeches by Hirofumi Uzawa of Tokyo University and Ernst Ulrich von Weizacker, former chairman of the German Parliament's Environmental Committee. Participants include representatives from the European Commission and the Obama Administration; Tariq Banuri, director of the United Nations Division for Sustainable Development and member of the Nobel Prize-winning Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC); Alfred Greiner of the University of Bielefeld; Geoffrey Heal of Columbia University; and Franz Wirl of the University of Vienna. New School faculty includes Lopamudra Banerjee, Edward Nell and Willi Semmler from The New School for Social Research and Michael Cohen of the Graduate Program of International Affairs.

ADMISSION: Free. Reservations required. Go to www.newschool.edu/cepa to RSVP. For more information, call 212-229-5901 x4911 or email scepa@newschool.edu.

Sponsored by The Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis and the Economics Department of The New School for Social Research. The conference is made possible by support from the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, the Alex C. Walker Foundation and the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany New York.

Britain's economic performance since the 1980s

The April issue of *the National Institute Economic Review* will feature articles on "Britain's economic performance since the 1980s". This volume, which will be highly topical in the light of the forthcoming general election, will focus on various aspects of this economic performance. To coincide with the Review's publication we are holding a seminar where two of the authors will present their papers. The focus of the seminar will be a discussion of employment and skills' policy issues over the last two decades.

Date and time:

- Wednesday 21st April 2010 from 3pm to 5pm

Venue:

- National Institute of Economic and Social Research
2 Dean Trench Street, Smith Square
London SW1P 3HE

The speakers and topics will be as follows:

- Professor Jonathan Wadsworth, Royal Holloway College, University of London
The title is: The UK Labour Market in Recession and Recovery
- Professor Lorna Unwin, Institute of Education
The title is: Working and Learning under New Labour: what has happened to young people who don't go straight into higher education?

The event is free but registration is required.

If you would like to attend the event or to receive further information, please contact Pat Shaw by email: p.shaw@niesr.ac.uk or phone: 020 7654 1905.

Hallsworth Conference

Financialisation and Environment: The Implications for Environmental Governance of the Global Financial Crisis

15-16 April, 2010, University of Manchester

Conference announcement

This international conference aims to open up an important new agenda of research on the implication of the financial crisis for financialised modes of governance of environmental goods. Finance capital has always, to some degree, played a role in environmental management. However, over the last quarter century that role has altered: finance has played a much more direct role in the delivery of environmental policy in a range of issue-areas. That is, there has been an intensification and extensification of the linkages between the financial sector and the provision of environmental goods and services. Whether it is the de-regulation of energy, the provision of urban services such as water and sewerage, or the restoration of wetland habitats, the rate, extent and conditions under which environmental goods and services are made available have been increasingly tied to the circulation and expansion of money capital in its various forms. Marketised modes of governance in areas such as CO2 emissions have been increasingly linked to financial markets. The environment, in short, has been one of the primary arenas through which 'financialisation' – that is, the expansion of financial products and services into whole new domains – has played out in the last decade or so.

The current financial crisis has brought these new modes of governance into question. The finance sector is currently under close scrutiny, within and without, heralding a period of regulatory reform within the sector as we look ahead. We are currently experiencing a moment of profound questioning about the financial sector, a questioning that has both an empirical component – how does it work, how can it be reformed – and a normative one – who should the finance sector be for? Those questions have particular relevance for a variety of different sectors and services.

The conference will examine the promiscuity of finance (its capacity to enter a whole range of areas of environmental governance), and also the variable extent to which finance dominates over other concerns. In other words, we have a range of natural experiments in leaving the provision of environmental goods and services to the 'logics' of money capital. The conference will open up a new research agenda that has been under-explored. To date, ecological modernisation has focused on production processes and, to a lesser extent, on consumption: it has not thematised finance capital. At the same time the literature on finance and financialisation has not paid much attention to environment, except perhaps in regard to thinking about the blockages/obstacles to financialisation. The questions the conference will address include the following:

- How, to what extent and in what ways has money capital come to drive environmental outcomes in different economic and social sectors?
- What are the implications of financial crisis for these modes of market-led environmental governance?

- What role can and should the financial sector play in the provision of environmental goods?
- What are the implications for global justice and environmental sustainability of different financial regimes in environmental governance?

Confirmed speakers at the conference include:

Ulrich Brand (University of Vienna), Patrick Bond (Centre for Civil Society, Durban), Larry Lohmann (Cornerhouse), Joan Martínez Alier (Autonomous University of Barcelona), Sam Randalls (University College London), Leonardo Sakamoto (Member of Brazilian Commission for the Eradication of Slave Labour and NGO Repórter Brasil), Christian Zeller (University of Salzburg)

The conference is hosted by the Political Economy Institute and Society and Environment Research Group at Manchester University

Conference convenors

John O'Neill and Erik Swyngedouw

Contact:

Noémie Rouault. Tel: 0161 275 7058 (ext 57058) | noemie.rouault@manchester.ac.uk

The Hallsworth conference has been planned to coincide with another major international conference at Manchester on the related theme Finance In Question/ Finance In Crisis. This conference has been organised by the ESRC Centre for Research on Socio-Cultural Change (CRESC) and will take place between 12-14 April 2010. Details of this conference can be found on [the CRESC website](#)

Download [Poster](#).

London Critical Theory Summer School

The Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities is organising this summer the first London Critical Theory Summer School. The general theme this year is 'Critical Theory and the Political'. This will be a unique opportunity for graduate students and academics to follow a course of study with internationally renowned critical thinkers. The aim of the course is to foster exchange and debate and will consist of at least 6 modules over the two weeks, each convened by one of the participating academics. This course will not offer transfer of credits.

Participating Academics will include:

Etienne Balibar, Drucilla Cornell, Costas Douzinas, Stephen Frosh, Esther Leslie, Jacqueline Rose & Slavoj Zizek. Special events will feature lectures by Jean-Luc Nancy and Alain Badiou (tbc).

