

**1<sup>st</sup> CALL FOR PAPERS - EAEPE 2022**



**European Association for  
Evolutionary Political Economy**

**Tackling inequalities: New paradigms in policy  
and technology for a just transition and vaccine  
equity**

**The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual EAEPE Conference**

**7-9 September, 2022**

**Naples, Italy**

## The 2022 Conference Theme

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Concerns about growing and changing inequalities are gaining momentum in public debate. The Covid-19 pandemic has spotlighted inequalities by showing how deep and multifaceted they are in our economic systems, encompassing dimensions such as access to care, digital technologies, and infrastructures. Furthermore, while massive interventions by governments contained somewhat the explosion of inequalities in the first waves of the pandemic, concerns about rising inequalities in the medium term are pressing due to likely long-term damages of Covid-19 and the risk of a too-rapid withdrawal of these policies, for example in response to inflationary pressures or concerns about excessive public debt. The lack of appropriate social safety nets can also exacerbate gender and racial inequalities in the post-Covid era.

At the international level, the pandemic has once again reminded us of how diverse the impacts and opportunities are between advanced and low-income countries. The ability of countries in the Global South to use fiscal and monetary policies in response to the pandemic has been much lower than that of advanced countries, and so their degree of resilience. Furthermore, the worldwide distribution of vaccines is emblematic of the inequality between the Global North/South divide. So far, indeed, this distribution has been very uneven, despite unprecedented efforts, such as the international Covax program. The ongoing debate about vaccine equity highlights that "vaccine nationalism" can severely hamper the recovery not only of developing countries but also of developed ones, as "no one is safe until we are all safe".

To achieve emergency responses, some of the supply chains are operating at the expense of huge energy utilization and growing emissions further exacerbating and increasing global inequalities in access to fundamental energy services. The post pandemic recovery programmes provide an opportunity to accelerate the green transition by aligning public policies with climate goals and attenuate the risk of future inequalities based on locking-in carbon-intensive infrastructures. Specifically, the dimensions of the required structural changes, however, together with the need for these to take place quickly, raise concerns about possible risks, imbalances, and new forms of inequalities arising from this epochal transformation (transition risks). In response to these concerns, the concept of a just transition is rapidly emerging. At the same time, there is an urgent need to increase investment in climate adaptation, primarily in countries in the Global South that are suffering disproportionately from climate-related events. The digital transformation has also emerged as an essential goal because of the pandemic. Accelerating the digital transition in specific countries and regions, in particular, appears crucial for reducing the digital divide, which has proved to be a significant dimension of inequality in the current pandemic crisis.

Thus, old and new forms of inequality raise enormous challenges and call for robust and cogent explanations and policy-making responses. Alternative theoretical and methodological approaches capable of representing and interpreting these disequilibria are required to prescribe policies for economies to escape the triple crisis of our times (economic, health and climate crisis).

In the 40th anniversary of Nelson and Winter's "An Evolutionary Theory of Economic Change" and Dosi's first article on technological paradigms and trajectories, the 2022 conference will provide unique opportunities to revisit and reconsider the foundations of inequalities and structural change, to discuss alternative theories at the macro, meso and micro levels, and to enrich the evolutionary background with insights from diverse fields such as complexity science, biology, political and international studies, development, gender and labour studies, physics, philosophy, sociology, and management science among others.

The aim is to provide new empirical evidence and fresh insights for policy makers to understand and build a more equal, safe, cohesive, resilient and green economy. In doing so, we invite scholarly contributions that reconsider the foundations of economic policy in relation to relevant social goals such as health, cohesion, and sustainability; to shape new economic and political institutions to manage structural change; and to investigate new models of production, consumption, finance, trade, and socio-economic interaction and organisation. In this regard, contributions are particularly welcome on (but not limited to):

- the causes, consequences, and measurements of inequalities;
- public policies for a just transition;
- vaccine equity;
- recovery from the Covid-19;
- new public policy paradigms: entrepreneurial state, green monetary policy;
- asymmetries in digital transition and digital divide;
- new technological paradigms in health and green economy;
- minimum wage and labour market transformations;
- alternative measures of well-being beyond GDP;
- the crisis of global value chains and inflationary dynamics; and
- scaling up of sustainable finance for a just transition

## Keynote Speakers

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## Abstract and Special Session Submission

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You are invited to submit an abstract no later than 1st April 2022 on the conference website. Following the usual format, prospective participants are invited to submit a proposed paper related either to the theme of the conference or one of the diverse [EAEPE Research Areas \(RA\)](#) as well as the Special Sessions. Abstracts (300-750 words) for proposed individual papers or for a RA or Special Session should include the following information: authors' names, email addresses and, affiliations, and name and code of the relevant RA. Following notification of acceptance, you will be invited to submit the full paper. Please note that only one presentation per author is permitted; additional papers can be submitted by the same author but will need to be presented by a registered co-author, if accepted by the scientific committee.

### Online Abstract Submission:

[https://eaepe.org/?page=events&side=annual\\_conference&sub=abstract\\_submission](https://eaepe.org/?page=events&side=annual_conference&sub=abstract_submission)

## Online Special Session Submission:

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Proposals for a Special Session should include the following information:

- Title of the proposed Special Session
- Organizers of Special Session
- Number of Guest Speakers
- Expected Number of Participants
- Special Session Scope (max 400 words)
- Special Session Scientific Relevance (max 300 words)

Special Session proposals are eligible for funding if submitted by Research Area Coordinators and involve at least two different research areas with all related coordinators. Each research area cannot be involved in more than one funding request. The evaluation depends on:

- Scientific Relevance
- Capacity to attract interest and new submissions
- Capacity to mobilize resources if funding is required

## Local Organizing Committee

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## Important Dates

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- **25 February, 2022:** Special Session proposal submission deadline
- **4 March, 2022:** Abstract submission to Special Sessions opens
- **1 April, 2022:** Abstract submission for individual papers deadline
- **29 April, 2022:** Notification of abstract acceptance; registration opens
- **27 May, 2022:** Early registration closes
- **24 June, 2022:** Late registration closes (for authors to be included in the scientific programme)
- **12 August, 2022:** Submission of full papers deadline

## Venue

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