



European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Evolutionary foundations at a crossroad:  
Assessments, outcomes and implications  
for policy makers**



**The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual EAEPE Conference  
Nice - France  
6 - 8 September, 2018**

**Young Scholars Pre-Conference  
September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

## Keynotes Speakers

**R.R. Nelson**, University of Columbia, New York

**S.G. Winter**, Wharton School (tbc)

The 30<sup>th</sup> EAEPE Annual Conference will take place in Nice on 6-8 September 2018. The theme invites contributions to consider existing evolutionary theories and new developments in the field and the potential for putting theory in practice to cope with the complexity of the real world.

Abstract submission opens online ([www.eaepe.org](http://www.eaepe.org)) on the **6 January, 2018**

### Background to the 2018 Conference Theme

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The organisers want to celebrate the legacy of evolutionary theories from a critical perspective that should enrich, complement, revisit and rebuild their foundations from the perspectives of citizens, policy makers and society. The conference theme acknowledges the principal ambition of evolutionary theories to understand emerging new theories and interpret the relevant changes. Evolutionary theories are inspired mainly by biology; however, they draw also on science and the fields of complexity, network modelling, physics, neuroscience, political science and historical sociology. From a methodological and historical perspectives, evolutionary foundations are interpreted in line with the institutions, rules, innovations and transformations (Hayekian, Schumpeterian, Veblenian, post-Keynesian approaches among others). Questions are now emerging about the utility of evolutionary theories to understand the dynamic of change in a capitalist system, on the one hand, and about the necessity of a new metaphor in economics and the social sciences more generally, on the other hand.

These issues will be addressed within an open agenda to understand the impact and outcomes of these theories. These approaches are at an important methodological crossroads between their future outcomes and their epistemological foundations. Darwin and the natural selection argument is ever-present and, sometimes, is claimed to be the founding principle. At the same time, some industry and organisational dynamics are being extended to include the evolution of demand, questions related to climate change and transformations needed to the capitalist system.

Evolutionist theories rely on a highly positivist vision of innovation as, overall, a vector of growth and progress which may underestimate the role of demand, the negative externalities of innovation and the burden of these adverse effects for governments. Work in this area points to the pertinence of environmental issues, which, viewed through a different lens, could become the new warhorse of evolutionist theories in general and from the perspective of both innovation and social policies.

The conference will provide some unique opportunities to revisit the foundations of evolutionary theories, to discuss alternative points of view at the macro, meso and micro levels, and to enrich traditional evolutionary background with diverse fields such as complexity science, biology, physics, philosophy sociology, history of thought, and management science among others. The aim is to provide new empirical evidences and fresh insights for policy makers to understand the complexity of structural change, redefine innovation and formulate new innovation policies, which allow a rethinking of the role of the State in relation to transition issues; define and build commons to manage environmental issues; establish new partnerships with developing countries; investigate new ways of consuming and producing; shape new institutions to manage these structural changes; redefine social interactions related to demand and the labour market; define new business models relevant to the internet age; identify new organizing principles in the context of a knowledge economy; and finance and participate in a greener economy.

### Local Organizing Committee

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Nathalie Lazaric; Amel Attour; Patricia Roques; Edward Lorenz; Mira Toumi; Loubna Echajri; Amir Moosavi; Mauro Napolitano; Agnès Moreau, Laurence Gervasoni, Catherine Chevance.

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### Important Dates

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- **15 April, 2018:** Abstract Submission Deadline for all kind of sessions
- **15 May, 2018:** Notification of Abstract Acceptance; **Registration Opens**
- **15 June, 2018:** Early Registration Closes
- **15 July, 2018:** Late Registration Closes (for authors to be included in the scientific programme)
- **31 July, 2018:** Submission of Full Papers Deadline

### Conference Website

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[www.eacpe.org](http://www.eacpe.org) | Please consult frequently the conference website for updates and additional information on transport, accommodation, cultural opportunities, conference program, etc

## Abstract Submission

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You are invited to submit an extended abstract **no later than April 15** on the conference website. Following the usual format, prospective participants are invited to submit a paper related either to the theme of the conference or one of the diverse EAEPE Research Areas as well as special sessions. Abstracts (300-750 words) should include the following information: authors' names, email addresses and, affiliations, and name and code of the relevant research area. Following notification of acceptance, you will be invited to submit the full paper. Please have in mind that only one presentation per author is allowed; additional papers can be submitted by the same author but need to be presented by a registered co-author, if accepted by the scientific committee in advance.

## Conference Fees

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- **190 euros:** for early registration
- **250 euros:** for late registration
- **90 euros:** special rates for PhD and master students
- **100 euros:** subsidized fees (subject to application) for developing countries and regions affected by economic crisis. Please make an application in advance to Pasquale Tridico ([pasquale.tridico@uniroma3.it](mailto:pasquale.tridico@uniroma3.it)) and Oliver Kessler ([oliver.kessler@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:oliver.kessler@uni-erfurt.de)).

## Venue

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The conference will take place at ISEM (School of Economics and Business), University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, Campus St Jean d'Angely, Nice. The conference is easily accessible by tram from Nice city centre.

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