Please disseminate the information to all interested lists and people.

Information & application details: <http://www.bbk.ac.uk/bih/lcts/> or email Julia Eisner j.eisner@bbk.ac.uk

May Day 2010 Conference

A Century+ of May Days: Labor and Social Struggles International Conference

April 30 -May 2, 2010

Chicago. DePaul University.

Register at the Conference website: www.mayday2010.info

During May Day Weekend 2010, there will be an international gathering with people

from around the world – Berlin, Tokyo, Copenhagen, Iran, Glasgow, Paris, Venezuela, London, Toronto, Vienna, Stuttgart, Brazil, Pakistan, Sweden and beyond. From young activists to a Japanese survivor of the A-bomb and a German anti-fascist who has long outlived Hitler. We will discuss labor and social struggles—both local and global. Conference participants will be able to take part in the May Day rally organized by the Chicago Federation of Labor & Illinois Labor History Society . . . and a labor history bus tour on Saturday, May 1st.

Contact: mayday1890.2010@gmail.com

PEF at the CEA 2010

PEF sessions at the Canadian Economics Association meetings
Quebec City, Canada. May 28-30

Friday, 09:00 - 10:30

PEF I: Was Financialization Rational for Capital?

Organizer: Robert Chernomas (U. of Manitoba)

- Fletcher Baragar, Why Financialization, Why Now?
- Robert Chernomas, From Growth Stagnation to Financial Crisis: A Missing Link in Mainstream Theory
- Mara Fridell & Mark Hudson, Financialization, Enabling Policy, and Elite Policy Networks in the USA
- John Loxley, The Financialization Crisis and Sovereign Debt

Friday, 11:00 - 12:30

PEF II: Canada's Economic Security and the Great Recession: What Have We Learned?

Organizer: Andrew Jackson (CLC)

- Andrew Jackson, Employment Insurance
- Armine Yalnizyan, Rethinking Economic Security
- John Stapleton, Social Assistance
- Nick Falvo, The Great Recession's Impact on Homelessness

Friday, 14:30 - 16:00

PEF III: Panel - Is There a Market Fundamentalist Message in the Introductory Textbooks?

Organizers: Rod Hill (UNB) and Tony Myatt (UNB)

- Rod Hill (UNB) and Tony Myatt (UNB)
- Avi Cohen (York)
- Mel Cross (Dalhousie) and Brian MacLean (Laurentian), "To Be Determined"
- Marc Lavoie (U. Ottawa) and Mario Seccareccia (U. Ottawa), "Perspective on the Hill-Myatt Book from our Experience with the Baumol/Blinder Project"
- Chris Ragan (McGill)

Friday, 16:30 - 18:00

PEF/URPE IV: Labour in a time of crisis, comparing experiences and prospects in Canada and the US.

Organizer: Mathieu Dufour

- Michael Lynk (Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario), Hydraulic Relationships: Labour Law and Economic Inequality
- Armine Yalnizyan (CCPA), Transformers: Recession's Impacts on Canada's Labour Market
- Mike Hillard (University of Maine), Class Politics and American Employer Exceptionalism: Why is the U.S. So Conservative?
- Jeannette Wicks-Lim (Political Economy Research Institute), U.S. Policy Considerations to Guarantee Workers a Decent Standard of Living

Friday, 18:30-20:30, PEF Social
Location TBD

Saturday, 09:00-10:30

PEF/CSLS V: Perspectives on Happiness in Canada and the United States

Organizers: Andrew Sharpe (CSLS) and Chris Barrington-Leigh (UBC)

Chair: Ian Stewart (CSLS)

- Andrew Sharpe (CSLS), Ali Akbar Ghanghro (CSLS) and Anam Kidwai (Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity), Explaining in Happiness in Canada: New Results from the 2007-2008 Canadian Community Health Survey
- Chris Barrington-Leigh (University of British Columbia), Canadian Life Satisfaction Over Time
- Richard Florida (University of Toronto), Charlotta Mellander (University of Toronto) and Kevin Stolarick (University of Toronto), Should I Stay or Should I Go Now: The Effects of Community Satisfaction on the Decision to Stay or Move"
- Discussant: John Helliwell (University of British Columbia)

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:30

PEF VI: Integrating Climate and Industrial Policies

Organizer: Marc Lee, CCPA

Chair: Marc Lee, CCPA

- Marc Lee, CCPA, "So What is a Green Job Anyway?"
- Ken Carlaw, UBC-Okanagan, "Industrial Policy Lessons for Climate Mitigation Strategies"
- Erin Weir, Steelworkers, "The Case for Carbon Tariffs"
- Brendan Haley, "From Staples Trap to Carbon Trap"

Saturday, 12:30 - 14:30

PEF AGM (lunch provided)

Saturday, 14:30 - 16:00

PEF VII: TITLE: "Canadian Public Finances and Monetary Policy: Sound Finance or Functional Finance"

Organizer: Mario Seccareccia (University of Ottawa)

Chair: Marc Lavoie (University of Ottawa)

- Andrew Jackson (Canadian Labour Congress, Ottawa), Reflections on Canadian Fiscal and Monetary Policy during the Great Recession
- Keith Newman (Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada, CEP, Ottawa), Do Taxes and Bonds Pay for Government Expenditures
- Mario Seccareccia (University of Ottawa), Is Functional Finance Sound Long-Term Policy or Is There a Need for an Exit Strategy to Ensure Balanced Budgets?

Saturday, 16:30 - 18:00

- J.K. Galbraith Lecture / John Loxley

Natural Resources and Sustainability

City University London – Research Half-Day Event

Thursday 29 April 2010, 2.00 – 4.00 PM

Convocation Suite, Northampton Square, City University London, London EC1V 0HB

This research half day continues a tradition of cross-University events, intended to provide an opportunity for academic and research staff and research students who work or are interested in these areas to come together:

- Raise the profile of work on natural resources and sustainability across the University;

- Share research findings, current and proposed work with colleagues;
- Encourage possibilities for forging multi-disciplinary relationships and collaborations around these issues through a variety of research-related initiatives and activities.

