



Call for Participation

Towards an Automated and Digitalized Economy and Society

the 8th Pre-Conference for Young Scholars

6 September 2022, Napoli, Italy

before

the 34th Annual Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy

7 - 9 September 2022

The 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 that comprises a series of workshops by distinguished scholars, accompanied by social space to interact and network. Organized by a team of young scholars, pre-conference was first launched in Genova (2015). This year, we invite young scholars to join the 8th pre-conference that will be held on September 6th in Napoli, Italy.

Automated decision-making systems, and automation in general, increasingly take over the tasks that previously belonged to humans. They mediate many social, economic, and political processes; therefore, their impact on different areas requires critical investigation. This year, EAEPE Pre-Conference will host a day of inspirational talks by invited speakers to address the impact of automation on our economies and societies. Following the talks, a workshop will take place about imagining our future in such automated societies, their challenges, and potential solutions to them. There will then be a get-together session where young scholars will introduce themselves and their research interests and get 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: Please register for the pre-conference through the EAEPE website by **July 1st 2022**, by choosing PhD/master student conference fee:

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

To register, you need to be a paid up [EAEPE member](#). There is a special membership rate for PhD/master students.

During the registration process you are able to select participation at the pre-conference.

Registration fees: Participation in the pre-conference is free of charge for those who registered in the *main conference*. The reduced rate for the *main conference* is 90 euro to cover the costs of five coffee breaks and two lunches during the *main conference*.

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 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 EAEPE website where you will need to select ‘Student Waiver’ from a drop-down menu:

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

Please check our website for more detailed information and updates about the pre-conference. For any questions, please contact the pre-conference organizing team – Merve Burnazoglu, Olga Mikheeva, Mattia Pettena, Grazia Errichiello, and Marco Amendola – at eaepe.preconference@gmail.com

Preliminary schedule of the 2022 pre-conference (more speakers may be announced)

6 September 2022 (Tuesday)

Welcome words by Pre-conference Team & Participants’ introductions

Confirmed Talks (more to be announced)

“Consent and its disconsents to AI at work: Which humans in command?”

By **Phoebe Moore** (University of Essex School of Business, Management & Marketing)

“Digital platforms *at work*: Platform-mediated labor and its challenges”

By **Katarzyna Gruszka** (Institute for Ecological Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business)

“The heterogeneous effects of digitalization on macroeconomic developments - a comparative perspective”

By **Claudius Graebner-Radkowsch** (Europa University Flensburg & Institute of Comprehensive Analysis of the Economy of the Johannes Kepler University Linz)

Workshop in groups & Plenary

“(Re-)Imagining an Automated Society: Challenges and Solution Proposals”

Dinner with all participants and speakers