

CALL FOR PAPERS - EAEPE 2020



**European Association for
Evolutionary Political Economy**

**The Evolution of Capitalist Structures:
Uncertainty, Inequality, and Climate Crisis**

The 32nd Annual EAEPE Conference

2-4 September 2020

Bilbao, Spain

preceded by the

Young Scholars Pre-Conference on

A Critical Assessment of the Faces of Inequality

1 – 2 September 2020

Keynote Speakers



Genevieve leBaron

University of Sheffield

«Combating Modern Slavery»



Robert Skidelsky

Background to the 2020 Conference Theme

In recent decades, the global spread of economic liberalization and financial deregulation, has inserted the former socialist economies (e.g. China and Central Europe) into international markets. This has generated deep structural changes in both the evolution of advanced, emerging and developing economies and the global distribution of growth and human development. Many advanced economies implemented economic and welfare reforms to reduce unemployment and match rising competition from these new international actors. Employment policies evolved into labour market policies to promote greater flexibility instead of workers' rights and wages. Similar processes have occurred in emerging and developing economies.

Since the implementation of the policies of the Washington Consensus, governments opened their economies and markets to domestic and international competition and integrated into regional governance systems such as the European Union, the European Monetary Union, the NAFTA, Mercosur, etc. Financial deregulation was one of the outcomes of such policies, which significantly increased the impact of volatile global markets on national economies. Now national financial regulators face challenges in supervising globally mobile financial capital and recurring financial crises have become more widespread due to greater interconnectedness of financial systems.

The globalization process, labour market reforms and technological change, have in many cases, generated high structural unemployment, a decline in labour incomes and security and segmentation in labour markets. In most countries, income distribution inequality, both personal and functional, has

increased. This inequality has created additional global economic problems, such as greater economic and financial instability, higher poverty rates, and a stagnation of private consumption that leads in turn to lower rates of economic growth and even secular stagnation. Polarisation of incomes increase in private indebtedness, and youth unemployment remain highly problematic in both.

The impact of these structural changes has accompanied a squeezing of public sector capacity to deal with the rising need to protect people through the social and redistributive policies. Governments are expected to be smaller but more efficient despite shrinking fiscal space. Dominant fiscal policies, which are still oriented to reducing the size of the public sector, sustain and control fiscal imbalances.

For the first time in decades there are signs that global economic integration is now threatened, while challenges posed by the processes of internationalization and globalization, rising inequality in income distribution are accompanied by new forms of risk. Greater military and environmental insecurity has forced people from their homes to seek safety abroad. Environmental collapse has changed from a possibility into a process and, soon, an inevitability. National political systems, including democracies, have been stressed by these changes creating hybrid forms of authoritarianism. International forms of cooperation that were seen to order world politics are also experiencing dramatic change.

Given the uncertainties and complexity of these structural changes and the threat of an increasingly instable global ecosystem, alternative theoretical and methodological approaches capable of representing and interpreting these disequilibria are required. The conference invites delegates to open up their discussion of the dynamics of economic evolution in late capitalism and to test established and novel interpretations of capitalist structure.

These might include stock-flow, integrated assessment, agent-based modelling and network analysis or they may address particular challenges such as the consequences of cumulatively worsening climate change. Macroeconomic policies need to gain new inspirations from ecological economics and political ecology, e.g. steady-state perspectives or even confronting the growth imperative of capitalist evolution. We may also address how hegemonic political economic goals, such as achieving price stability and controlling public debt via austerity policies make it difficult to provide the necessary means for labour and the environment.

The conference will provide unique opportunities to revisit the foundations of inequalities and structural change, 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, political and international studies, development studies, 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 and to redefine innovation and formulate new innovation policies. In doing so we aim to allow a rethinking of the role of the State in relation to transition issues; to define and build commons to manage environmental issues; to establish new partnerships with developing countries; to investigate new ways of consuming and producing; to shape new institutions to manage these structural changes; to redefine social interactions related to demand and the labour market; to define new business models relevant to the internet age; to identify new organizing principles in the context of a knowledge economy; and to finance and participate in a greener economy.

Abstract Submission

You are invited to submit an extended abstract **no later than April 1** 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.

Abstract Submission open:

https://eaepe.org/?page=events&side=annual_conference&sub=abstract_submission

Special Sessions and Topical Research Area Calls

Following Special Sessions are confirmed for EAEPE2020

Co-funded Special Sessions by EAEPE

- **Cooperatives, Human Development and Sustainability**, organized by Research Areas [N] and [Z]
 - Organizers: Andrea Bernardi, Francesco Burchi, Asimina Christoforou, Pasquale De Muro, Ander Etxeberria Otadui, Fred Freundlich, Massimiliano Mazzanti, Salvatore Monni
- **Diversity of capitalism and diversity of social systems**, organized by Research Areas [I] and [JEAS]
 - Organizers: Svetlana Kirdina-Chandler, Maria Lissowska, Wolfram Elsner
- **Heterodox Development Policies: Myth or Reality?**, organized by Research Areas [C] and [W]
 - Organizers: Hardy Hanappi, Paolo Ramazzotti, Lotta Takala-Greenish, Alice Nicole Sindzingre
- **Stratification Economics: Rethinking Forms and Explanations of Inequality**, organized by Research Areas [A] , [K] and [M]
 - Organizers: Merve Burnazoglu, Alyssa Schneebaum, Stefan Kesting, Emrah Aydinonat, Uskali Maki, Franklin Obeng-Odoom, Wolfram Elsner
- **Measures for full employment: Job guarantee and the working-time reduction**, organized by Research Areas [G], [L] and [R]
 - Organizers: Enrico Sergio Levrero, Sebastiano Fadda, Dany Lang
- **Capitalism and European Slavery**, organized by Research Areas [G], and [I]
 - Organizers: Charlie Dannreuther, Carlo D'Ippoliti, Oliver Kessler
- **Critical macro-finance and international financial hierarchies in the Basel III world**, organized by Research Areas [H], and [J]
 - Organizers: Yannis Dafermos, Olga Mikheeva, Steffen Murau, Engelbert Stockhammer

Other Special Sessions

- **Alternative theoretical paradigms for stabilizing increasingly unstable systems**
 - Organizers: John Hall and Annie Tubadji
- **EAEPE – YSI Special Session 2020**
 - Organizers: Ana Bottega
- **Journal Panoeconomicus Special Session on Income Inequality**
 - Organizers: Kosta Josifidis and Jesus Ferreiro

Frequent updates about special sessions here:

https://eaepe.org/?page=events&side=annual_conference&sub=special_sessions

Special sessions are open for abstract submissions by selecting the respective item in the abstract submission form:

https://eaepe.org/?page=events&side=annual_conference&sub=abstract_submission

Topical Research-Area specific Calls here:

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Important Dates

- **1 April, 2020:** Abstract Submission Deadline for all kind of sessions
- **30 April, 2020:** Notification of Abstract Acceptance; Registration Opens
- **27 May, 2020:** Early Registration Closes
- **25 June, 2020:** Late Registration Closes (for authors to be included in the scientific programme)
- **31 July, 2019:** Submission of Full Papers Deadline

Venue

Department of Applied Economics V, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU

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Call for Participation

“A Critical Assessment of the Faces of Inequality”

Young Scholars Pre-Conference

1 – 2 September 2020, Bilbao, Spain

The European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) seeks to institutionalize and deepen the involvement of and 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, a series of workshops by distinguished scholars, accompanied by social space to interact and network. Organised by a team of young scholars, pre-conference was first launched in Genova (2015). This year, we invite young scholars to join the 6th pre-conference that will be held in the afternoon of September 1 and the morning of September 2 in Bilbao, Spain.

The workshops aim at generating interactive discussions and, therefore, the participants are expected to actively contribute to the discussions. This year we will have the honour to host the following invited speakers to discuss various faces of inequality:

- **Miriam Rehm** (University of Duisburg-Essen) – *“Income and Wealth Inequality”*
- **Susan Himmelweit** (Open University) – *“Gender Inequalities and the Economy”*
- **Franklin Obeng-Odoom** (University of Helsinki) – *“The Political Economy of Global Migration Crisis”*
- **Giulia Zacchia** (Sapienza University) – *“Accounting for Diversity and Measuring the Faces of Inequality”*

All pre-conference participants are warmly invited to participate at EAEPE main conference as well. Please see the [Call for Papers for the main conference](#).

Registration to the Pre-Conference 2020

Please register for the pre-conference workshops through the EAEPE website by June 25, 2020. To register, you need to be a paid up EAEPE member. Membership for students and young researchers is €25/year. In order to avoid last minute cancellations and to cover part of the costs (catering, social dinner, conference material and rooms etc.), there is a registration fee of €90 payable upon web registration. This fee gives you access to both pre-conference and main conference. In case of attending only pre-conference (excluding main conference), the registration fee is €30.

Financial support

There is a fee waiver policy for a limited number of students and young researchers without other funding opportunities. Applicants must provide a written statement of their supervisor or a faculty member of

their study or PhD program (or similar) confirming that they do not have financial support. In addition, participants with a paper presentation at the main conference need to upload their full paper. Fee waivers will be awarded according to the quality of the papers. Students without paper presentation need to submit a motivation letter, explaining how participation could potentially benefit their academic development. Fee waiver applications are submitted through EAEPE website where you will need to select 'Young Scholar' from a drop-down menu by **June 25, 2020**.

In addition, a limited amount of travel stipends will be granted based on a max 200 words motivation letter that indicates affiliation, place of residence, and the reason for lacking financial support from home institution. Please send the letter to caepe.preconference@gmail.com before **June 25, 2020**.

Please note that application for pre-conference, fee waiver, and travel stipend imply **three separate applications** but with the same due date: **June 25, 2020**.

We are looking forward to your participation and lively discussions in Bilbao! Please check our website for **more detailed information and updates about the conference**. For any questions, please contact the pre-conference organizing team – **Merve Burnazoglu, Izaskun Zuazu, Elisa Terragno Bogliacci, and Olga Mikheeva** – at caepe.preconference@gmail.com