PROGRAMME

- Abstracts and biographies for the presentations can be found at <http://www.city.ac.uk/research/events/naturalresources.html>. Slides/full papers will be added as they become available.

All staff and research students are welcome to attend – please do draw this to the attention of any of your colleagues or research students who might be interested in coming along. If you wish to attend, please email Anna Ramberg (Anna.Ramberg.1@city.ac.uk) by Friday 23 April 2010 to register your name.

The event is being coordinated by Professor Martin Caraher (Centre for Food Policy), Professor Lorna Woods (The City Law School), Professor ManMohan Sodhi (Cass), Jo Bradford and Anna Ramberg (CRIDO).

Richard Seymour on 'Racism in Britain Today'

[International Socialism journal seminar](#)

6.30pm, Friday 26 March, School of Oriental and African Studies, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, WC1H 0GX

Richard Seymour, author of *The Liberal Defence of Murder* and the 'Lenin's tomb' blog presents the latest in our series of seminars.

The electoral success of the fascist British National Party and the emergence of the English Defence League has forced activists in Britain to look again at the issue of racism. Cultural racism and Islamophobia seem to supplant traditional racist ideas based on biology—but what is behind this shift and just how novel is it? Richard Seymour argues that the rise in racism in Britain is driven to a considerable extent by government policies and media reaction, both liberal and conservative.

A topical debate Roger Bootle and Martin Weale

Wednesday 5th May 2010 from 12am to 2pm
National Audit Office. 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road. London SW1W 9SP

"The economic cases for early, and for later fiscal tightening"

The speakers are:

- Dr Martin Weale, CBE, Director, NIESR
- Roger Bootle, Managing Director, Capital Economics Ltd.

The event is free but registration is required.

If you would like to attend the event or to receive further information, please contact Pat Shaw by email: p.shaw@niesr.ac.uk <mailto:p.shaw@niesr.ac.uk> or phone: 020 7654 1905.

Food poverty and inequality: The growth of hunger in the UK

Thursday 13 May 2010

Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre, City University London, Northampton Square, EC1V 0HB

Speaker: Professor Martin Caraher, Professor of Food and Health Policy, City University London

Chair: Tim Lang, Professor of Food Policy, City University London

Find details at http://www.city.ac.uk/whatson/2010/5-may/caraher_130510.html

L'ingénierie financière et la crise : le contournement des règles par l'innovation

Avec Dominique Plihon

Professeur d'économie financière à l'Université Paris XIII, directeur de l'école doctorale Erasme en sciences humaines et sociales, président du conseil scientifique d'Attac

Mardi 30 mars 2010, de 18h à 20h

salle du conseil de Plaine Commune

21, avenue Jules-Rimet 93218 Saint-Denis,
en face du Stade de France

Discussion animée par Michel Porchet Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Paris Nord

Résumé de l'intervention

Les innovations financières ont joué un rôle central dans le déclenchement et la propagation de la crise subprime à l'ensemble du système financier international. C'est en particulier le cas de la titrisation par les banques américaines des créances immobilières détenues sur les ménages. Cette innovation a permis aux grandes banques d'investissement américaines (Lehman Brthers, Goldman & Sax) de monter des produits complexes, peu transparents qui sont ensuite devenus des produits "toxiques" dans un grand nombre d'institutions bancaires et financières, notamment en Europe et en France (Natixis par exemple). Ces innovations ont contribué à la crise pour plusieurs raisons : elles ont poussé les banques à des prises de risque excessif, et elles ont été utilisées pour contourner la réglementation et le contrôle des autorités de tutelle.

On montrera que cette situation n'est pas originale. L'histoire récente montre, en effet, que l'un des moteurs principaux de l'innovation financière a souvent été d'échapper à la réglementation. D'où une course poursuite permanente entre le régulateur et le financier, ce dernier étant souvent plus rapide que le premier... Les événements récents illustrent ce phénomène.

For more information, visit: <http://www.mshparisnord.org/mardis/mardis2.htm>

XII Congreso De La Sociedad Latinoamericana De Estudios Sobre America Latina Y Del Caribe (Solar)

El Instituto De Estudios Latinoamericanos Tiene El Agrado De Invitarles A Participar En El XII Congreso De La Sociedad Latinoamericana De Estudios Sobre America Latina Y Del

Caribe (Solar)

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- Construyendo el siglo XXI en el Bicentenario de la Independencia

Sub Temas

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- La revolución mexicana y su impacto en América Latina
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- Nuevos actores políticos y movimientos sociales
- Las manifestaciones culturales en sus distintas expresiones (arte, literatura, prensa revistas y proyectos editoriales)
- Las cartografías del conocimiento en América Latina. Nuevas perspectivas
- La heterogeneidad cultural en América Latina
- Globalización y economía
- Democracia y participación ciudadana
- Relaciones interlatinoamericanas y de la región con el mundo

Fechas

- Los interesados en organizar simposios o mesa redonda deberán registrarse antes del 30 de agosto con el tema específico dentro del temario de la convocatoria, enviando además un breve currículum vital de 20 renglones del organizador.

Normas De Las Participaciones

- Las participaciones no excederán de 15 cuartillas
- Se presentarán en letra arial 12
- Se podrán presentar en español portugués francés e ingles.

CONTACTOS

- Informes e inscripciones | solar@una.ac.cr

Job Postings for Heterodox Economist

Saint Peter's College

The Department of Economics and Finance at Saint Peter's College invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level, beginning in the Fall of 2010. Candidates for the position should preferably have already earned a Ph.D. in economics or are near completion of such a degree. Preferred areas of specialization are economic development, environmental economics or health economics. Teaching experience is required. The teaching load is 4/4 and will include statistics, economic development and poverty and inequality.

Saint Peter's College is a liberal arts college with a demonstrated commitment to diversity. EOE.

