



Call for Participation

Change in the Capitalist Order and its Constraints

the 10th Pre-Conference Workshop for Young Scholars
organized by
EAEPE and INET YSI *Philosophy of Economics* Working Group

September 3, 2024, Bilbao, Spain

before the
36th Annual Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy
4 - 6 September 2024

EAEPE seeks to institutionalize and deepen the involvement of and the exchange with young scholars and student initiatives at the association's annual conference. One of the key forums for young scholars at EAEPE is the annual pre-conference that comprises a series of workshops by distinguished scholars, accompanied by social space to interact and network. Organized by a team of young scholars, the pre-conference was first launched in Genova (2015). This year, EAEPE and the Philosophy of Economics Working Group of the INET YSI are putting their forces together to organize the 10th pre-conference workshop which will be held on September 3rd in Bilbao.

This year's pre-conference workshop will center around the topic of "change in the capitalist order." Fundamental properties of the capitalist order have been repeatedly criticized for the system's inability to address crises of our day. Despite repeated calls and attempts for change, however, the capitalist order has always found ways to steadily evolve and expand its scope. Its 'contradictory unities,' such as the welfare state institutions that undermine and sustain the capitalist order at the same time, are vital for our societies but also pose constraints to change and radical transformation. During this year's EAEPE pre-conference, young scholars will explore the mechanisms and scope of, and constraints to change within the capitalist order, and alternative forms of organization. We are pleased to announce the following talks:

Economists' role in stabilizing the capitalist order

By **Clara Mattei** (Economics Department of The New School for Social Research)

The role of technological change in reproducing capitalist structures

By **Cecilia Rikap** (UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (IIPP),)

Are worker cooperatives (really) an alternative to capitalism? The case of Mondragon cooperatives

By **Imanol Basterretxea** (Department of Financial Economics II, University of the Basque Country)

Following the talks, participants will have the chance to part-take in group discussions. Furthermore, there will be a get-together session where young scholars will introduce themselves and their research interests and get the chance to get feedback from and pair up with other young and senior scholars. Coffee break, lunch, and a social dinner will provide further space to connect and warm up for the main conference.

All pre-conference participants are warmly invited to participate at EAEPE's main conference as well.

Registration to the Pre-Conference & Registration fees

Participation in the *pre-conference* (including all meals and social dinner) are free of charge for those who registered for the *main conference*.

During the registration process for the *main conference*, you can select participation at the *pre-conference*. Please register for the *main conference* by choosing the **conference fee for PhD/Master students**. This is reduced rate (99 euro) for PhD/Master students who are **EAEPE members** and covers the costs of coffee breaks and two lunches during the *main conference*. There is a Special Rate Membership for PhD and Master students.

Pre-conference registration opens on **May 10, 2024**, and closes on **July 1, 2024**. Please note that registration is not a confirmation of participation, but an application. You will receive a notification of acceptance per email by the pre-conference organizers around **July 10**.

Financial support

A limited number of fee waivers are available for students and young researchers without funding opportunities. Applicants must provide a written statement of their supervisor or a faculty member of their study or PhD program confirming that they do not have financial support. Students without a paper presentation in the main conference need to submit a short motivation letter, explaining how participation could potentially benefit their academic development. Fee waiver applications are submitted through the **EAEPE fee waiver application**, which opens on **May 10, 2024**, and closes on **May 31, 2024**.

In addition, thanks to the INET YSI support, we have some limited financial funds/stipends available to partially cover the travel expenses of young scholars who do not have support from their home institutions. To apply, please send a short application letter before **May 31, 2024**, to aepe.preconference@gmail.com.

Important deadlines

Pre-conference registration/application: May 10 – July 1

Fee waiver application: May 10 - May 31

Stipend application: May 31

Decisions on fee waiver/stipend requests: June 20

Please check our website for more detailed information and updates about the pre-conference.

For any questions, please contact the pre-conference organizing team – Anna Hornykewycz, Johanna Rath, and Merve Burnazoglu – at aepe.preconference@gmail.com