

Call for Papers

Teaching and Learning Heterodox Economics and Economics in a Pluralistic Perspective

The Council of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) decided to launch a new series of special sessions at EAEPE's annual conferences, beginning with the Nicosia conference in November 2014: One or more sessions on teaching (and learning) heterodox economics and/or teaching (and learning) economics in a pluralistic perspective hoped for. **To this extent we strongly encourage scholars from all schools of economic thought to propose and/or organize special sessions in this respect.**

In spite of one of the largest (and still lingering) crises in the history of capitalism (2008ff.), the “mainstream’s” textbooks and mass teaching largely remained unswayed. A true tragedy considering that ten thousands of young people worldwide are sent into real life each year with reduced and wrong orientations! On the contrary, the ranking game puts heterodoxies under existential pressure rather than a mainstream that teaches predetermined equilibrium in a world of disequilibrium.

Heterodox economists have discussed the issue of proactive pluralism and heterodox convergence in plurality for years, in workshops, conferences and journals, and a number of heterodox associations have dedicated sessions or online conferences on the theme on both sides of the Atlantic. A number of journals have devoted special issues to the subject.

EAEPE intends to establish this as a continuing and common theme of both teaching economists and young scholars (studying at BA, MA or PhD levels), and of a beginning dialogue among heterodox economists and associations of all orientations. Note that EAEPE regularly invites representatives of heterodox associations and journals to discuss their strategies, and among others, also teaching issues.

The sessions intended with this call may involve the representatives of the European young-scholars networks, who are invited to the EAEPE conferences on a regular basis and were present for discussions with EAEPE representatives in Cracow (2012) and Paris (2011) already. There also have been several local student initiatives in the UK recently (Leeds, Sheffield, Manchester ...), reported about in the print media, to discuss studying economics in a more pluralist perspective. Also the protests of Harvard students against Mankiw's Econ 100 triggered worldwide attention two years ago.

Session proposals or requests concerning their organization shall get sent directly to info@eaepe.org. For general information, please consult the CfP for the EAEPE annual conference, as the formal requirements and time schedule given there apply here as well.

A number of heterodox journals are open to publish papers of these sessions in symposia or special issues (subject to the usual review procedures).

We are looking forward to seeing lively discussions and progress on teaching, learning, textbook writing, etc. Looking forward to seeing you in Nicosia.

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