Candidates should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, graduate transcript, three letters of recommendation, a teaching statement, a research statement, and teaching evaluations to Dr. Edwin Dickens, Chair, Department of Economics and Finance, Saint Peter's College, 2641 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ 07306, USA.

University of Minnesota-Morris

Temporary Position in Economics (subject to final approval)

One-year temporary position (with the possibility of renewal) in Economics is available at the University of Minnesota-Morris, beginning in August, 2010. We are particularly interested in candidates with expertise to teach in the following areas: Money & Banking, Macroeconomic Theory, and Principles of Macroeconomics. Additional courses may include electives in areas of mutual interest to the candidate and UMM. Required qualifications are: A.B.D in Economic or related field (hiring will be at the Teaching Specialist level); Ph.D. preferred (Lecturer level). Annual teaching load is 6 courses.

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Economics Search Committee Chair
Division of Social Sciences

University of Minnesota, Morris
600 E. 4th St.
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RMF Report on the Eurozone Crisis: Beggar Thyself and Thy Neighbour

C. Lapavitsas, A. Kaltenbrunner, D. Lindo, J. Michell, J.P. Paineira, E. Pires, J. Powell, A. Stenfors, N. Teles

Economists of the group [Research on Money and Finance](#) (RMF) at SOAS, University of London, coordinated by Prof. Costas Lapavitsas, have produced a report on the current crisis titled "Eurozone Crisis: Beggar Thyself and Thy Neighbour?". The report claims that the current public debt crisis of peripheral eurozone countries (Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and Spain) is related to persistent German current account surpluses. RMF proposes either structural reform of European Monetary Union, or exit from the eurozone.

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For Media Coverage of the Report see [The Guardian](#) (by Larry Elliott, Monday 15 March 2010).

Heterodox Journals and Newsletters

American Journal of Economics and Sociology, 69(2)

Journal website: <http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=0002-9246&site=1>

- The New Economic Sociology of Prices: An Analysis Inspired by the Austrian School of Economics / Renaud Fillieule
- Language Nuances and Socioeconomic Outcomes / Alberto Chong, Jorge Guillen, Vanessa Rios
- School Kids and Oil Rigs: Two More Pieces of the Post-Katrina Puzzle in New Orleans / Kelly Frailing, Dee Wood Harper, Jr.
- Racial Fractionalization and School Performance / Joshua C. Hall, Peter T. Leeson
- Is There a Natural Rate of Crime? / Paresh Kumar Narayan, Ingrid Nielsen, Russell Smyth
- Health Perception and Health Care Access: Sex Differences in Behaviors and Attitudes / Marta Gil-Lacruz, Ana I. Gil-Lacruz
- Motives for Intergenerational Transfers: New Test for Exchange / Jingshu Wang
- Intrinsic Motivation and the Logic of Collective Action: The Impact of Selective Incentives / Andreas P. Kyriacou
- From W. N. Hohfeld to J. R. Commons, and Beyond? A "Law and Economics" Enquiry on Jural Relations / Massimiliano Vatiere
- In Defense of Counterfeiting Illegitimate Money: Rejoinder to Murphy and Machaj / Walter E. Block

Book Review

- The Predatory State by James Kenneth Galbraith: 2008, Free Press Publishers, 240 pages, \$25 / D. W. MacKenzie

Challenge, 53(2):March-April 2010

Journal website: <http://www.mesharpe.com/mall/results1.asp?ACR=CHA>

- Letter from the Editor / Jeff Madrick
- The Monetary Explanation of the Crisis and the Ongoing Threat to the Global Economy / Jane D'Arista, Korkut Erturk
- Where Are the New Markets? / Davide Gualerzi, Edward Nell
- The \$1 Trillion Wage Deficit / John Schmitt, Dean Baker
- The Sydney Insurrection: The Battle for Economics at the University of Sydney / Gavan Butler
- The Need for Ideological Consciousness / George Lodge
- How Much Do Presidents Influence Income Inequality? / Lane Kenworthy
- On Paul Samuelson / Robert Solow
- *The Freefall That Isn't Free: A review of Freefall: America, Free Markets, and the Sinking of the World Economy*, by Joseph E. Stiglitz. New York: W.W. Norton, 2010 / Mike Sharpe

Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics, 3(1)

Journal website (free to access): <http://ejpe.org>

Articles

- Adam Smith and the contemporary world / Amartya Sen
- Debreu's apologies for mathematical economics after 1983 / Till D ppe
- Uncertainty and identity: a post Keynesian approach / John B. Davis

Special contribution:

- Ethics, economics, and markets: an interview with Debra Satz

Book reviews:

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- John Groenewegen on Aligica & Boettke's "Challenging institutional analysis and development: the Bloomington School"
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- John Gerring on Julian Reiss's "Error in economics: towards a more evidence-based methodology"
- Frank Hindriks on Russell Hardin's "How do you know?: the economics of ordinary knowledge"
- Valentin Cojanu on Geoffrey Hodgson (ed) "Darwinism and economics"

Recent PhD thesis summaries:

- The usefulness of truth: an enquiry concerning economic modelling / Simon Deichsel
- Intellectual paths and pathologies: how small events in scholarly life accidentally grow big / Altug Yalçintas
- Diversity and economics / Carlo D'Ippoliti
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- EJPE welcomes academic articles in the field of philosophy and economics. See <http://ejpe.org> for details of the submission process and criteria.

