

EAEPE 2024 Conference

Economics in a changing world.

New perspectives to economic analysis and economic policy

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Call for Papers for Research Area I Comparative Political Economy

Political and social long term choices under the pressure of short term challenges

The subject of the 2024 EAEPE Annual conference: **Economics in a changing world. New perspectives to economic analysis and economic policy**, is closely related to the interests of Research Area I on Comparative Political Economy.

The Call for Papers for the Conference underlines the context of growing tensions between the dominant economies and political powers, with ongoing war in Ukraine and a new war in the Middle East. The possible changes in American politics after presidential elections may result in re-shaping the world economic and political order. They may also seriously modify the preferences of political agents. For example, the interest in climate in the US, which is already weak, can be negatively modified further and impact on preferences of other stakeholders.

The question arises what is our role, as researchers, aware of challenges. To what degree we can underline that not only the fight for monetary rewards (according to mainstream economics) and for economic dominance, but also solving long-term problems important for the society matters. More comprehensive approach is needed to shape social and political choices.

Last year we proposed a theme of the impact of short-term contemporary challenges on political and social long term choices. Those challenges have not disappeared, they have even grown sharper, with increasing indebtedness of the citizens and the States. The quality of climate, of health services, of the rational regulation of migration, still wait to be taken seriously into account. Under the dominance of neo-classical model of capitalism the discussions on the above topics and on the quality of democracy disappeared, with negative consequences for the quality of public understanding of democracy and of relevant choices. The society is more and more subject to manipulation by Internet and TV.

We would like to discuss the subject of this year conference (New perspectives to economic analysis and economic policy) in the framework of sharpening challenges.

We call for papers in comparative political economy with respect to, among others, the following problems:

- How does the awareness of societies and of their constitutive social groups evolve with respect to long terms challenges (climate change, health, democracy, social inequalities)? To what degree are societies now ready to sacrifice their short term wellbeing to solve long-term problems?
- To what degree contemporary research in social sciences can help taking rational decisions by the economic and social policy?
- What are the relationships between the social attitudes and the changes in public policies (with respect to labour market, migration, international competition)? Is the contemporary research able to provide new perspectives to economic policy?

- What may be the influence of current challenges on the future shape of democracy?
- Taking into account growing economic and also political role of big multinational agents, is there willingness and possibility to control them?
- What are the possibilities of non-governmental initiatives to shape and finance initiatives to protect climate, enhance health services, integrate migration?

In line with the general scope of the Research Area I on Comparative Political Economy , we welcome also papers addressing similarities and differences in institutional systems across countries and/or study their evolution in time, in countries of the global North and/or of the global South.

Abstract Submission: Related abstracts (300-750 words) should be submitted electronically on the conference website before 5th April 2024:

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

Authors are reminded to select the option Research Area I

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