Call for Participation

Power of economics without power in economics?

the 9th Pre-Conference Workshop for Young Scholars
organized by
EAEPE and INET YSI Philosophy of Economics Working Group

12th September 2023, Leeds, UK

before the
35th Annual Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy
13th - 15th September 2023

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 9th pre-conference workshop which will be held on September 12th in Leeds, UK.

This year’s pre-conference workshop will center around the topic of ‘power’ in Economics. It will host a day of inspirational talks by invited speakers to address the dimensions of power in relation to ecology, the future of work and gender. We are pleased to announce the following talks:

**On Power and Ecology**

By Franklin Obeng-Odoom (University of Helsinki, Helsinki Institute of Sustainability Science)

**On Power and Gender**

By Melissa Langworthy (Independent Researcher and Senior Gender Expert for EU-GCC Political Dialogue, Cooperation, and Outreach program)

**On Power and the Future of Work**

By Charlie Dannreuther (Leeds University, School of Politics and International Studies)

Power relations dominate most social and economic processes. Despite its significance, however, the concept of power is either neglected or limited in standard economics. This leads to blind spots regarding the link between capitalism and crises, like the climate crisis, the future of work and gender inequality. Moreover, the power dynamics in access to and within the discipline of economics reinforce and favor the entrenchment in existing ideas and, therefore, provoke an epistemological crisis in economics. How, then, can economics be powerful in understanding, explaining and, ideally, tackling the multiple crises of our time without embedding the concept of power in its analysis?
Following the talks, participants will have the chance to part-take in group discussions on the future of the discipline of economics, the role of power therein and potential approaches to jointly analyze power relations, crisis tendencies and economic outcomes. 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 15, 2023, and closes on June 15, 2023. 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 June 20.

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 15, 2023, and closes on May 31, 2023.

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, 2023, to eaepe.preconference@gmail.com.

Important deadlines
Pre-conference registration/application: May 15 – June 15
Fee waiver application: May 15 - May 31
Stipend application: May 31
Decisions on participation/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 – Merve Burnazoglu, Anna Hornykewycz, Mattia Pettena and Johanna Rath – at eaepe.preconference@gmail.com