Journal of Economic Methodology, 17(1)

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Introduction / Uskali M ki

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- The Invisible Hand viewed and reviewed / Edna Ullmann-Margalit
- Comparative process tracing: yet another virtue of mechanisms? / Federica Russo
- Why economic modelers can't exclude psychological processing variables / Don Ross

International Review of Applied Economics, 24(2)

Journal website: <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/02692171.asp>

- Monetary and banking policy transmission through interest rates: an empirical application to the USA, Canada, the UK and the Eurozone / Yannis Panagopoulos; Ioanna Reziti; Aristotelis Spiliotis
- A note on productivity change in European cooperative banks: the Luenberger indicator approach / Carlos Pestana Barros; Nicolas Peypoch; Jonathan Williams
- The impact of more complex family structure upon marital earnings premiums / Reed Neil Olsen
- Does industrial concentration impact on the relationship between policies and volatility? / Winston Moore; Carlon Walkes
- Are PPP tests erratically behaved? Some panel evidence / Guglielmo Maria Caporale; Christoph Hanck
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- Sun, sand and September 11: a model of tourism demand for the Maldives / Yusuf Riza; Alan King
- Financial openness and capital mobility: a dynamic panel analysis / Javed Younas; Boaz Nandwa

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- A Simple Model of Keynesian Unemployment / Tetsuya Nakajima
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- Durability Choice And The Piracy For Profit Of Goods / Gregory E. Goering
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real-world economics review, 52: March 2010

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Rethinking Marxism, 22(2)

Journal website: <http://rethinkingmarxism.org>

Symposium: Crisis of Capitalism

- Resnick, Stephen, & Richard Wolff. The Economic Crisis: A Marxian Interpretation.
- Martin, Randy. What's in It for Us?
- Brennan, David. The Bull-of-Last-Resort: How the U.S. Economy Capitalizes on Nationalism.
- Shear, Boone. The Green Economy: Grounds for a New Revolutionary Imaginary?
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Science & Society, 74(3): July 2010

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- Marx and the Mixed Economy: Money, Accumulation, and the Role of the State / Ann Davis
- Rising Profitability and the Middle-Class Squeeze / Edward N. Wolff

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Journal website: <http://ser.oxfordjournals.org/content/vol8/issue2/index.dtl>

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- Geoffrey M. Hodgson and Geoffrey Ingham / Donald MacKenzie, *An Engine Not a Camera: How Financial Models Shape Markets*. Cambridge, MA, and London, MIT Press, 2006; *Material Markets: How Economic Agents are Constructed*. Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2009

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- Paula Mallea's commentary [Harper's "tough-on-crime" bills costly, counterproductive](#)
- Mel Watkins discusses how the [austerity in the federal budget can only prolong the recession](#) in a piece originally published on [StraightGoods.ca](#).
- Scott Sinclair, the CCPA's Director of the Trade and Investment Research Project, gave a presentation to the Standing Committee on International Trade on the Canada-US Procurement Agreement. You can read a transcript of the presentation [here](#)

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives: <http://www.policyalternatives.ca/>

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- [The 19th Annual Hyman P. Minsky Conference](#). After the Crisis: Planning a New Financial Structure. Ford Foundation, New York City, April 14-16, 2010
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Post Keynesian Economics Study Group

The discussion at the seminar on 9 March on "The Use and Abuse of Equilibrium" (Mark Hayes) is now available at <http://www.postkeynesian.net/keynes.htm> together with slides and talk (mp3).

Heterodox Books and Book Series

Bonfire of Illusions : The twin crises of the liberal world

By Alex Callinicos

Polity. Mar 2010 . 144 pp. ISBN 9780745648750

Something dramatic happened in the late summer and autumn of 2008. The post-Cold War world came to an abrupt end. This was the result of two conjoined crises. First, in its brief war with Georgia in August 2008, Russia asserted its military power to halt the expansion of NATO to its very borders. Secondly, on 15 September 2008 the Wall Street investment bank Lehman Brothers collapsed. This precipitated a severe financial crash and helped to push the world economy into the worst slump since the 1930s.

Both crises marked a severe setback for the global power of the United States, which had driven NATO expansion and forced through the liberalization of financial markets. More broadly they challenged the consensus that had reigned since the collapse of the Soviet bloc in 1989 that a US-orchestrated liberal capitalist order could offer the world peace and prosperity. Already badly damaged by the Iraq debacle, this consensus has now suffered potentially fatal blows.

In *Bonfire of Illusions* Alex Callinicos explores these twin crises. He traces the credit crunch that developed in 2007-8 to a much more protracted crisis of overaccumulation and profitability that has gripped global capitalism since the late 1960s. He also confronts the interaction between economic and geopolitical events, highlighting the new assertiveness of nation-states and analysing the tense, complex relationship of interdependence and conflict that binds together the US and China. Finally, in response to the revelation that the market is not the solution to the world's problems, Callinicos reviews the prospects for alternatives to capitalism.

For more information, visit publisher website: <http://www.polity.co.uk/book.asp?ref=9780745648750>

Contemporary Capitalism and Its Crises: Social Structure of Accumulation Theory for the 21st Century

Edited by Terrence McDonough, Michael Reich, and David M. Kotz

Cambridge University Press, 2010. \$32.99 (paperback)

Publisher website: <http://www.cambridge.org/us/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521735803>

The book has entries about new developments in SSA theory, globalization and the contemporary SSA, the contemporary SSA in the USA, and applications of SSA theory to South Africa, Mexico, and the Arab world. A number of the chapters offer analysis of the current financial/economic crisis. In addition to the co-editors, contributors include Robert Boyer, David Brady, Susan Carlson, Michael Gillespie, James Heintz, Victor Lippit, Raymond Michalowski, Emlyn Nardone, Karen Pfeifer, Samuel Rosenberg, Carlos Salas, William Tabb, Michael Wallace, and Martin Wolfson.

Currencies, Capital Flows and Crises: A post Keynesian analysis of exchange rate determination

by John Harvey

Routledge, January 13, 2009. ISBN-10: 0415777631 | ISBN-13: 978-0415777636. 176 pp.

Paperback edition is available in April.

Breaking from conventional wisdom, this book provides an explanation of exchange rates based on the premise that it is financial capital flows and not international trade that represents the driving force behind currency movements. John T. Harvey combines analyses rooted in the scholarly traditions of John Maynard Keynes and Thorstein Veblen with that of modern psychology to produce a set of new theories to explain international monetary economics, including not only exchange rates but also world financial crises.

