

1st CALL FOR PAPERS - EAEPE 2023



**European Association for
Evolutionary Political Economy**

**Power and Empowerment in times of multiple
crisis**

The 35th Annual EAEPE Conference

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The 2023 Conference Theme

While the world scrambles for fossil fuels to cover energy shortages, recurrent floods and droughts have become the norm within the contemporary Anthropocene. Governments of the global north debate a preference for monetary vs. fiscal policy as they fight inflation as well as try to manage recession. The world emerges from Covid lockdowns, while rising debt and interest rates threaten to drown the economies in many parts of the global south. The Russia-Ukraine war brought to the fore not only the precarity of human life in the current international political order, but also the instability of global commodity chains and the unreliability of the dollar as the global reserve currency.

Incumbent international institutions have so far been no match for the accumulating crises. The UN has largely been reduced to a concerned spectator, the austere visions and resources of the IMF and the world bank have often done more harm than good, and the efficacy of the Paris agreement in averting and managing climate change remains to be seen. Yet variegated social movements have burst through the cracks of this uneven terrain. Workers and unions have struck to push new public agendas in India and the United Kingdom, protests have erupted from Iran to Chile, while Just Stop Oil have glued themselves to the ground in street action and symbolically attacked art works in museums. Change needed to meet basic climate goals has been too slow. As anti-globalization and migration right-wing parties have reached power in several parts of Europe, Latin American elections have been coloured red, with the fate of the global conjuncture left wide open.

Writing in Leeds ten years ago, Zygmunt Bauman postulated that finding an exit from the state of interregnum “would require the restoration of the commensurability of power and politics.” Gathering in the same city, EAEPE 2023 aims to critique how such commensurability can be achieved. Can social agency be empowered to reshape market control in the current conjuncture, and what role, if any, can the academy play in such times of furnaces and monsters?

EAEPE is a wide set of views and agendas that we mainly organise through our [Research Areas](#). These are the heart of EAEPE’s debates so we welcome papers addressing the above agendas in addition to the wide range of themes we have considered in EAEPE in the past.

Key academic themes might include:

- History and methodology - How do we understand this moment in the evolution of Europe’s political economy (eg Hobson 2012)? How do the methodological advances of EAEPE address the boundaries of the economic and broader world (Clift et al 2022) and what are the drivers of change at the local, institutional and structural level?
- Market and agency – how far does the dark side of innovation impede market transition to a sustainable world (Nightingale 2020)? Are answers to rapid change in the calculation debates of C20th (Schroter 2021) or do we need to reassess how we think of agency in a post human world?
- Power and Empowerment – democratic orders currently face an onslaught from fundamental forces at multiple scales (global, supranational, national regional and community) while facing up to existential challenges to democratic government (gender and social reproduction, care, inequality, energy crisis, unemployment, inflation, health) (Bakker & Gill 2019, Bhattacharya, 2017, Rai et al 2014). How can we conceive of the moderation of power to address social inequality while being sensitive to diverse cultures?

- War and economy – How far is the war in Europe the continuation of an imperial conflict (Yurchenko 2018) or the product of shifts in the broader geo political economy that have accompanied the rise of non-European powers. What are the challenges for modelling the changing of hegemonic orders (Bieler & Morton 2018), engaging with other civilizations (Escobar) and addressing the world ending trajectory of capitalism (Moore 2016)?
- Capitalism in the Anthropocene – what kind of worlds can we imagine as offering alternative visions and pathways (Tsing 2015) and how might we differentiate them from the world we live in now? What kind of challenges (normative, institutional and methodological) are presented at such moments of change and how do we conceive of nature (or the “post-human”) as an agent of change?
- Place and knowledge – what social, economic, political and environmental resources are available to realise and expedite transition? What are the challenges of conceiving of new forms of social organisation (eg around kinship Haraway 2015) that give places meaning beyond asset value (Adkins 2021). Finally how do we engage across these themes in the ways that we act as teachers, academics and university employees?

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Keynote Speakers

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Abstract and Special Session Submission

You are invited to submit an abstract no later than 1st April 2023 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

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

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Important Dates

- **24 February, 2023:** Special Session proposal submission deadline
- **3 March, 2023:** Abstract submission to Special Sessions opens
- **31 March, 2023:** Abstract submission for individual papers deadline
- **28 April, 2023:** Notification of abstract acceptance; registration opens
- **26 May, 2023:** Early registration closes
- **23 June, 2023:** Late registration closes (for authors to be included in the scientific programme)
- **11 August, 2023:** Submission of full papers deadline

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