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Call for Papers for the Special Session

““DIVERSITY OF CAPITALISM AND DIVERSITY OF SOCIAL SYSTEMS”

Joint EAEPE – AFEE Special Session organized by
**Research Area [JAES] (Joint AFEE-EAEPE Sessions) & Research Area [I] (Comparative
Political Economy)**

for the 32nd annual EAEPE conference

“The evolution of capitalist structures: uncertainty, inequality, and climate crisis”

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The main features of the 32nd Annual European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy Conference 2020 are a **broad perspective of analysis, including not only European countries but also developed and developing world economies, and also consideration that global economic integration is now threatened.**

The conference invites delegates to open up their discussion of the dynamics of modern economic evolution and to search for alternative theoretical and methodological approaches capable of representing and interpreting these dynamics.

In reference to this general topic, the Research Areas I and JAES propose a Special Session entitled **“Diversity of capitalism and diversity of social systems”**. Contrary to expectations, globalization did not lead to a homogenization of economic models. The intensification of international flows of goods, services and ideas in some areas is accompanied simultaneously by the diffusion and spreading of alternative regional and national socio-economic systems. The significance of social, political and ideological contexts in the formation of institutional economic structures is becoming increasingly clear. This generates increasing tensions between different social systems, which are reflected in trade, technology and sanctions wars and the generation of alternative blocks of international value chains and financial centers. Standard theories are not capable of analyzing this new reality and new critical frameworks must be elaborated.

We believe that exploring these issues during a special session jointly between both Research Areas will allow us to pool the insights we can gain mutually from our common approach to the analysis of economies as evolving, socially constructed and politically governed systems and to develop a broader approach to these issues. Furthermore, both EAEPE and AFEE share the idea that economic thought affects changing economies around the world, and they are looking for new concepts to understand in greater depth the characteristics of such economic systems. So this session should contribute to:

- integrating “the transatlantic discourse” on this topic.
- bringing together the discussion on Chinese, European and Russian social and economic issues and approaches in a global context.
- and combining the comparative analysis of different economic systems which is the specificity of research area I with the search for new critical insights through the common heterodox (evolutionary and institutional) methodology which is the specificity of the AFEE members represented in research area JAES.

Bringing together EAEPE and AFEE members will thus allow us to discuss alternative points of view at the macro and meso levels to enrich the traditional evolutionary background with diverse fields such as comparative studies, political and international studies, development studies, sociology, and history of thought among others. We aim to include a new perspective on the role of the State. We shall challenge the idea that pure “capitalistic frameworks” are like the Procrustean bed and do not give a proper perspective to help understanding the realities of many countries today.

Scholars from around the globe with expertise in this field will be taking part in these sessions. Those will be professor Aleksander Sulejewicz (Warsaw School of Economics, Poland) speaking “On new directions in research of capitalist diversity: ideal types, policies, social structures, and interdependencies”, professor Svetlana Kirdina-Chandler (Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia) on “Money mechanisms and social orders”, professor Wolfram Elsner (University of Bremen, Germany) on “‘De-Coupling’: Towards a global split into two international economic blocks?”. Also, younger outstanding scholars will be speaking in the sessions (Andrey Volynsky, Maria Kruglova (Russian State University of the Humanities, Russia) “Chinese Economic System: Socialism or Capitalism?”).

We aim to publish the papers of the special session in relevant journals, such as possibly the *Journal of Institutional Studies* (published in both Russian and English), *Gospodarka Narodowa. The Polish Journal of Economics* (published in Polish and English) and the *Review of Evolutionary Political Economy*.

Abstract Submission:

Related abstracts (300-750 words) should be submitted electronically at the [conference website](#) by mentioning/selecting the joint RA [JAES] & RA [I] Session before 1st April 2020.

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