In the book, the traditional approach is reviewed and critiqued and the alternative is then built by studying the psychology of the market and balance of payments questions. The central model has at its core Keynes' analysis of the macroeconomy and it assumes neither full employment nor balanced trade over the short or long run. Market participants' mental model, which they use to forecast future exchange rate movements, is specified and integrated into the explanation. A separate but related discussion of currency crises shows that three distinct tension points emerge in booming economies, any one of which can break and signal the collapse. Each of the models is compared to post-Bretton Woods history and the reader is shown exactly how various shifts and adjustments on the graphs can explain the dollar's ups and downs and the Mexican (1994) and Asian (1997) crises.

Introducing Microeconomic Analysis : Issues, Questions, and Competing Views

Edited by Hassan Bougrine, Ian Parker, Mario Seccareccia

Emond Montgomery Publications, Available Spring 2010. ISBN/ISSN:

978-1-55239-378-9. 336 pp.

Touching on both theoretical and real-world topics, this collection of debates addresses issues such as the role of consumers and advertising, the nature of markets, privatization and regulation, poverty, the intersection of economics with the environment, foreign ownership, and much more. www.emp.ca/micro

Overview

What key questions should students consider in order to gain a firm understanding of the essentials of economics? Touching on both the theoretical and real-world aspects of topics typically discussed in introductory and intermediate level microeconomics courses, this timely collection of debates features contributions by respected economists from Canada and beyond.

Students will be engaged by this thought-provoking approach to issues such as the role of consumers and advertising, the nature of markets, privatization and regulation, poverty, the intersection of economics with the environment, foreign ownership, and much more — all presented in lively and accessible language.

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- Addressing Environmental Problems: Is There a Market Solution? (Elizabeth Wilman, Ric Holt)

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- Do Equalization Payments Solve the Problem of Regional Inequality? (Fred McMahon, Brian MacLean & Michael Bradfield)

Introducing Macroeconomic Analysis: Issues, Questions, and Competing Views

Edited by Hassan Bougrine, Mario Seccareccia

Emond Montgomery Publications, 2009. ISBN/ISSN: 978-1-55239-313-0. 324 pp.

In this timely new book, thirteen central macroeconomic questions are debated, in accessible language, by a line-up of respected economists from Canada and beyond. Ideal for courses at the introductory and intermediate levels. www.emp.ca/macro

Overview

Recent events across the globe have focused unprecedented attention on the workings of our economy. In this very timely book, 13 central macroeconomic questions are debated, in accessible language, by a line-up of respected economists from Canada and beyond. Ideal for courses at the introductory and intermediate levels.

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- Is Globalization Reducing Poverty? (Dominick Salvatore, Manfred Bienefeld)

Canada's Resource Economy in Transition: The Past, Present, and Future of Canadian Staples Industries

Edited by Michael Howlett, Keith Brownsey
Emond Montgomery Publications, 2008. ISBN/ISSN: 978-1-55239-255-3. 336 pp.

This book is the first to present the various perspectives used to explore and analyze the "third sector" of the economy, which includes co-operatives, credit unions, non-profit organizations, the voluntary sector, and social enterprise activities that emphasize the creation of public good as their primary goal. www.emp.ca/livingeconomics

Overview

While Canada was founded upon and has grown prosperous due to its wealth of natural resources, its staples sector currently finds itself in a period of transition at the dawn of the 21st century.

Long-established industries such as mining, oil and gas, fisheries, forestry, hydroelectricity, and agriculture now exist within an increasingly diversified and high-tech global economy, and face many political, social, and economic challenges as they adapt to a rapidly changing world.

From genetically engineered food to aquaculture, new forestry certification standards, Aboriginal title, and free trade agreements, to the increasing importance of water as a commodity, the landscape of Canada's resource economy is changing. Creating and compounding these challenges are the overarching threats of environmental degradation and resource depletion, and the emergence of complex regulatory and governance regimes intended to deal with these and other issues.

Canada's Resource Economy in Transition draws on experts in various fields to provide an understanding of the theory, history, and future directions of Canada's staples industries.

Global Capitalism in Crisis: Karl Marx & The Decay of the Profit System

By Murray E.G. Smith (Professor of Sociology and Labour Studies at Brock University)
Fernwood publishing. March 2010. 172 pages, \$24.95 CAD, ISBN: 9781552663530
Publisher website: <http://fernwoodpublishing.ca/Global-Capitalism-in-Crisis-Murray-EG-Smith/>

The world economy is currently experiencing a devastating slump not seen since the Second World War. Unemployment rates are skyrocketing and salaries are plummeting in the developed world, while astronomical food prices and starvation ravage the developing world. The crisis in global capitalism, Smith argues, should be understood as both a composite crisis of overproduction, credit and finance, and a deep-seated systemic crisis. Using Marx to analyze the origins, implications and scope of the current economic slump, this book argues that the crisis needs to be understood structurally, as the result of a system prone to crisis, rather than as an aberration.

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In And Out Of Crisis: The Global Financial Meltdown and Left Alternatives

By Leo Panitch, Sam Gindin, and Greg Albo

PM Press. May 2010. PB | ISBN: 9781604862126 | \$13.95

Publisher website: https://secure.pmpress.org/index.php?l=product_detail&p=246

"Once again, Panitch, Gindin, and Albo show that they have few rivals and no betters in analyzing the relations between politics and economics, between globalization and American power, between theory and quotidian reality, and between crisis and political possibility. At once sobering and inspiring, this is one of the few pieces of writing that I've seen that's essential to understanding the sources and uses of crisis. Splendid and essential." -- Doug Henwood, *Left Business Observer*, author of *After the New Economy*

Social Structure and Forms of Consciousness, Volume I: The Social Determination of Method

By István Mészáros

Monthly Review Press. February 2010. 432 pp. ISBN: 978-1-58367-204-4. \$29.95 (pb).

Publisher webpage: <http://www.monthlyreview.org/books/socialstructure.php>

This new work by the leading Marxian philosopher of our day is a milestone in human self-understanding. It focuses on the location where action emerges from freedom and necessity, the foundation of all social science.

Today, as never before, the investigation of the close relationship between social structure — defined by Marx as "arising from the life-process of definite individuals" — and the various forms of consciousness is particularly important. We can only perceive what is possible by first identifying the historical process that constrains consciousness itself, and therefore social action.

Tenses of Imagination : Raymond Williams on Science Fiction, Utopia and Dystopia

Edited by Andrew Milner

Oxford, Bern, Berlin, Bruxelles, Frankfurt am Main, New York, Wien, 2010. Ralahine Utopian Studies. Vol. 7. ISBN 978-3-03911-826-7. 243 pp.

Book synopsis

Raymond Williams was an enormously influential figure in late twentieth-century intellectual life as a novelist, playwright and critic, «the British Sartre», as The Times put it. He was a central inspiration for the early British New Left and a close intellectual supporter of Plaid Cymru. He is widely acknowledged as one of the «founding fathers» of cultural studies, who established «cultural materialism» as a new paradigm for work in both literary and cultural studies. There is a substantial secondary literature on Williams, which treats his life and work in each of these respects. But none of it makes much of his enduring contribution to utopian studies and science fiction studies. This volume brings together a complete collection of Williams's critical essays on science fiction and futurology, utopia, and dystopia, in literature, film, television, and politics, and with extracts from his two future novels, *The Volunteers* (1978) and *The Fight for Manod* (1979). Both the collection as a whole and the individual readings are accompanied by introductory essays written by Andrew Milner.

Contents

Space Anthropology, Utopia, and Putropia. Left Culturalism: Science Fiction (1956) - William Morris (1958) - George Orwell (1958) - The Future Story as Social Formula Novel (1961) - Terror (1971) - Texts in their Contexts. Cultural Materialism: Nineteen Eighty-Four (1971) - The City and the Future (1973) - On Orwell: An Interview (1977) - On Morris: An Interview (1977) - Learning from Le Guin. (Anti-) Postmodernism: Utopia and Science Fiction (1978) - The Tenses of Imagination (1978) - Beyond Actually Existing Socialism (1980) - Resources for a Journey of Hope (1983) - Nineteen Eighty-Four in 1984 (1984) - The Future Novels: From *The Volunteers* (1978) - From *The Fight for Manod* (1979).

The Structural Crisis of Capital

By István Mészáros

Monthly Review Press. December 2009. 218 pp. ISBN: 978-1-58367-208-2. \$26.95 (pb). Publisher webpage: <http://www.monthlyreview.org/books/structuralcrisisofcapital.php>

In this collection of trenchant essays and interviews, István Mészáros, the world's preeminent Marxist philosopher and winner of the Libertador Award for Critical Thought (the Bolivar Prize) for 2008, lays bare the exploitative structure of modern capitalism. He argues with great power that the world's economies are on a social and ecological precipice, and that unless we take decisive action to radically transform our societies we will find ourselves thrust headfirst into barbarism and environmental catastrophe. [read more on this book at the link above]

The Myth of the global market: Critique of neoliberalism

By Giulio Palermo

The book has been published in Italy (manifestolibri) and Spain (El viejo topo). For those of you who read Italian or Spanish, the book is downloadable from the author's homepage: <http://www.eco.unibs.it/~palermo/>

Heterodox Book Reviews

Capitalism and the Jews

Jerry Z. Muller, *Capitalism and the Jews*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2010. v + 267 pp. \$25 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-0-691-14478-8.

Reviewed for [EH.NET](#) by Peter Temin, Department of Economics, MIT.
Read the review here: <http://eh.net/bookreviews/library/1487>

The Creation and Destruction of Value: The Globalization Cycle

Harold James, *The Creation and Destruction of Value: The Globalization Cycle*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2009. x + 325 pp. \$20 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-0-674-03584-3.

Reviewed for [EH.NET](#) by Sumner La Croix, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii-Manoa. Read the review here: <http://eh.net/bookreviews/library/1486>

The Rise and Fall of the American System

Songho Ha, *The Rise and Fall of the American System: Nationalism and the Development of the American Economy, 1800-1837*. London: Pickering and Chatto, 2009. xiii + 184 pp. \$99 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-1-85196-999-9.

Reviewed for [EH.NET](#) by Jenny Wahl, Department of Economics, Carleton College.
Read the review here: <http://eh.net/bookreviews/library/1488>

The Foundations of Female Entrepreneurship: Enterprise

Alison C. Kay, *The Foundations of Female Entrepreneurship: Enterprise, Home and Household in London, c. 1800-1870*. New York: Routledge, 2009. xv + 185 pp. \$138 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-0-415-43174-3

Reviewed for [EH.NET](#) by Joyce Burnette, Department of Economics, Wabash College.
Read the review here : <http://eh.net/bookreviews/library/1491>

Heterodox Web Sites and Associates

Politics and Economy in Latin America - Heterodox Perspectives

POLITICA Y ECONOMIA - perspectivas heterodoxas desde América Latina

CLAES D3E presented a new website on politics and economy in Latin America, with short op-eds and analysis, after alternative perspectives.

The new website is found at: www.politicayeconomia.com

Among the first posts, you will find:

Eduardo Gudynas' analysis of some Brazilian labour unions pension funds that are investing in large national corporations, many of them involved in unsustainable sectors. The new alliances between labour unions, the government and corporations in Brazil.

You can subscribe at the website to receive alerts of new posts.

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www.economiasur.com

www.ambiental.net

The Trans Atlantic

"The Transatlantic is an academic journal adopting an interdisciplinary approach to span the gulf between Economics and Philosophy. It is open to everyone and hopes to serve as a global forum for those with an interest in the field. It is in this spirit that students from London, New York, Shanghai, Toronto and many other places are currently working together to establish this new platform for debate. This endeavor is officially supported by the LSE Philosophy Society and the Columbia University Economics Society."

Website: <http://thetransatlantic.org/>

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Historical Materialism Toronto Conference Website

May 13-16, 2010

York University, Toronto, Canada

<http://www.yorku.ca/hmyork/>

Heterodox PhD Scholarships

University of Athens, Greece

UADPhilEcon, the international doctoral program in economics offered by the University of Athens (Greece), is making available (up to) two scholarships of €10,000 each to successful candidates for entry in October 2010 into the 2-year coursework based MPhil in Economics

Applications are now open. Please visit: www.UADPhilEcon.gr
Deadline: Midday, Wednesday 5th May 2010

UADPhilEcon is the international doctoral program in economics offered by the University of Athens, Greece. Please note that the program's language of instruction is English and that applications are invited from qualified students irrespectively of nationality. A small numbers of around 30 students are offered places in each academic year from across from Europe, Asia, Latin America and the US).

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For further information, please visit our website: www.UADPhilEcon.gr or write to us at info@UADPhilEcon.gr

Queries from Heterodox Economists

Request for Heterodox Course Syllabi

Dear URPE Members,

For a period of about 3 years, ending about 3 or 4 years ago, we built on our Web site a respectable beginning of a nice list of syllabi from courses we were teaching, that people in URPE found very useful (something we also used to do decades ago in (gasp) "hard copy," before internet and actually even before common use of personal computers). What the Steering Committee would like to do is being now a several year process of getting that list up to snuff (it still exists on the web site, it's still got some interesting syllabi, but as indicated, it is now somewhat out of date).

So please send to me (Al@economics.utah.edu) any good heterodox/radical syllabi you have from the course you are teaching right now. I will ask again in about 3 weeks, and then again when the semester is just over for most or you, and at that time I will post what I have - and then do the same thing at the beginning of next semester.

In solidarity,
Al Campbell

Survey for the 2010 National Worker Cooperative Conference

There will be a conference co-hosted by the USFWC (US Federation of Worker Cooperative) and Bay Area worker cooperatives, August 6-9, 2010, at Clark Kerr Conference Center, UC Berkeley. Conference organizers ask you to take 5-minutes on-line survey to help shape the Conference. The survey is here:

<http://www.usworker.coop/conference2010/survey>

Registration opens in April 2010.

For more information, visit US Federation of Worker Cooperatives:

<http://www.usworker.coop/front>

Call for Panelists: Economic and Social Efficiency of Financial Markets. Or, Some Practical Suggestions on How to Prevent the Next Crisis

Call for Panelists (for AHE 2010 Conference, Bordeaux, France)

The Panel is composed of three papers that cover different yet related arguments that relate to financial markets (note: other papers may be added by the conference organisers).

The first paper by Mitja Stefancic is a methodological discussion on the potential benefits from pluralistic approaches to the analysis of financial markets. Why methodological pluralism? The idea comes from the need to fully recognise the increasing complexity of such markets and their instruments. It attempts to assess some feasible analytical strategies to address such a complexity. It investigates whether a more pronounced interdisciplinarity would provide a better analytical framework if applied to financial

markets' analysis. Such an argument is inspired by the idea that financial markets represent a research topic which should be analysed from a plurality of angles. In practice, this could translate into improved financial policies which would then favour sustainable wealth creation and market efficiency.

The second paper by Neophytos Kathiziotis investigates the efficiency of a particular segment of financial markets: the foreign exchange market, namely the market in which foreign currencies are traded and appraised. Inspired by Tobin (cited by Buiters, 2003) and UNCTAD (2009), it centres on a policy-oriented approach to market efficiency in this particular segment. It investigates the argument that efficient markets are those that have a positive long-term impact on the real economy. The paper further distinguishes between economic and social efficiency in foreign exchange markets, two topics on which there is currently very little knowledge.

THIRD PAPER

Summary: a tentative summary with main policy recommendations will be offered at the end of the presentations.

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Download [Call for Panelists](#).

For Your Information

The Department of Economics and Policy Studies at the University of Notre Dame has been officially dissolved.

March 8, 2010 | by David Ruccio | Real-World Economics Review Blog.

It's done! The Department of Economics and Policy Studies at the University of Notre Dame has been officially dissolved. On 25 February, the Academic Council approved the dean's proposal to eliminate ECOP and to rename the remaining department the Department of Economics. Now, the members of ECOP need to find positions for themselves elsewhere in the university—or to leave the university entirely. There will be no place for them in the other department. [Read more]

Petition: Save the BLS International Labor Comparisons Program

The International Labor Comparisons Program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics is proposed for elimination in the President's FY-2011 budget. For just \$2 million annually and with 50 years of experience, the BLS International Labor Comparisons Program produces timely, high-quality international comparisons of labor force, productivity, hourly compensation, and prices for many industrialized countries. The program has pioneered in the development of comparative data for emerging economies, notably China and Brazil and with work in progress on India and others. This program provides the only data available that ensure comparisons are "apples to apples" and not "apples to oranges"; that is, they permit valid comparisons of the U.S. labor market with labor markets abroad and reliable assessments of U.S. manufacturing competitiveness.

To preserve these widely used and vital comparisons in our increasingly global economy, the undersigned appeal to the Congress to restore funding for the BLS Program of International Labor Comparisons.

More details and support the petition here: <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/saveilc/>

Financement de L'Agence Française de Développement

L'Agence Française de Développement (AFD) est un établissement public français qui finance des projets de développement durable dans les pays en développement. Bénéficiant désormais du soutien et de l'appui financier de l'UNION EUROPEENNE, l'Agence Française de Développement a lancé son nouveau produit dénommé "Accès aux crédits pour tous".

"L'accès aux crédits pour tous" est une forme de microfinance développée par l'institution financière et qui permet aux populations mondiales d'obtenir plus facilement et plus rapidement du financement pour leurs différents projets de développement.

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DEUXIEME ETAPE

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